

GOSPEL Mark 6.14–29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb .

#### Prayers

We pray for peace in our country and around the world. We give thanks for all we work for peace.

We pray for the welfare of all who are rejected and forgotten in society

We pray for all who are poor and need help to get them on their feet.

We pray for all who are sick and suffering in any way.

We give thanks for all who care for us, doctors, nurses, carers.

We give thanks for our community here in Wigginton and all who helped yesterday with the church working party.

We pray for all who have died and rest in your eternal kingdom.

## Weekly Notices

Rector: Rev. Jonathan Gordon 01442 871547

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### Services for July 15th

**8am** Holy Communion BCP  
Rev. Jonathan

**10am** All Age Service  
Rev. Michael  
Hymns: 9, 560, 170, 557

**4pm to 6pm** Cream Teas at  
St. Mary's

### Services for July 22nd

Holy Communion BCP  
Rev. Michael

**10am** Parish Eucharist  
Rev. Jonathan  
Hymns; 73, 231, 87, 536

**6pm** Evening Prayer  
Rev. Jonathan  
Hymns: 242, 288, 53, 162

## Collect Prayer for the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Diary Dates

### **Café every Tuesday**

Join us for a cup of tea and home made cake on Tuesdays 2.30pm to 4.30pm

### **Summer Sunday Lunch**

Summer Sunday Lunch in the Vicarage Garden on July 29th. 12.30 for 1pm. Tickets £10 each. Children under 11 free. Bring your own drinks. Glasses provided. Please add your name to the list on the piano

### **St. Bartholomew Fete September 1st**

To help us all make the Fete this year another great success, we would like help with items for the stalls.

**Bottle stall.** Please bring along to the Vicarage bottles of any sort (filled of course) for the Bottle Tombola

**Nearly new stall and unwanted present stall.** We all have things that perhaps we do not need any more and Jo will be collecting these items to sell on the day. So if you have anything like that, please bring them along to the church.

**Jigsaws** . We all like completing jigsaws, sometimes therapeutic other times annoying but if you have a jigsaw or two that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Vicarage or leave in the church room (Complete ones only please)

### **Zimbabwe.**

Having just returned from Zimbabwe, I would like to thank everyone who knitted the jumpers and helped with children's schooling and everyday needs. The money that I took with me bought 90 chickens for an orphanage, bought cement to help build a place where Aids/ HIV people can get help and counselling, and also ensured children of needy families had school fees and school clothing. Without all your help, none of this would have been possible and I thank you all.

Rev. Michael

### **FIRST READING Amos 7.7–15**

**This is** what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

### **SECOND READING Ephesians 1.3–14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.