



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for July 12th, 2020

Trinity 5

Family Service - Officiant: Val Powell, Preacher: Fr John

With Eucharist led by Fr John

Joined by Sunday School (Get the link on the website)

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

Collect

Almighty God send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading; Isaiah 55;10-11

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Gospel; Matthew 13;1-9,18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Alan Wraith, Barbara Taylor, Young people drawn into crime, gun and knife culture and gang membership. People in care homes, especially those whose health is deteriorating because they are not getting visits and can't understand why. Kathy and Larissa.

For those who have recently died: Anne Heseltine.

Anniversary of death: Barry Lamb.

A Prayer to use whenever.

O loving Father help us to keep close to you when we have to be far from others. Keep us safe under your mighty wings. Bless all who suffer from loneliness. Bless those ill with the virus. Bless those whose other health needs are not being attended to because of the virus.

We give thanks to you for all those who continue to work because their work is essential. Father keep them safe and refresh them when they are tired. God bless us, everyone. Amen.

Notices

Coffee Morning; let's hold a virtual coffee morning – next Thursday July 16th, 10.30am -11.30am. Please make your own coffee (!) and make your own cake (!) – then come to WhatsApp and show us a picture of your cake, and the funniest /nicest mug (cup not face!) you have and we'll all have a good chat about coffee, cake, mugs, and whatever else. The aim is to raise money for St Andrew's – a £10 donation suggested, any amount gratefully received. Bank details to follow. Please support this effort.

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.

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

**St Andrew's Evening Prayer led by Val Powell on Wednesday 1st July at 7.00 pm,
online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>**

**St Andrew's Sunday Morning Family Service of the Word with Eucharist for Trinity 5 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)