



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for 21st June 2020

Trinity 2

At our on-line Service of the Word, Val Powell will be the officiant, and Carole Sami will preach.

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Romans 6; 1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 10; 24-39

Jesus said, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come

to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Darren Taylor, Alan Wraith.

For those who have recently died: Vera Lynn, Pat Barnes, George Brown.

Anniversary of death: Oscar Morgan, Lily Oakley, Ken Lloyd.

Prayer for Equal Dignity

We are all equal as human beings
Sister and brother
Employer and employee
Chief officer and manual labourer
Equally loved before God.
Yet, our system discriminates based on
Education
Abilities
Race
Luck
And many of God's children are placed into a hierarchy of inequality and discomfort.
We are called to stretch out our arms between the tiny, exclusive tip
and the broad, platform of the masses.
To form a bridge, to create a way
For those made unequal to come together as one in equality, in human dignity.
Loving God, Creator of dignity and all that lives,
Help us be bridges.
Help us cry out for respect and value for all
When society forgets that at in our most basic nature,
We are all God's children. Amen.

By Jill Rauh, Education for Justice

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

**St Andrew's Evening Prayer led by Stuart Jeffs on Wednesday 24th June at 7.00 pm,
online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>**

**St Andrew's Sunday Morning Service of the Word for Trinity 2 at 10.00 am,
online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>**

Officiant: Val Powell
Preacher: Carole Sami

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)

TV religious programmes are -

BBC 1 - Sunday Worship - Sunday - 11:45

BBC 1 - Songs of Praise - Sunday 13:15

