



# WELCOME TO ST CHAD LADYBARN

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"They need not go away; you give them something to eat" Matthew 14. 16

## This morning's music

105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

777 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

796 We hail thy presence glorious

251 God of mercy, god of Grace

819 When I needed a neighbour.

*Britten: Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Vittoria*

## This morning's readings

**Isaiah 55.1-5** (Reader: Leslie Fletcher);

Ps. 145.8-9,15-22; **Romans 9.1-5** (Reader

Laverne Ward); **Matthew 14.13-21**

(Gospeller: Helen Reid) Intercessor: Helen Reid

## Today's Eucharistic Prayer: G

### Prayer in the silence after communion

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Collect for Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Post-Communion: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

## Next Sunday, Ninth Sunday after Trinity, Proper 14

**1 Kings 19.9-18** (Reader: Barbara Purvis); Ps. 85.8-13; **Romans 10.5-15** (Reader Kathleen Mulligan); **Matthew 14.22-33** (Gospeller: Colin Powell), Intercessor: Judy Fletcher

## No midweek services until the end of August

### Looking ahead to September

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| Saturday 9 September | 1.30noon – 4.00pm Heritage Open Day with stalls, displays and activities to interest visitors. Join in showing off our church by meeting and greeting, helping provide and serve refreshments ... |
| Sunday 17 September  | 2.30pm U3A choir concert. Free admission and refreshments by donation. Music from the shows and some opportunities to 'singalong'!  |
| Sunday 24 September  | Harvest Festival  |



## Today's Post-Communion Prayer and hymn number 680

Today's Post-Communion Prayer uses almost the same words and phrases as hymn number 680. This hymn is one of the oldest in the book, written around the year 360 by Ephraim the Syrian. He was a prolific hymn writer – over four hundred hymns of his hymns still exist. He wrote in the Syriac language, thought by scholars to be very close to Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke. Ephraim's works are hailed by Christians throughout the world and many denominations venerate him as a saint.

Ephraim was born around the year 306 to wealthy Christian parents in Nisibis (now Nusaybin in Turkey), on the highly contested border region between the Persian and Roman Empires. In 337, Emperor Constantine I, who had legalised and promoted the practice of Christianity in the Roman Empire, died. Seizing on this opportunity, Shapur II of Persia began a series of attacks on Nisibis which was besieged in 338, 346 and 350. Eventually the entire Christian population of Nisibis was expelled

Jacob, the second bishop of Nisibis, was appointed in 308, and Ephrem grew up under his leadership of the community. Jacob of Nisibis is recorded as a signatory at the First Council of Nicea in 325 and much of Ephraim's writings defend and promote the orthodoxy declared by the Council. Particularly influential were his *Hymns Against Heresies* which warned his flock of the heresies that threatened to divide the early church.

Ephraim died peacefully in the year 373.