

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

Sunday 6th October - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Group Pet Service at Chantry with Holy Communion
led by Barry Davies

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.

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**Collect**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: Genesis 2 18-24**

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

## Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.  
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?  
Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 1 1-4, 2.5**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control.

As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

### **Gospel: Mark 10 2-16**

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

### **Post Communion**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of 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 Gatcliffe                                                            |                                               | 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 Gatcliffe |                                                            |

