

**St Peter's Church
Belton w Wardley**

PARISH NOTES

29th October 2017

Bible Sunday

(Proper 25 - Green)



*A very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today.
All Christians who are full members of any denomination are
invited to receive Communion; or if not a communicant,
to come to the altar rail for a blessing.*

*If you are visiting, please take our greetings back to your church, or
if you have recently moved into the area, please make yourself known
to our priest, the Revd. Canon Rachel Watts, or a churchwarden.*

Collect: Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, 5-6, 8-12

¹ All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴ The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands.

Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' ¹¹ So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' ¹² And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Second Reading: Colossians 3. 12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: Matthew 24. 30-35

³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he* is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Please remember in your prayers:

We remember in our prayers the victims of war, terrorist attacks, and natural disasters across the world. At this time we pray for the Rohingya refugees fleeing from persecution in Myanmar. Nearer to home we remember all those known to us in need of help and assistance.

Post Communion:

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymns:

- 486 We have a gospel to proclaim
- 407 Lord, thy word abideth
- 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord



Please join us for tea / coffee after the service

Forthcoming Services & Events

Date	Location	Time	Service / Event
29 th October Bible Sunday	St. Peter's church	9:00 AM	Holy Communion (cw)
Wed. 1 st November All Saints Day	St. Peter's church	8:15 AM	Morning Prayer (said)
5 th November Fourth Sunday before Advent	St. Peter's church	9:00 AM	Holy Communion (bcp)
Wednesday 8 th November	St. Peter's church	8:15 AM	Morning Prayer (said)
12 th November Remembrance Sunday	St. Peter's church	10:00 AM	Remembrance Service
	Belton War Memorial	10:50 AM	Act of Remembrance

bcp = Book of Common Prayer

cw = Common Worship

*You could advertise
your community event
on this page*

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