



# St Martin's Church, Welton

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## Trinity 7

WELCOME!

### 11.00am Service of Communion

This morning Revd Canon Sarah Brown  
leads our worship.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing,  
please come up to the altar rail holding your service booklet.

Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

#### MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00am

ROTAS	30 July	06 August	13 August	20 August
Chalice	Val Hamblin	Gill Beardmore	Val Hamblin	<b>Morning Service</b>
Sidesperson	Bob Somerville	Pam Broadhead	Margaret Jones	Keith Beardmore
Reader	Margaret Jones	Charles Broadhead	Jackie Hibbert	Gillian Weigel
Prayers	Vicar	Keith Beardmore	Vicar	Gill Beardmore

#### AFTERNOON SERVICES. All commence at 4.00pm

30 July	06 August	13 August	20 August
<b>No Service</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>Evensong BCP</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. There is no afternoon service today.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>	<i>For those who crave the traditional language and peace of the Book of Common Prayer.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>



#### WELTON FETE 2017

The Fete committee has confirmed a final profit total of £3,311-07. This will be split between St Martin's Church and Welton Academy PTA.

A great result for Welton Village.

With thanks to everyone who helped and came along and supported this village event.

## **First Reading**

### **Romans 8.26-end**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'  
'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'



### **REVD SARAH WRITES:**

Today's parables express the pervasiveness and value and potency of the Kingdom of the Kingdom in relation to its influence here and now on earth.

A tiny expression of it by any one of us can cause transformation in those it touches rippling outwards and outwards having an effect far greater than you might suppose. Today we live in a world where fear is stoked up every day by fake science, by the media, by advertisement (Remember the impact of the first adverts for lifebuoy soap? The dreaded letters "B. O"? A generally wholesome generation anxiously sniffed its armpits and learned to dread social ostracisation!) In the marvellous passage from Romans 8 today Paul reminds us that a feature of those who are part of the Kingdom is a confidence that none of the things we fear can separate us from the love of God. And the peace that that confidence, in the face of a world of fear, can offer is like the mustard seed or the yeast affecting far more than we can imagine. I look forward to thinking about this with you this morning. Every blessing, Sarah.

**If you have any news or forthcoming events: email [ros@rosirius.co.uk](mailto:ros@rosirius.co.uk). Thank you. Roslyn.**