

# St. Mary's Church Cubbington



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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Dear Friends

Greetings once again from the vicarage and a very special greeting and congratulations to **Claudio Sciolti** who celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today. I think 2021 is the year for special landmark birthdays. Do you ever think about your age? As I was reminded by a congregation member last Sunday in church "it is only a number." However, as we all know the number keeps increasing every year.

When I was younger, I often wondered if you ever got to an age and thought to yourself 'Oh, I'm old now.' As the number at my birthdays has increased and I have now got past the number 60, (which I don't consider to be old) I'm still wondering if there will come a number when I do say to myself 'you are now officially old.' Whilst I don't consider myself old, there are certainly days when I feel a lot older!

To give you an example, last week Tom and Charlie asked me to give them a lift with a radiator in the church. One of the existing radiators that was connected to the new heating system had sprung a leak and they had arranged to change it for a replacement.

If you have been into church over the last week, you will have seen in front of the lectern some chairs cordoning off the area along with a large dust sheet covering the floor with a sizeable lump in the middle of it. The lump is the old radiator and that is as far as it got! To say it is heavy is a massive understatement. The three of us tried lifting it, using a board on wheels and a sack truck, all of which we managed to break. Several years ago, I had a lot more strength and lifting boilers onto walls was all in a day's work but when trying to move the huge church cast iron radiator, I realised how much strength I've lost.

Hopefully by the time you read this the large 'lump' on the carpet will have been moved and the new radiator fitted. We

have had a week to come up with some new ideas and we have now fortunately acquired another 'large' pair of hands.

Maybe losing some of our strength along with a few other aspects of our youth is a gentle way of helping us to slow down and take life a little easier, but do we? I often see many grandparents at the school gates and pushing prams around the village. Sam has now also been booked for childminding duties and little Cohen (our grandson) isn't even one yet! Although she absolutely loves it, she does come home worn out sometimes...she like the rest of us is getting older!

None of us know how long we will be on this earth and so it doesn't really matter what 'age' number you are on at the moment. We know all too well that for some they will reach a very high number but sadly for others it comes far too early. I had a lovely childhood growing up with a large family especially on my dad's side. His mother - my Nan was one of nine children and we would regularly visit them in the villages around Evesham, many of them living and working on farms.

My one regret is not being able to have longer with my maternal Grandad (my mum's dad). He died at a very young age when I was only three. Despite this I have some wonderful memories of time spent with him, these are my earliest memories.

Our gospel reading today is from **Mark chapter 6 verses 14 – 29** and it is a very sad account of a man who died at a very early age. John the Baptist was beheaded by King Herod Antipas after giving into the pressures of his peers and family. Although Herod respected John's integrity he did not like being told that by marrying his brother's wife he was indeed committing a sin.

John preached to the crowds in the wilderness, and he made no secret of Herod's adulterous marriage. Herod in turn silenced him by having him imprisoned. After hearing about Jesus, Herod identified him with John and not wanting to make

the same mistake again distanced himself. The two met on Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem, Herod mocked Jesus. Having rejected the messenger, he now found it easy to reject the Messiah.

For each of us God chooses the best way to reveal himself to us. For some it might be through His word, for others it might be various circumstances, or through our thoughts and mind, or even by sending other people to help us. God is persuasive and persistent but never forces himself on us. To miss or resist God's message (as Herod did) is a tragedy. How aware are you of God's attempts to enter your life? Have you welcomed Him?

