

The Wylve and Till Valley Benefice



*Berwick St James, Great Wishford, Little Langford,
South Newton and Stoford, Stapleford, Steeple
Langford, Stockton, Winterbourne Stoke and Wylve with Fisherton de la Mere*

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Sunday 28th July – Trinity 9

2 Kings 4: 42 – 44; Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21

09:30am	Stockton	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am	Winterbourne Stoke	Holy Communion (CW)
10:30am	Steeple Langford	Sunday Worship (at Little Langford)

Dear Friends,

There are two but different accounts of the feeding of the multitudes: Mark shapes his version to highlight Jesus' role as the Messianic Great Shepherd of the Sheep, whereas, John directs his story to the upcoming Feast of the Passover, and includes a "signs" story to confirm that Jesus is the Chosen One but more importantly using it to present Jesus as "King", a political force and therefore a direct rival to all things Rome.

As the basket of bread and fish kept going and going without being depleted, this must have been a scene of wonder, re-enforcing the Truth of just who Jesus is. Only the Creator Himself could manage the very stuff of creation ~ in His hands alone, the bounty of all fields and streams was channeled to this hungry gathering. Not surprisingly, the gathered thought they saw their new leader, their new King, one who would transform their lives, making available to all the riches of the land.

But Jesus rejects this sense of political power and leadership. This miracle is instead a sign of Jesus' salvation rather than Jesus' laying claim to an earthly, human, sense of kingship, one who will just keep producing more wonder "bread" to the material advantage of the people. To the contrary, Jesus knows that in the long run the business of eating and drinking is quite literally a dead end. The bread of this earth cannot sustain us forever.

Jesus is offering a sign of The Kingdom to come. At this stage in John's Gospel Jesus has yet to presents Himself as the True bread of Life. This is to come through the eating of His flesh and the drinking His blood. Only by this means can we have a new form of life—eternal life. John 6 is a step along the way: we cannot read this feeding story completely in isolation from where John will take us and to where Jesus ultimately promises us: new life in the new Kingdom. Amen.

Please pray for

The long-term need for prayer	Angela and David Baldwin (South Newton), Joyce Binder (Steeple Langford), Diane Blake (S Newton), Ann Brierley (Stapleford), Pat Considine (Steeple Langford), Anton Funnell; June Howes (Wylve), Dick Moulding (South Newton) Valerie Palmer, Sheena Pratt (Stapleford),
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The urgent sick	
The Departed	Malcolm Cochrane (BSJ)
Those being baptized	
Weddings	

From the Benefice Prayer Sheet

28	9th Sunday after Trinity We pray for all local Churches: for our brothers and sisters across the Deanery and in the Baptist, Methodist, URC, Catholic and Free Churches.
29	We pray for our brothers and sisters of the Persecuted Church across the globe and especially for the Church in the Holy Land, North Korea and China. Amen.
30	We pray for our Parish Councils and the work they undertake on behalf of all residents.
31	Dearest Lord, teach us to be generous; to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your Will. Amen.
1	Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the fields and give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons. Blessed are you, Lord our God, worthy of our thanksgiving and praise. Amen
2	In these uncertain times for our nation, we ask you, Lord, to dwell among us. We are comforted by the knowledge that You alone are our Saviour and Lord. We trust our nation to Your loving care and send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen
3	We pray for the church and village community of Wylve, for The Bell, the village shop and Post Office – for Fisherton Delamere, their Churchwarden Roger Liddiard and the Wylve Church Council
4	10th Sunday after Trinity We pray for bell ringers across the benefice and for the continued dedication and service to the churches and people of the valley. We remember the bells of Great Wishford, South Newton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford and Wylve.

Sunday 4th August – Trinity 10

9:30am	Berwick St James	Holy Communion	
9:30am	South Newton	Holy Communion (CW)	
10:45am	Wylve	Holy Communion (CW)	<u>CHANGE</u>
11.00am	Stapleford	Sunday Worship	
6:00pm	Great Wishford	Evensong (BCP)	
6:00pm	Little Langford	Evensong (BCP)	

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Normal Working Days: Sunday, Tuesday - Thursday.

The A303 Café - Fund Raising Event
Bank Holiday Weekend
Thursday 22nd August to
Saturday 24th August 2024
Please can you help?