



WELCOME TO ST CHAD LADYBARN

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“Live, not as unwise people but as wise,” Ephesians 5.15

This morning's music

40 Angel voices ever singing
499 Make me a channel of your peace
796 We hail thy presence glorious
431 Let us break bread together
803 We pray thee, heavenly Father
Leybach: Processional Prelude

This morning's readings

Proverbs 9.1-6 (reader: Leslie Fletcher); **Ps. 34**
Ephesians 5.15-20 (reader: Jean Nixon)
John 6.51-58 (Gospeller: Helen Reid)
Intercessor: Opal Walsh

Prayer in the silence after communion

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Collect for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

Today's Eucharistic Prayer:D

Post-Communion: 11th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tea & coffee are served in the Hall after the morning service - all welcome

No weekday services or activities during August

Food Bank There is an urgent need for toiletries – soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, tooth brushes, ...

Heritage Open Days, 12 & 13 September 2015

Planning meeting TODAY after the Parish Eucharist, please bring ideas & offers of help

St Chad's is taking part in Heritage Open Days again this year so the church building and wildlife garden will be open to visitors 12noon – 4pm on Saturday and 12 September and 2pm – 4pm on Sunday 13 September. There will be services, refreshments, music, activities, displays, stalls, ... to show our local community there is something for everyone at St Chad's. We are planning special efforts to bring in parents of the dozens of children who come to activities in the Hall each week. Volunteers are needed to welcome visitors, show them round the church and garden, help with refreshments, ... Find us at www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Next Sunday, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18 (reader: Barbara Purvis); **Psalm 34.15-20**; **Ephesians 6.10-20** (reader: Jenny Black); **John 6.56-69** (Gospeller: Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Judy Fletcher

Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18 “Serve God” becomes the core refrain of Joshua’s message. However, Joshua presents this as a genuine choice, not something the Israelites are compelled to do. They affirm that they will never forsake the Lord and serve other gods. But they are not merely imitating their leader, because they have their own reasons.

Ephesians 6.10-20 The Church's task is proclamation not just of the gospel but of the mystery of the gospel. We hear first a rationale for the task ("to stand against the wiles of the devil"), secondly, the needed armour (truth, righteousness, peace, faith), and finally, the requisite spiritual orientation (prayer in the Spirit).

John 6.56-69 Jesus wants the hearers to believe (= the Greek word *pisteuo/πιστευο* which occurs 98 times in this Gospel). How will they (and we) respond? Peter answers for the disciples but does not say *Yes* or *No*. Recognising Jesus for who he is requires both belief and knowledge. One without the other is useless, if not sinister, as Judas will soon demonstrate.