

## Always Say a Prayer

Ever wonder about the acronym ASAP? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives: "As soon as possible." Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we'll begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet, you've got no time to spare, But as you hurry and scurry, ASAP: Always Say a Prayer. In the midst of family chaos, quality time is rare. Do your best; let God do the rest, **ASAP:**

**Always Say a Prayer.** It may seem like your worries are more than you can bear. Slow down and take a breather, **ASAP: Always Say a Prayer.** God knows how stressful life is; he wants to ease our cares, And he'll respond to all your needs, **ASAP: Always Say a Prayer.**

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## Active Prayer

God is not passive, and neither are we. In fact, Jesus calls us to an active life. We tend to think of prayer as a passive affair, which in many ways it is. After all, prayer is listening before it is speaking. However, it is active listening. You know the difference between passive and active listening? Passive listening is the husband who has one ear to the television when his wife speaks. Passive listening is the wife who has her "to do" list between her and her spouse. Passive listening is the young person who hears everything through ears that are "bored" with anything and everything that isn't more exciting than what is possible.

Active listening, on the other hand, is giving 100% attention, and facing toward the One who speaks, putting aside remote-controls, "to do" lists, and boredom. Active listening is anything but passive. It's really hard work, when you think about it. It's not "zoning out." Far from it. Prayer is, in part, active listening. How do you receive daily bread from God, if you're not faced in his direction, attentively reaching out? How does forgiveness become a reality if we don't step into it - and how are we to step into it if we're not walking in the direction of, toward the One from whom forgiveness flows? The Lord's prayer, whether it be the version Matthew remembers, or the one Luke recalls, encourages active movement toward God on our part.

# Bincombe with Broadway Upwey and Buckland Rippers



Welcome to Church today

**In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form**

**Please take these notes away with you**

### July 25<sup>th</sup>

Broadway

### Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am

Family Worship (Rector)

Bincombe

9.15am

Morning Service (Terry Landsbert)

Upwey

10.30am

Morning Service (Alex and Terry Landsbert)

Buckland

9.15am

Holy Communion (Rector)

*Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13* page 949ff

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### The Prayer for Today

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,

we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern

both our hearts and bodies

in the ways of your laws

and the works of your commandments;

that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,

we may be preserved in body and soul;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

### Introduction to the Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

**COMMUNION** We welcome all who are members of their own Churches to receive the sacrament at any of our Communion Services.

## **Today's Gospel Luke 11:1-13**

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation."

Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

### **A PRAYER FOR WISE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
by taking human flesh you sanctified material things  
to be a means of your grace;  
grant us wisdom in our attitude to money,  
and a generous heart in the use of the resources entrusted to us,  
that by faithful stewardship we may glorify you. **Amen.**

**From [www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/prayers](http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/prayers)**



This morning at St Nicholas Broadwey, we welcome the family and friends of teenager Emma Phillips, who have come for her Baptism.

### **Police authorities discriminate against white Christians, Civitas claims**

New hate crime legislation is preventing free speech and singling out alleged crimes by white Christians, the Civitas think tank has claimed. A foreward to its report 'A New Inquisition: religious persecution in Britain today' argues that prosecutors and police are interpreting laws in favour of ethnic and religious minorities. The report cites cases such as the prosecution and then dismissal of the case against Liverpool proprietors Ben and Sharon Vogelenzang. The couple were accused of religiously aggravated hate crime after discussing the relative merits of Christianity and Islam with a Muslim guest. The report calls for a public enquiry into whether religion-based groups in the criminal justice system are driving a campaign of bias against the majority population defined as 'white' or 'Christian'

### **Notices Benefice Website - [www.theweytojesus.org.uk](http://www.theweytojesus.org.uk)**

Some of our latest sermons from St Nicholas Broadwey may be accessed and listened to through our St Nicholas Broadwey Youth Space Website. (Home Page – Talks). They are linked from our Church Website via the Sermons page. **The YOUTH SPACE website** which tells you all about the young people's ministry at St Nicholas Broadwey.

[www.youth-space.org.uk/](http://www.youth-space.org.uk/)

Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion – St Laurence Upwey
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Nicholas Broadwey

### **August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Broadwey

### **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am

Family Service (Rector)

Bincombe

9.15am

Holy Communion (Rector)

Upwey

10.30am

Parish Communion (Rev'd Pat Jones)

Buckland

4.00pm

Evening Service (Rector)

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12 – 14, 2: 18-23; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13 – 21* **Pp955ff**

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### **Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:**

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!