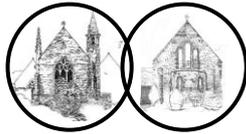


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Sunday 19th July - The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 forever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

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. 28.10-19a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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. **8.12-25 -**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowd 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 Jesus 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!' **13.24-30, 36-43**

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Notices:

- 1.If you are interested in confirmation, or know someone who is, please let me know & we can sort out the practicalities of preparation.
- 2.We are collecting food for porch boxes to support those struggling financially. items can be dropped off at the church door on Thursday, 9.30-10.30am.
- 3.If you haven't already done so, please could you complete the questionnaire about services and provision during lockdown, and return them to Rev Sue.
- 4.If anyone is willing to help with cleaning please let either me or the wardens know.

5.Foxhill Retreat 2021:

For anyone interested in attending Foxhill Retreat I have rebooked this for 2nd-4th June, 2021 (Wednesday - Friday). If you are interested, please email me (christinemhardy1@sky.com) or text me (my number is in the magazine). When we are able to open the church for public worship and when it is safe to do so, I will put a sheet at the back of Church for those interested in going next year. Keep safe and well. Best wishes, Christine

6.**Parcevall Hall:** as only a limited number of people are allowed to meet together Parcevall Hall has been cancelled this year. If you would like to make a donation to Parcevall Hall, there is a donate button on their website. If you prefer to send a cheque the address is: Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6DG. Thanks Mary Simmons.

7. Staycation 3-8th Aug

As Foxhills and Parcivall are cancelled this year during Staycation we will be having a quiet day very much based on our retreats. It will start on Monday 3rd Aug with Compline and finish Tuesday afternoon with a service of wholeness. There will be reflections throughout the day, electronically based. We also hope to have a quiz night, a picnic, a talk, zoom coffee morning and 'Songs of Praise' during Staycation.

Message from Revd Deborah

Thank you to all who attended our services on Sunday and Wednesday. It was lovely to see you all and to be worshipping together in church. In terms of numbers last week, we are able to offer the same routine on a weekly basis for the immediate future. If you could continue with your preferred choice – either Sunday or Wednesday, we should be able to accommodate all who want to attend at this moment in time. Every blessing Deborah

VIRTUAL SONGS OF PRAISE

As we cannot sing in church at the moment, we thought that it would be good to have a virtual 'Songs of Praise' which we can listen to at home and join in with the singing at home. This will be on the Friday evening of Staycation, 7th Aug. If you have any favourite hymns, please let either Carol Porter or myself know. We may not be able to include all – it depends on copyright. If you have a favourite Bible reading or poem, please record it and send it to Carol so that it can be used, Video contributions need to be with Carol no later than 26 July. Anything that needs an organ/piano accompaniment will need to be with Tom considerably sooner.

Can't wait for a haircut? What about a one-off donation to church with some of the money saved through not going to the hairdressers? Please place gifts in an envelope labelled 'cut and blow' and drop it off at church

NON-ON-LINE SERVICES

Sun 3.00pm afternoon service July 19th. Details from Rev Sue.
DAILY HOPE is a free phone line of hymns, reflections & prayers- 0800 804 8044

Please Pray For:

The Sick



Nicola Aylett, Barbara Chafer, Joyce Danso, John & Das Dodge, Joan Horgan, Sally Johnson, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Joan McGeecham, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, Sylvia Plenderleith, Musa Rashid, Leslie Sharpe, Matthew Simmons, Maude Warren, Yvette Wilton.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Elizabeth Ann Beck, Dorothy Birtwistle, Laraine Darlington, Philip Dawson, Becky Ginn, Audrey Handley, Peter Henry, Marion Dixon, The Gittins Family, Sheila Harrison, Rev Paul Joyce, Joan Knight, Matilda, Lauren Pott, Martine Rammell, Bill Potts, Susan Rowan, Julie Webster, Alice White, Rev Pauline Whitmarsh, Rev Deborah.

Recently Departed

Anniversaries of Death

Howard Jones, Zoe Jupe, Doreen Mitchell, John Wellavize.

Columbarium Flowers

Fred Hilton

July 23rd

Hymns

Int 565 - Praise My Soul the King of Heaven
Grad 74- Blessed Assurance
Off 466 - Nearer My God to Thee
Comm W80 - O God, You Search Me & You Know Me
Rec 172 - Fill Your Hearts with Joy & Gladness

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR SUPPORT PLEASE CONTACT REVD DEBORAH ON 01617732698, REVD SUE ON 07761565428 OR VIA ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE.

Collections: If you have envelopes, please bring them to church when you can. Alternatively, if you wish to set up a standing order, please speak to Hedley. We have a donate button on our website as an additional way of giving.

All notices for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to **David McConville** no later than Tuesday please send to mconvillefamily@uwclub.net

Congratulations to Revd. Canon Steve Williams.

Steve (St. Gabriel's) has been awarded the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Co-operation by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is for outstanding contribution and commitment to building relationships between Christian and Jews in Manchester. Well done Steve!