
Sunday 17th**4th Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 Family Service [LB]
10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]
18.30 Evening Parish
Eucharist [LB]

Monday 18th

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer at
St. Andrew's Chapel, LB

Wednesday 20th

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 21st

10.00 House Communion *Joyces
Corner, Spring Elms Lane*

Saturday 23rd

14.00 Wedding [S]

Sunday 24th**5th Sunday after Trinity**

08.00 Holy Communion [S]
10.00 United (C.of E and
URC) Parish Eucharist at
St Mary's [LB]
12.00 Baptism [LB]
18.30 Evensong [LB]

The Priest-in-Charge will be in the Vestry at St Mary's on Monday's between 10am and 11am for anyone in either of the parishes who wishes to enquire about Baptisms, Weddings etc or to make a future appointment to discuss other matters more privately.

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season, which comes around April, lasted just two days in the central highlands, and then stopped. Because of that, farmers lost their harvest. And then we had heavy rains in May and June, which was good from a livestock point of view, but not so good for arable farmers."

The Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Andrew Proud, who is a former Bishop of Ethiopia & the Horn of Africa, believes that the current crisis has been caused by a number of factors "cannoning together".

He said that, every year, about six million people in Ethiopia go hungry, but the government there has created a safety net to deal with it, with the help of NGOs. The current crisis, however, has been caused by the complete failure of the "small rains" in the south, he says, while the "large rains" have come at the wrong time.

This problem has been exacerbated by a worsening of the political situation in Somalia, and difficulties with transport. "The infrastructure is very poor: if you want to get aid to the south of Ethiopia, you just can't get it there. Many people are also emigrating to try and find pasture, but they're not finding it. It really is a tragic situation."

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A warm welcome is extended to visitors. Coffee, tea and soft drinks is normally served after the 10am Service [in Church at St Mary's Church and in The St Andrew's Room at St Andrew's Church]. Please stay and join in.

If you normally receive Holy Communion you are welcome to receive Communion (the Sacraments of bread and wine) here too.

If you do not normally receive Holy Communion you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing (please carry a service book with you) you will

never be alone. If you are be interested in being Confirmed, please enquire with the Minister/Priest. If you would appreciate **gluten free bread**, please inform a Church Warden at the Barn door prior to the service beginning.

5 minutes

For the 5 minutes before a service begins let us try to keep a time of prayerful silence as we all prepare to worship the King of Kings.

Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our
wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your
will,
that we may find all things
restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

Romans 8.12-25.

God's people are to live lives led not by the flesh, or by fear, but by God's Spirit.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by

the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about good crops and weeds, which is followed by an interpretation

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"

²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the

weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer
of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life
and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness
and peace,
that all the world may
acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord

www.devotions.net/bible

East Africa is hit by war, drought, and food

prices by Ed Beavan

A COMBINATION of factors — including a lack of rain, the worsening civil war in Somalia, and escalating food prices —

have contributed to the current crisis in the Horn of Africa, says Bob Hedley, an aid worker for a European church agency based in Addis Ababa.

Mr Hedley, who attends St Matthew's Anglican Church in the city, said that there were large-scale migrations of people from Somalia because of the civil war. "The conflict situation is particularly bad between the provisional government and al Shabab [a militant group], which has affected aid delivered to Somalia through the World Food Programme.

"That has led to large population movements, with people converging on the Dadaab refugee camp in north eastern Kenya. There's also the issue of Abyei and south Kordofan in southern Sudan, where people need assistance. So there is a large level of population movement anyway, with a drought on top of it."

Mr Hedley said that escalating food prices were also a factor: "People have less access to food. Ethiopia has a very high rate of inflation at the moment — up to 30 per cent according to its central statistics agency — and that has made it very difficult for people to buy food. "There have also been very abnormal rains: the short rainy