

## **Sunday Services in August 2019**

4th August	6.30pm Evening Prayer
11th August	10am Holy Communion
18th August	10am Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> August	10am Morning Prayer

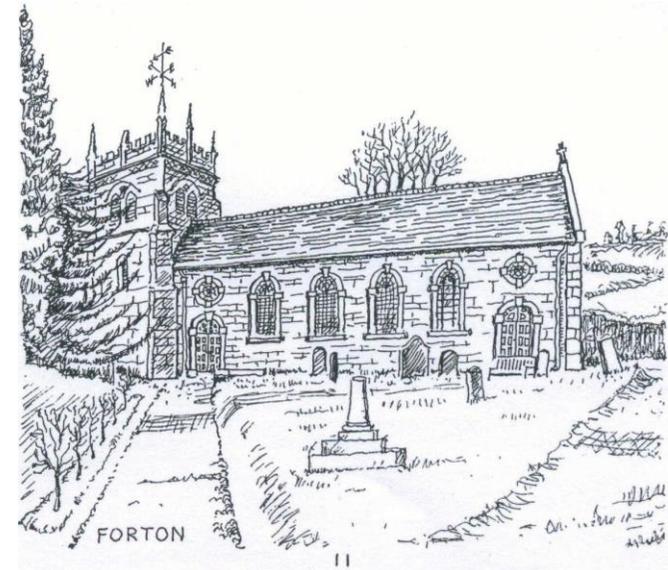
## **Sunday Services in September 2019**

1st September	6.30 Evening Prayer
8 <sup>th</sup> September	10am Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup> September	10am Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	10am Morning Prayer
29 <sup>th</sup> September	10am Harvest – Family service
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Service at The Rylands

Holy Communion is celebrated every Thursday at 10am in the Church. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are served in the Church after the Service on Thursday and Sunday.

Take a look at the Forton website [Fortonchurch.org.uk](http://Fortonchurch.org.uk)

## **All Saints Church at Forton**



## **August & September 2019**

Dear Friends,

It was the late Alan Coren (who I consider one of the greatest modern British humourists), who asked in one of his articles, what you would talk to God about in the after-life? After all, it was no use telling God a joke since he, being omnipotent, knew the punch line before you got to it. But somebody did once ask “How do you make God laugh?” and got the reply “You tell him your plans for yourself”. The philosopher Nietzsche once said that he might consider becoming a follower of Jesus, if only the Christians could manage to look redeemed.

I came across the following in a Retreat House, but I have no idea who wrote it:

“In the beginning God laughed and the firmament fumed and spluttered with pleasure; and the sea shook the foam of his hair from his eyes; and the earth was glad. The sound of laughter was like the swaying and swinging of thunder in mirth; like the rush of the north wind on a drowsy and dozing land. It was cold; it was clear. The lion leapt down at the bleating feet of the frightened lamb and smiled; and the viper was tamed by the thrill of the earth at the holy laughter. We laughed, for the Lord was laughing with us in the evening; for the laughter of love went peeling into the night; and it was good.”

## **Ann Biddle**

Ann is leaving us in early August to move nearer her family we have ben privileged to have her as a committed member of our church she has been a good friend who committed herself to friendship, positive advice and worship. Our thanks and love for all the lives effected in a positive way. All our love the members of All Saints Forton.

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## **From the Register**

Our Condolences to the families off Arthur Miller, Betty Peake, Eunice Herriman and Vin Wright. We welcomed to the church at his baptism Oscar Guthrie. Our best wishes to Sophie and Jonathan and Rhowena and Jeff on their recent marriages.

## **Ride and Stride**



We will be taking part in the Ride & Stride on 14th September. The Church will be open all day to receive visitors with refreshments being served by Church members.

Sponsor forms will be available in Church for anyone who would like to be sponsored as they walk or cycle to other Churches. The money raised during the day is divided between Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and All Saints Church.

Surely the deep murmur of laughter was the most profound background to the creation of the world, and God still wears a smile even when contemplating the world in its present state.

At this time of holiday and relaxation, let us learn once more how to laugh, especially at ourselves, for there is an affinity between laughter and humility. As Archbishop Michael Ramsey once remarked “It’s a sad thing when a man is too pompous to laugh at himself”. Even the medical profession is discovering the therapeutic value of a smile and laughter. So, this holiday time, wherever you are, take time to discover the power of laughing and to believe that whatever is bothering you, you might benefit from, if not a huge belly laugh, then at least a smile and a shrug of the shoulders. And who knows if that “laughter of love” might just show you how to deal with the problem, and that it isn’t the great insurmountable problem you first thought it was.

May God bless you.

Your Priest and Friend,

Edward Ward.



The harvest festival will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. The Harvest Lunch will take place in church at 12noon and take the form of a ploughman's, puddings tea or coffee. Tickets will be available from Barbara Gough at a cost of £10. There will be a raffle.

Decorating the church will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 9.30am. Harvest flowers etc would be appreciated.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Please come along and support the coffee morning in church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10.30-12.30pm.

### **Church and Churchyard Tidy Up**



The summer tidy up is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September starting at 9.30am. The Church will be open all day for the Ride & Stride visitors so there will be a chance to help in the Churchyard all day. We need lots of help! Please come along bringing your own tools! Strimmers especially welcome!

### **PCC**

**The next meeting of the PCC is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2pm in Church**

### **Guild of servers**

The Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary will be visiting on 19<sup>th</sup> August at 7.45pm. They will be singing their Guild Office. This service is traditional Church music, not heard very often these days. Please come along to support them. Tea/coffee and cake will be served after the service.

