



# *St Andrew's Church*

*Newsletter for August 2nd, 2020*

*Trinity 8*

*Service of the Word with Eucharist - Officiant: Stuart Jeffs,*

*Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. John Austen*

*(Get the link on the website)*

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

## **Collect**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Reading Romans 9;1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

## **Gospel Matthew 14; 13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer:**

Alan Wraith, Jean Wildman, Andrew and Paul Wildman, Kirsten Jeffs, Tina Bradley, Linda

**For those who have recently died:** Father Henley

**Anniversary of death:** Lucy Child, Cheryl Janice Lawrence, Elsie Kightley.

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**Notices**

- Online Evening Prayer this coming Wednesday at 7.00pm
  - Zoom Chat; On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8pm the Zoom Room is open for conversation and general socializing. We would like to suggest some activities for that time – a quiz? A painting session? People to talk about their hobbies? A Bible study? What would you like? Please let us know via ‘WhatsApp’ or any other way.
- We need an idea for this coming Tuesday (4th August)**

- Thanks to all who attended the Online Quiz night on Tuesday, Alison prepared some great questions.
- This Thursday at 7.00pm in the ‘Zoom Room’ Val will be treating us to another evening of poetry related discussions. Last time a challenge was set to come up with a poem based on any of the following words:-

***Weather - Isolation - Love***

**Let’s see who has managed to come up with something this coming Thursday?**

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**A Meditation on the Eucharist**

Imagine you are at the Last Supper.  
 The room is in silence.  
 You watch as Jesus takes the bread and gives thanks.  
 Blessed are you, Father.  
 You watch him break the bread and hear him tell you all to eat it because it has become his body.  
 The plate comes to you and you take a piece. See the brown crust and the soft white bread.  
 The bread is in your mouth. The hands of Jesus have blessed it. Can you taste the crusty bread?  
 The empty plate returns to Jesus and you see him take the cup.  
 He gives thanks and tells you to drink. His blood will be shed for the forgiveness of sins and the declaration of his new kingdom.  
 The cup is passed round the table. Look into the cup. See the ruby red wine, smell its fragrance, taste the sweetness he gives you.  
 You pass the cup to the next person. The empty cup returns to Jesus.  
 There is peaceful silence.  
 You don’t understand everything that has happened.  
 The room silent and empty. On the table there is only an empty cup and a plate with a few crumbs of bread.

Adapted from Imaginative Contemplations; Ronald S Davies.

**Everyone is welcome to join the following live services for this coming week**

**St Andrew's Evening Prayer led by Val Powell on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00 pm,  
online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>**

**St Andrew's Sunday Service of the Word and Communion for Trinity 8 at 10.00 am, online  
by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>**

**Religious programmes on Radio**

BBC Radio 4 - Something Understood - Sunday 06:05

BBC Radio 4 - Sunday Worship - Sunday 08:10

BBC Radio 4 (Long Wave) - Daily Service - Monday to Friday - 09:45

BBC Radio 4 - Prayer for the day - Monday to Saturday - 05:43

BBC Radio 3 - Choral Evensong - Wednesday -15:30 (repeated Sunday at 15:00)

BBC Radio 2 - Good Morning Sunday - 06:00 - 09:00 (A mixture of popular music and religious themed conversation)