



# St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Trinity 6

*Service of the Word - Officiant: Val Powell, Preacher: Stuart Jeffs*

*(Get the link on the website)*

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

## **Collect**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Reading ; Romans 8; 12-25**

So then, 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.

## **Gospel ; Matthew 13; 24-30,36-43**

Jesus put before them 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 he 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!

**Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer:** Alan Wraith, Barbara Taylor, Kathy and Larissa, Linda.

**For those who have recently died:** Anne Heseltine

**Anniversary of death:** Oslyn Edwards, Gladys Shearman.

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**Notices**

**The Virtual Coffee Morning** raised £120. Thank you for your support. A good time was had by all – we’re planning to do it again!

**Tuesday Zoom Chat – How Does Your Garden Grow?** An informal chat on gardening and what keeps us busy. 7 till 8 on the usual link. Join the session whenever you like and stay as long as you can.

**Birthdays :** Phil Bowen

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**A prayer during a global pandemic**

‘Love...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.’  
(1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

Loving God, strengthen our innermost being with your love that bears all things even the weight of this global pandemic, even the long haul of watching for symptoms of patiently waiting for this to pass, watching and waiting, keeping our gaze fixed on you, and looking out for our neighbours near and far.

Instil in our shaken souls the belief and hope that all things are possible with your creative love, for strangers to become friends, for science to source solutions, for resources to be generously shared, so everyone, everywhere, may have what they need, for your perfect love that knows no borders may cast out any fear and selfishness that divides.

May your love that never ends be our comfort, strength, and guide for the wellbeing of all and the glory of God. Amen.

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

**St Andrew's Evening Prayer led by Val Powell on Wednesday 22nd 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 for Trinity 6 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)