

**Please remember in your prayers**

Pray for those who are not well at this time and pray for the souls of the recently departed, may they rest in peace.



**Bilbrook Middle School**

We were very pleased to hear that the Middle School achieved a 'Good' rating in their recent Ofsted inspection. Congratulations to students, staff and governors!

**Coach for the Confirmation**

The coach for Lichfield will leave Christ the King at 4.30pm on Sunday. It is hoped that the cost will be no more than £11 per person.

**We need help!**

Please let us know if you are interested in helping with the **Sunday Club** in September, or helping with writing the minutes for meetings of the **DCC** (six meetings a year)

Simon, Janet or Mike

**DCC Meeting**

There is a DCC Meeting at 7.45pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**Prayer Session**

Join us for a short informal prayer session in church at 2pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

**Richard's 25th Anniversary of Ordination as Priest**

There will be a Eucharist at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd July in St. Michael's, at which Ann Morisy will be preaching followed by bring and share supper – all welcome.

**Parish Picnic**

12noon Sunday 8th July, Lower Green (in St. Michael's if wet). It is also Cath Leighton's first Sunday following her ordination, so it will also be a welcome to the parish.

**Vintage Tea Party - afternoon Tea and live music**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2.30pm – 5pm  
Tickets £6 from Trish (07720611189) or Carole (844461)

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Serving the Community of Bilbrook in the Parish of Tettenhall Regis

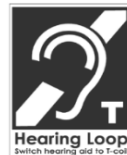
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(10am-12noon Monday-Friday)



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**Trinity 3**

**8am Eucharist**

(Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas)

**10.30am Sunday Club**

**10.45am Sung Eucharist**

(Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas)

Coffee/Tea will be served at the back of church after the 10.45am Eucharist.

Please stay and join us.

**6pm Confirmation Service**

(at Lichfield Cathedral)

**Hymns for Sung Eucharist**

Introit: **138** For the Fruits of his creation

Gradual: **473** The Church's one foundation

Offertory: **186** Great is thy faithfulness

Communion: **66** Bread is blessed and broken

**379** O Lord hear my prayer

Recessional: **571** You shall go out with joy

**This Week**

Mon	18	
Tues	19	2pm Craft Group <b>7pm Eucharist</b> 7.45pm DCC Meeting
Wed	20	2pm Prayer Session 6.30pm Friendship Club
Thur	21	<b>9.30am Eucharist</b> 10am Coffee Pop-In
Fri	22	<b>12noon Eucharist</b>
Sat	23	10am Place of Welcome
Sun	24	10.30am Sunday Club <b>10.45am Sung Eucharist</b>

## ***Third Sunday after Trinity***

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 forever

### **FIRST READING Ezekiel 17.22–24**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.6–10, 14–17**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL Mark 4.26–34**

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### **POST COMMUNION**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### **Duty Rota**

*If you are unable to do a duty, please arrange for someone to cover for you.*

#### **Sunday 17th June 8am**

**Sides, Reader, Offertory, Assist:** Janet

#### **Sunday 17th June 10.45am**

**Welcomers:** Jean M, Victor

**Reader:** Mark

**Prayers:** Jo

**Offertory:** Mary, Grace, Victor

**Assist:** Carole, Mike

**Pebble Pool:** Jessica

#### **Sunday 24th June 10.45am**

**Welcomers:** Mary, Ruth

**Reader:** Rebecca

**Prayers:** Andrea

**Offertory:** June, Rita, Sheila

**Assist:** Janet, Mark

**Pebble Pool:** Mary

