



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for August 23rd, 2020

Trinity 11

10.00am Service of the Word

Officiant - Stuart Jeffs

Preacher - Fr Jaisher

(Get the link on the website)

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Reading; Romans 12. 1-8

A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel; Matthew 16. 13-20

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the

gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our worshipping together keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Annette Black, Olive Black, Gloria, Aubrey, Beverly Mitchell, Alan Wraith, Kirsty, Tina Bradley, Linda

For those who have recently died: Father Henley

Anniversary of death: Albert Steven Robinson, Joseph Shearman

Notices

- Tuesday 25th August at 7.00pm – St Andrew’s Quiz Night on ‘Zoom’ usual link_ <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>
 - 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 future weeks, if you have an idea, contact Val, Alison or Stuart**
- Father Henley’s funeral will be on Thursday 27th August, in church, at 11:45am

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

St Andrew’s Evening Prayer led by Stuart Jeffs on Wednesday 26th August at 7.00 pm, online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>

St Andrew’s Family Service of the Word and Sunday School for Trinity 11 at 10.00 am, online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>

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Preparing to return to church (from the Church of England’s guidance for churches under Covid.

God’s presence is always with us, in ways that often escape explanation. In the long history of God’s people, the divine presence has been with us in troubled times as well as in moments of comfort: in exile as well as at homecoming, in haste on the journey as well as in moments of contemplation, in gathered congregations as well as in domestic settings, and in the mysterious One who reveals himself in the daily breaking of bread as much as in the vision of the heavenly Temple.

It is in this understanding that the Church offers the present advice, to encourage ministers and congregations to reflect on the sacrament of Holy Communion at a time when the worshipping life of the Church (which normally fulfils the command ‘do this in remembrance of me’) has been disrupted. In so doing, we consider how we may continue to give thanks to God for the saving gift of Jesus Christ in the

present time, but also (like Israel in exile) look forward to the future when we will be able to return home with joyful hearts.

We recognise that the present circumstances have raised in a new way many questions about the celebration of Holy Communion in the Church of England. While God's people are seeking to discern how to live as a eucharistic community under the current restrictions, we believe that there is much we can learn from the present situation about the celebration of Holy Communion at any time. We encourage deep reflection on our practices, as all members of the Church seek to respond to changing circumstances and the spiritual needs that emerge from them.

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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)