



Bentworth, Lasham, Medstead & Shalden  
One Church ... Four Places of Worship  
*Joyfully proclaiming the love of God in worship,  
outreach, welcome and care.*

## "THE WELCOME"

Everyone is Welcome to this service on

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**  
**Trinity 9**



### TODAY'S SERVICES

10.00am – Benefice Holy Communion –  
conducted by Rev'd Anthony Smith –  
Medstead.

### COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace; through Jesus  
Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### READINGS

Jeremiah 23.23-29; Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2;  
Luke 12.49-56.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around  
the table of your Son to share this meal with  
the whole household of God: in that new  
world where you reveal the fullness of your  
peace, gather people of every race and

language to share in the eternal banquet of  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES: 21<sup>st</sup> September, Autumn Equinox  
Concert – St. Mary's Church, Bentworth, 7pm.  
Tickets £12 available from Wildly Upbeat  
Printers, Alton (cash only), or by telephone  
01420 562402

### NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE:

10.00am – Benefice Holy Communion  
conducted by The Ven Richard Brand –  
Archdeacon of Winchester – Bentworth.  
12.00 – Baptism of Felix Peter Dawson -  
Medstead

### CANON ED'S STUDY LEAVE

Canon Ed will be on Study Leave (Sabbatical)  
between 23<sup>rd</sup> August to 23<sup>rd</sup> October. This is the  
first Sabbatical he has been given in 40 years of  
full time ministry and so it is long overdue.  
During this time all the services will be running  
as normal with the help of local and retired  
clergy. We are immensely grateful to them.  
Canon Ed will not be available during Study  
Leave except in any emergency and will not  
normally be answering emails.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is of crucial importance that the cross of  
Jesus Christ is in the center of our hearts –  
central to our calling, and central to our  
mission. The Lamb of God on the cross  
stands before the throne of God. (Rev. 5:6)  
The cross is the center of the universe. We  
must experience its meaning in its height,  
depth, and breadth as a mystical revelation  
through the Holy Spirit. It is not enough to  
believe it; we must ask God that we may be  
allowed to experience it in a living way. *J.  
Heinrich Arnold*

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