

# ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

9TH JULY 2017

9.30AM SUNG EUCHARIST

4TH AFTER TRINITY/PROPER 9

## Readings

First reading; Genesis 24 v 34-38  
Second Reading; Romans 7 v 15-25a  
Gospel; Matthew 11 v 16-19, 25 –end

## Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Priest in charge:

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## Lay ministry

Mrs Mary Rose

## Church Wardens

Mrs Mary Rose, Mrs Margaret Simpson

Hall caretaker David Hansell

Hall bookings & baptisms

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## Please pray for;

**the sick;** Mary Arden, Dan Bishop, Fred Bowskill, Ian Fixter, Elizabeth Graham, Pam Goodman, Joy Gray, Joan Hill, Peggy Jefferson, Lynn Oldham, Claire O'Neil, Stuart Rose, Michael Vaughan

## Years mind

9 Patricia Brittain

- Bee keepers and their bees, wild bee communities (10th)
- Those who have been called to the monastic life. (Benedict of Nursia, Father of western monasticism 11th)
- Weather forecasters and presenters (St Swithun 15th)
- Archaeologists and all we learn from them (15th)
- World Population day (15th)
- Those pupils leaving our school at the end of term

## Upcoming events ;

11th	Tuesday	10am	Women's social group	church hall
12th	Wednesday	10am	Keep fit	church hall
		5pm	School governors meeting	school
13th	Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion	church
14th	Friday	2pm	Yr 6 leavers service	church

Dear Friends,

*'We are convinced that England will never be converted until the laity use the opportunities for evangelism daily offered by their various professions, crafts and occupations... this being so, the Christian laity should be recognised as the priesthood of the Church in the working world, and as the Church militant in action in the mission fields of politics, industry and commerce'. So said the 1946 report, Towards the Conversion of England, commissioned by Archbishop William Temple.*

Seventy years later, and a more recent report, *Setting God's People Free*, debated at General Synod earlier this year, makes exactly the same point, and asks for what it calls two major culture changes in the way we think about being and doing Church.

*'Until, together, we find a way to form and equip lay people to follow Jesus confidently in every sphere of life in ways that demonstrate the Gospel we will never set God's people free to evangelise the nation,' says the report.*

*'Until laity and clergy are convinced, based on their baptismal mutuality, that they are equal in worth and status, complementary in gifting and vocation, mutually accountable in discipleship and equal partners in mission, we will never form communities that can evangelise the nation'.*

It is a report that reminds us that as Christians we are not just redeemed 'from' something, but 'for' something as well. Each one of us is called to play our part in bringing about the transformation of our world and of lives as we share what we know of Jesus in all the different places God sends us to. We gather together on a Sunday to be sent scattered into the world as Church the other six days of the week.

It is an exciting vision of what the Church has always been called to be, but maybe one we have not always lived out. The challenge for us as a diocese is how we do that now, to move from just words in a report, to actions that make a difference. Seventy years has been a long time to wait!

**+ David Grimsby – July 2017**