**Sunday 16th August 2015**

**The Assumption of the B V M**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***S Giles Hymnbook***

Mass Setting: *German Mass - Schubert*

Motet:

Entrance Hymn: *940* Offertory Hymn: *942*

Communion Hymns: *943 & 941* Recessional Hymn: *912*

Voluntary: *Toccata, Fugue, et Hymne 'Ave Maris Stella' – Flor Peeters.*

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Mary is a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among

"the first-fruits" of "all Those who belong to Jesus" and who

share in his triumph (1 Corinthians15: 20-24). There is a

venerable tradition Dating back to the early church which

marks Mary's "falling asleep" (called the Feast of Dormition in

many Eastern churches) and her heavenly birthday when she

was received into heaven. Her reception into heaven is seen as

a sign to all believers of the promise Jesus made that we too

would be received into paradise. At the last supper Jesus told his disciples that he would prepare a place for them in his Father's house. "And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:3).

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**Psalter Week 4**

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

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Monday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time

No Services

Tuesday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

Wednesday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

18.00 Evensong

S Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

09.00 Mattins

16.30 Evensong

S Pius X, Pope

12.00 Mattins

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

The Queenship of the B V M

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**TwentyFirst 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

17 August

Tuesday

18 August

Wednesday

19 August

Thursday

20 August

Friday

21 August

Saturday

22 August

**Sunday**

**23 August**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

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

**The Parish Garden Party** this year is TODAY in the Old Rectory garden.

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.

*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**

***A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.***

***or***

***Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.***

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory.

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** (Apocalypse 11: 19; 12: 1-6; 10)

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the

sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon

stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice

shout from heaven, "Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ."

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 44

**Response:** ***On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.***

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the

queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own

people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty: he is your lord, pay homage to him. They are

escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (1 Corinthians 15: 20-26)

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having

done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Luke 1: 39-56)

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

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your

greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever." Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you, O Lord, and, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven,

may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly long for you. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.***