**Sunday 26th July 2015**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Hymns: ***English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Sumsion in F*

Motet: *Ave Verum - Elgar*

Entrance Hymn: *375* Offertory Hymn:  *301*

Communion Hymns: *99 & 321* Recessional Hymn: *390*

Voluntary: *Flourish for an Occasion - W. H. Harris.*

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The departed: Brian Brindley (Priest), Victor Goldsworthy, Jessie Goodchild, Margaret Holt, Annie Lusty and Doreen Phillips.



*Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he*

*distributed them to those who were seated.*

John 6.11

Jesus makes a claim which only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ."

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**Psalter Week 1**

**Sunday Readings: Year B. Weekday Readings: Year 1.**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

27 July

Tuesday

28 July

Wednesday

29 July

Thursday

30 July

Friday

31 July

Saturday

01 August

**Sunday**

**02 August**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

**Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Monday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time

No Services

Tuesday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

S Martha

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

18.00 Evensong

Thursday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

16.30 Evensong

S Ignatius of Layola, Priest

11.00 Mattins

11.30 Bible Study

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

S Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

**Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

We welcome our Summer student from St Stephen's House, Matthew Topham.

TODAY, Parish Picnic in Coley Park. Open to all, Young or Old.

**The Parish Garden Party** this year will be on Sunday 16 August in the Old Rectory garden. There is a list at the back of church to sign up for food to bring.

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.***

**COLLECT**

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**THE FIRST READING** (2 Kings 4: 42-44)

*A reading from the second book of Kings.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant replied, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat," he insisted, "for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some left over," He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 144

**Response:** ***You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.***

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their

blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts

**THE SECOND LESSON** (Ephesians 4: 1-6)

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.***

***Alleluia!***

***or***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (John 6: 1-15)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, "Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?" He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, "Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?" Jesus said to them, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty

of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, "Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted," So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves, The people, seeing this sign

that he had given, said, "This really is the prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness.

Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.***

***or***

***Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***