**Sunday 23rd August 2015**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Novello in E*

Gloria: *German Mass - Schubert*

Motet: *Panis angelicus - Franck*

Entrance Hymn: *489* Offertory Hymn: *577*

Communion Hymns: *308 & 326* Recessional Hymn: *517*

Voluntary: *Voluntary in D minor – John Stanley*

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**Psalter Week 1**

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

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**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

S Bartholomew, Apostle

No Services

Tuesday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

Wednesday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

18.00 Evensong

S Monica

09.00 Mattins

16.30 Evensong

S Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

12.00 Mattins

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

The Passion of S John the Baptist

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

24 August

Tuesday

25 August

Wednesday

26 August

Thursday

27 August

Friday

28 August

Saturday

29 August

**Sunday**

**30 August**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

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

Looking Forward: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September, Heritage Open Days. Saturday 10.00 – 17.00 & Sunday 12.00 – 14.00 stewards required in church. Signing up sheet is now at the back of church, or see Geoff Canterbury.

Also Looking Forward: Saturday 12 September, Ride & Stride 10.00 – 17.00. Stewards required to sign visiting peoples sponsor forms. If anyone wants to take part and visit churches details available at back of church, or see Geoff Canterbury. YOU CAN BE SPONSORED TO MAN THE CHURCH.

Tuesday 1 September. Saint Giles’ Day. Sung Mass at 19.00 followed by a reception.

*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**

***Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.***

**COLLECT**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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** (Joshua 24: 1-2; 15-18)

*A reading from the book of Joshua.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: "If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living.

As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord." The people answered, "We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders

before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 33

**Response:** ***Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my

soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from

the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is

close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (Ephesians 5: 21-32)

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

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of

words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

*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!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (John 6: 60-69)

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

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, "This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?" Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, "Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? "It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him." After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.***

***or***

***Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord,***

***and I will raise him up on the last day.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you.

Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***