**Sunday 6th September 2015**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Lourdes Mass - Lécot*

Motet: *Ave Verum - Mozart*

Entrance Hymn: *233* Offertory Hymn: *74*

Communion Hymns: *72 & 517* Recessional Hymn: *21*

Voluntary: *Sonata  No 11 in D minor ( 1st movement)-  Rheinberger.*

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*And they were astonished beyond measure, saying,*

*"He has done all things well". Mark 7.37*

Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached

him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus

did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty

and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus

approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers. Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him.

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**Psalter Week 3**

**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**

Monday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time

No Services

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

Wednesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

18.00 Evensong

Thursday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time

No Services

Friday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time

No Services

Saturday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time

16.30 Evensong

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**TODAY AT**

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Monday

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08 September

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12 September

**Sunday**

**13 September**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

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

**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, 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.

*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**

***You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.***

**COLLECT**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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** (Isaiah 35: 4-7)

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Say to all faint hearts, "Courage! Do not be afraid. "Look, your God is coming,

vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 14

**Response:** ***My soul, give praise to the Lord.***

***or Alleluia!***

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed

down, the Lord, who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (James 2: 1-5)

*A reading from the letter of St James.*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, "Come this way to the best seats"; then you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest." Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.***

***Alleluia!***

***or***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Mark 7: 31-37)

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

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Oecapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the

man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, "Ephphatha", that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more

widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. "He has done all things well," they said, "he makes the deaf hear and the dumb.speak."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

***or***

***I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

***Amen.***