

Welcome to the Mells Group of Parishes
Chantry, Great Elm,
Mells with Vobster, Whatley

Sunday 13th October - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion at Mells led by David Gatcliffe

11.00am Parish Communion at Chantry

5.00pm Harvest Service at Whatley led by Hazell Tovey

followed by a supper arranged by the Friends of Whatley.

Sunday 20th October - Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion at Great Elm led by Robin Isherwood

11.00am Holy Communion at Chantry led by David Clark

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**Collect**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 5 6-7, 10-15**

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

## Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place  
in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn us back to dust,  
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'

4 For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.

7 For we are consumed by your anger;  
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

8 You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
our years come to an end like a sigh.

10 The days of our life are seventy years,  
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;  
even then their span is only toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who considers the power of your anger?  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you.

12 So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

13 Turn, O Lord! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 4 12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **Gospel: Mark 10 17-31**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

## Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Church services in October

|                  | 6th October                                                                  | 13 <sup>th</sup> October                                                                               | 20 <sup>th</sup> October                      | 27 <sup>th</sup> October                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                   |
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|                  | October                                                                      |                                                                                                        |                                               |                                             |                                                            |
| <b>Chantry</b>   | 10.00am<br>Group Service:<br>Pet Service with Holy Communion<br>Barry Davies | 11am: Matins<br><br>Valerie Rawlins                                                                    | 11am Holy Communion<br><br>David Clark        | 11am: Holy Communion<br><br>Barry Davies    |                                                            |
| <b>Great Elm</b> |                                                                              |                                                                                                        | 9.30am: Holy Communion<br><br>Robin Isherwood | 9.30am<br>Informal Service<br>Richard King  | 10.00am<br>Group Service:<br>Holy Communion<br>David Clark |
| <b>Mells</b>     |                                                                              | 9.30am<br>Holy Communion<br>David Gatliffe                                                             |                                               | 9.30am<br>Morning Prayer<br>Janet Cauldwell |                                                            |
| <b>Whatley</b>   |                                                                              | 5.00pm<br>Harvest Service led by Hazell Tovey followed by a supper arranged by the Friends of Whatley. |                                               | 9.30am<br>Holy Communion<br>David Gatliffe  |                                                            |