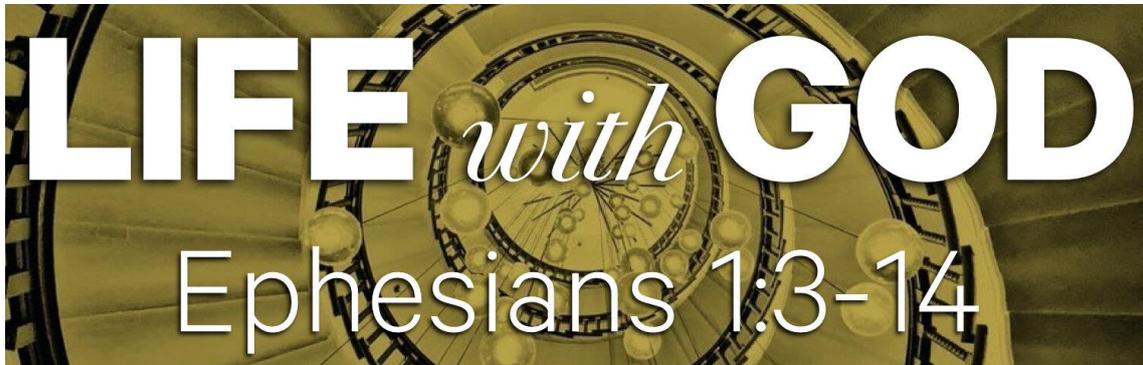
Our second reading is taken from St. Paul's letter to the **Ephesians chapter 1 verses 3-14**. Here Paul is reminding us of the great spiritual blessings that God and Jesus Christ have blessed us with. When you read it, it is hard to imagine why anyone would not invite the Lord into their lives. For those of us who have, let us think of others who we would love to come to know Jesus and let us pray for them. You can do this individually in your own home or you could incorporate it into a Prayer Walk. So, no matter what number you are, the health experts say that gentle exercise like walking is good for you!

I have previously mentioned the deanery Prayer Walk which is called 'Fire Unlocked'. If you look on the website, you will see that some of the roads in the village are now coloured yellow which means they have been prayed over, Whilst I was delivering the booklets with the Weekly Message, I also prayed for the homes and everyone living in that street. There are still plenty more streets that need praying for and if you are unable to get out to pray, there is also a virtual Prayer Walk that you can take part in, do check it out or else I'm going to have to go out and walk some more streets. I would like to think that every street in our Parish has been prayed for. We still have until 21<sup>st</sup> of this month to complete the rest of our streets.

**Revd. Graham**

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**our readings are**

**Ephesians 1: 3-14**



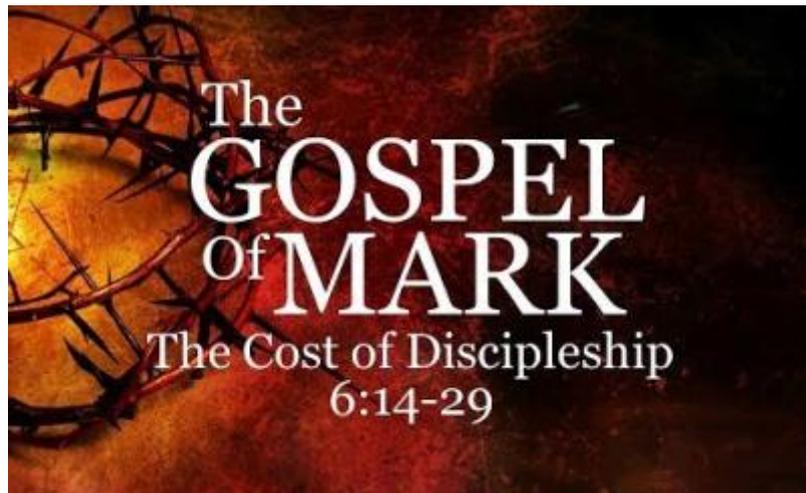
### **Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfilment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

## Gospel Reading

### Mark 6: 14-29



#### John the Baptist Beheaded

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

<sup>15</sup> Others said, "He is Elijah."

And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and





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## ***Collect***

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.  
**Amen.**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Trinity 6**

**Altar Flowers**  
Albert **WHITEHART**

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**Service Today 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Invitation only  
**10.00am: Common Worship**  
**Holy Communion**

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**Services for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Invitation only  
**10.00am: Book of Common Prayer**  
**11.00am: Interment of ashes for the**  
late Maurice **GOYMER**  
**2.30pm: Baptism for**  
Aubie John Anderson **SCHUMACHER**

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**This week**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**2.00pm: Burial in the churchyard for the**  
late **George SULLIVAN**  
**7.30pm: PCC meeting in the Parish Room**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**11.00am: Funeral for the**  
late Joyce **DENT**



