



Living the story. Telling the story.

Shaping our Future

In response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be
God's people living and telling the story of Jesus

We have discerned three priorities for action that need to be at the centre of our diocesan life to help each and every one of us:

1. To place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do.
2. To realign our ministry resources towards mission.
3. To identify, develop and use the gift of all our people

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit guide us into the future.

Help us, throughout the diocese, to show uninhibited reliance on your grace and power as we seek the renewal of our lives.

Give us courage, rigour, imagination and generosity in order that your kingdom may come and your abundant life be known by all. Amen



The Parish of Wellow

MORNING PRAISE

10am - Sunday 15th July 2018 - 7th Sunday after Trinity

'Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub.'" Luke 11:17-8

Welcome/Notices

Hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is crowned

How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister his grace
No work to hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The collect for the 7th Sunday after Trinity

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 forever. **Amen.**

Hymn - Tune - Townend

1 The Lord's my shepherd,
I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights. *Refrain*
3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know. *Refrain*

Reading – Luke 11:14-28

14Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. 15But some of them said, “By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.” 16Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.17Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. 18If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub. 19Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 20But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.21“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. 22But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.23“He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.24“When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ 25When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. 26Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.”27As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”28He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk – Driving out demons - *Derek Smith*

Hymn

- 1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.
*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.*
- 2. I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. *Chorus*
- 3. You're my Friend and You're my Brother,
even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything. *Chorus*

Prayers of Intercession

Loving God, once more you have blessed us, leading us through another week, forgiving our many mistakes and failings, blessing us in a multitude of ways, and so now, once more, we come to worship you. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

We come with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts, to sing and pray, to read and listen, to think and learn, to give and receive. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

We come to worship you as our creator, our Lord, our Father, and our friend. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

We come to thank you for your goodness, your guidance, your love and your mercy. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

We come to praise you for your purpose that will not be defeated, your power that brings good even out of evil, your grace that refuses to be denied, your strength which can never be exhausted. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

Loving God, as we worship you today, draw us closer to you, closer to Christ, and closer to one another, so that the faith we profess now may show itself in our lives always. You have blessed us in so much: **your name be praised.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Hymn

- 1 Restore, O Lord,
The honour of Your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That men may see
And come with reverent fear
To the living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.
- 2 Restore, O Lord,
In all the earth Your fame,
And in our time revive
The church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger,
Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.
- 3 Bend us, O Lord,
Where we are hard and cold,
In Your refiner's fire
Come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes
And evil crouches near,
Still our living God
Is reigning, He is reigning here.
- 4 Restore, O Lord,
The honour of Your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That men may see
And come with reverent fear
To the living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years

Blessing and Dismissal - *We stand for the Blessing and Dismissal*
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

To God, who is higher than our highest thoughts, yet closer than our closest friend, be thanks and praise, glory and honour, this day and for evermore. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service

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