

The Ladies' Guild is having a BBQ on Wednesday 18th July in the Church Croft at 7:00 pm, with proceeds to the RWB Sea Cadets. Tickets are £6.00 and are available from the Church croft or Guild committee members

Ride and Stride for Wiltshire Churches Trust. Ride and Stride this year is on Saturday 8th September, I now have the sponsorship forms and all information. It would be great to match or exceed last year's total. An interesting walk and ride is being worked on around some of the Deanery Churches by the Striders, why not join us, have fun, exercise and raise money all at the same time. For more information contact Roger on 01793849934.

Free Family Creative Fun: Fridays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th August at RWB Methodist Church led by Kathy Lane. Kathy would like to hear from anyone who would be able to help with this event please contact her on famwork2methcbassett@gmail.com

Energise: A holiday experience from outer space! Aug 28th – 30th at Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church. For more details contact Kathy Lane: famwork2methcbassett@gmail.com. Kathy would also like to hear from anyone who would be able to help with this event.

With Jane's kind agreement, The Children's Society will be holding a BBQ in the Vicarage gardens at 5.30pm on Saturday 28th July. Tickets are £6, which includes a burger, a sausage, salad, strawberries and cream and a drink. Additional food and drink will be available for purchase and there will be a raffle. Any donations of raffle prizes gratefully received. All profits in aid of The Children's Society. Tickets can be obtained by contacting any member of The Children's Society Committee (Alistair Smith, Janet Gilder, Ruth Sexton, Sue Argent, Anne Pretty and Astrid Lawrence). We'd like to finalise numbers by 23rd July and you may want to come with a garden chair!"

Items for the weekly pew sheet, monthly news and contributions for the website can be sent to

publish@stbartholomews-wb.com

Items for the weekly pew sheet should reach the Parish Office by Wednesday evening.

Other communications to the Parish Office: Tel 853272 or email

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WEEKLY NEWS 15TH JULY 2018

Come on in.....we welcome everyone. Children's Church takes place in the Church Croft, where they go during the first hymn, or small children may stay and are welcome to play in the chapel area. Ask for help - we're friendly.

Saturday	9:15 am Holy Communion	
Sunday	8:00 am Holy Communion 4:00 pm Praise @ 4	10:00 am Parish Eucharist
Monday	9:15 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am - 11:30 am Little Stars Babes & Tots group- Teddy Bears picnic at the lake. If weather inclement in the Church Hall 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Food Bank in the Croft	
Tuesday	9:15 am Morning Prayer MU Evening out at Sutton Benger	2:00 pm Toddler Praise in the Croft
Wednesday	10:30 am Holy Communion 7:00 pm Ladies' Guild BBQ in the Croft	
Thursday`	9:15 am Morning Prayer	2:30 pm Book Club meet
Friday	9:15 am Morning Prayer	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Saturday	9:15 am Holy Communion	

**Next Sunday: 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Parish Eucharist**

**Readings: Song of Solomon 3, vs 1-4
2 Corinthians 5 vs 14-17, John 20 vs 1-2, 11-18**

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Sunday 15th July 2018
(7th Sunday after Trinity)

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

FIRST READING: *Amos 7.7-15*

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1.3-14*

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ ⁴before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in

Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL: *Mark 6.14-29*

¹⁴King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

PSALM 85.8-13



R: Show us your mercy, O Lord