ALL SAINTS', SEDGLEY 23RD JULY – TRINITY 6

8.00am The Revd Catherine Mitchell

Readings: Genesis 28 v 10 – 19a

Romans 8 v 12 - 25

Matthew 13 v 24-30. 36-43

10.30am HOLY COMMUNION AND BAPTISM -

THE REVD CATHERINE MITCHELL

Readings: As Above

Readers: Gareth Priest and Tony Proctor

Intercessions David Melhuish

Chalice: Liz Williams and Tony Hart

6.30pm Evensong - Jill Nicholls

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Readings: Matthew 13 v 24-30. 26-43

Readers: John Grosvenor and Rosemary Moss

Please note that the altar candles will be lit 5 minutes before the start of each service to indicate the beginning of a period of silence until the service commences.

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Genesis 28 v 10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know

that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Romans 8 v 12 - 25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13 v 24-30 - 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered,

"An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Parish Office - The parish office is open from Monday – Friday 10-12.00 noon. My phone number: 01902 540289 and my email address is admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk. Can items for the pew sheet be sent to me by Wednesday 12 noon please. Thank you. Gail.

(Please note that The Revd Catherine Mitchell's usual day off is Friday,)

SERVICES

30th July - All Saints' - Trinity 7 - 8am - The Revd Catherine Mitchell

- 10.30am NO SERVICE AS TEAM SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S AT 9.30AM
- 6.30pm Healing Service with The Revd Catherine Mitchell and Canon Jan Humphries
- **St Andrew's -** 9.30am Team Service with The Revd Catherine Mitchell
- St Peter's 10.30am NO SERVICE AS TEAM SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S 9.30AM

2ND August – St Peter's – 10am – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

NOTICES

WELCOME – this morning we welcome Isabelle Louise Garbett and her family and friends, Isabelle is being baptised this morning; Also, this afternoon Jack James Lucas and James Edward Pickering are being baptised at 4:30, we welcome them and their family and friends, please welcome and support these children as they are baptised today, and please hold them in your prayers.

23RD SEPTEMBER – 5.30PM – WORCESTER CATHEDRAL – Jan Humphries will be installed as Lay Canon of the Cathedral. This will be a great celebration of Jan's ministry. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible to attend this great occasion.

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK – thank you to all who have donated recently. Our current shortages are: UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, Biscuits (none at the warehouse), Hot Chocolate, Tinned Fruit, Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Ready Meals (Chilli, Curry, Ravioli, Meatballs), Jam, Marmalade, Jars of Cooking Sauce, Tinned Custard, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Sponge Pudding. If you are able to help we'd be most grateful. Thanks from all at 'Springs'.

SD CARDS —I am looking for a number of SD cards for the organ midi player, in particular for music transferred from the old system. I would be grateful if you could have a rummage and find those old small capacity SD cards (256mb or?) that you might no longer use and let me have them. Thanks John.

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS – could you please let Gail have the money for the magazines as soon as possible please. Thank you.

CHILDRENS SOCIETY RAFFLE TICKETS – are for sale now, the draw will take place on October 14th at the Children's Society Fayre. Tickets cost 25p each or £1.00 per book. They can be obtained from Anne Hart or Gail in the Parish Office.

We invite visitors who would normally take communion in their own church to join us in communion today. If this is not your practice, but you would like a blessing, please bring your service sheet with you to the Communion Rail to show that is what you wish. Should you have difficulty in negotiating the Chancel steps to receive communion, please inform the church wardens so that arrangements can be made for it to be brought to you. To enable those who are hard of hearing to join in the service radio loop is installed. To pick up from the loop turn the switch on your hearing aid to "T".