

Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints

Gathering the Crowds

Jesus certainly attracted the crowds to hear his teaching, though the Gospels suggest that many fewer actually responded to him.

So let's try and work out why the crowds don't gather around us, his followers. Maybe it's Face the Music Time...? What makes our faith and teaching less attractive than his?



Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

TRINITY VI (16th July 2023)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
10.30 Choral Mass
18.30 Choral Evensong

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 17th July

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 18th July

09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Mass
16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th July

09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 20th July

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Lunchtime Concert
17.00 Evening Prayer
17.30 Mass

Friday 21st July

09.00 Morning Prayer
12.15 Mass
14.30 Tower Tour*
16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 22nd July

09.00 Morning Prayer
09.30 Mass
14.30 Tower Tour*
16.00 Evening Prayer

* Tickets available from the Gift Shop

TRINITY VI

CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 438 (*t.296i*)

Setting: Darke in E

Collect Prayer

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 294

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 439 *(t.i)*

Communion Motet: O taste and see *(Ralph Vaughan Williams)*

Post-Communion Hymn: 208

Voluntary: Avarela
(traditional/Ian Smith arr Shepherd)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Byrd

Psalm(s): 60 & 63

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7.18-end

Office Hymn: 372

Canticles: Stanford in B flat

Second Lesson: Luke 19.41-20.8

Anthem: O thou the central Orb *(Charles Wood)*

Hymn: 250

Voluntary: Prelude in C minor BWV546
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 16th July - Trinity VI

- Benefice of Hasland and Temple Normanton
- ◊ The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ *Harry Birks; John Taylor*

Monday 17th July

- Benefice of Great Barlow
- ◊ Venezuela - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Eric Lord*

Tuesday 18th July - Elizabeth Ferard

- For our friends to come to faith in Jesus
- ◊ Vermont - The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 19th July - Gregory of Nyssa; Macrina

- Benefice of Swadlincote and Hartshorne
- ◊ Victoria Nyanza - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Thursday 20th July - Margaret of Antioch; Bartolomé de las Casas

- Benefice of Heath
- ◊ Virgin Islands - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Harry Anglesea; Joyce Andrews; Mabel Wilkinson*

Friday 21st July

- Schools as they break up for the summer holidays
- ◊ Virginia - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *John Dobbs*

Saturday 22nd July - Mary Magdalene

- For restoration to health of mind and body
- ◊ Southern Virginia - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Olive Chegwin*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◊ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson;
Jean Madin; Valerie Alice Seeney; Colin Hutson;
Susan Barber; Christopher Cain; Jean Morris;
Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; John
Lockwood; Ian Bennett; Tony Ragan

This Sunday - 16th July

Please stay behind for special refreshments in the
East End after Mass.

Lunchtime Concerts

The next lunchtime concert is on Thursday 20th
July at 12.15pm with Elizabeth Charlesworth on
piano. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for
the music fund.

Chesterfield's Medieval Fun Day

Tuesday 25th July. The church will be running
Tower Tours and the 'Sprite Trail'. This is often
one of the busiest visitor days of the year, so
volunteer stewards welcome. Contact Colin.

Parish Picnic

Saturday 12th August, 12 noon - 4pm. Giant fun
games for children in the churchyard, plus tower
tours throughout the day. Further details on
01246 206506 or: events@crookedspire.org

Be a Chorister for the day!

A fun afternoon of singing, learning new music and
making new friends, for children aged 7+.
Saturday 19th August, 1pm - 4pm. Register now
on 01246 206506 or: choir@crookedspire.org

Next Sunday - 23rd July - Trinity VII

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
10.30 Sung Mass
Readings: Wisdom 12.13, 16-19
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
18.30 Evensong with Hymns
Readings: Psalm(s) 67 & 70
1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.16-end
Acts 4.1-22

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