**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

12noon: Wedding of  
Scott **EASTERLOW** and  
Hayley **BATES**



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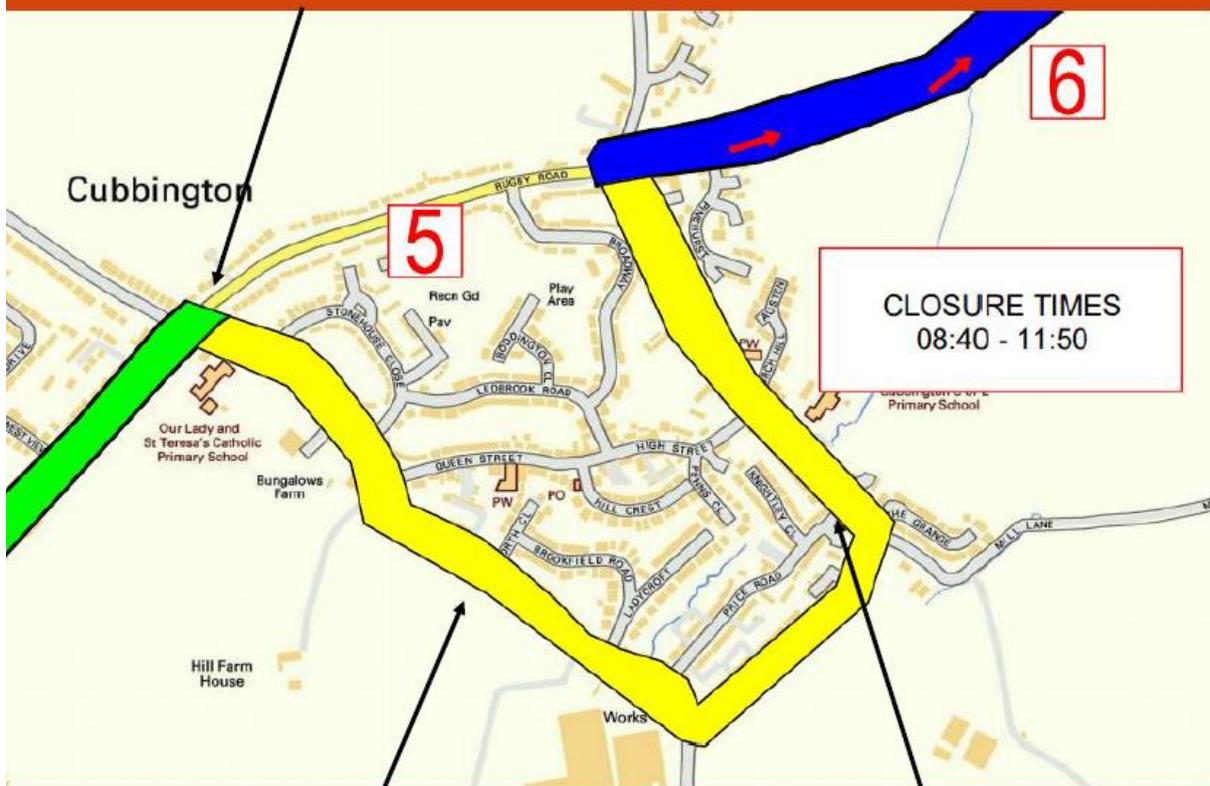
**Please be aware of road closures today  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July in and around Cubbington.**

**LEAMINGTON SPA  
HALF MARATHON**

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## Cubbington

**CLOSED 08:40 – 11:50** Cubbington Road/Rugby Road



**CLOSED 08:40 – 11:50** Windmill Hill, Offchurch Road, Cross Lane, New Street, Church Lane

**ACCESS POINT 08:40 – 11:50** Price Road will be accessible via New Street linking with High Street, with traffic walked through by a Traffic Management operative.

### **OPTION FOR MOTORISTS TRYING TO ENTER/LEAVE CUBBINGTON**

Roundabout at junction with Windmill Hill/Kenilworth Road will allow traffic to pass to Rugby Road. Crossroads at junction with Coventry Road/Church Lane will allow traffic to pass to Rugby Road. Access to village from Rugby Road via Broadway.