



# St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Trinity 7

*Service of the Word - Officiant: Stuart Jeffs, Preacher: Carole Sami*

*(Get the link on the website)*

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

## **Collect**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Reading ; Romans 8; 26-end**

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Gospel ; Matthew 13; 31-33, 44-52**

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls.

on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer:** Alan Wraith, Jean Wildman, Andrew, and Paul Wildman.

**For those who have recently died:** Barbara Taylor

**Anniversary of death:** Gladys Shearman, John Maybury, Ernest William Cumella, Peter Rose, Stanley Buet.

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### **Notices**

#### **This week in the Zoom Room –**

**Tuesday** - a quiz – starts at 7pm.

**Thursday** - a follow up poetry session – you are invited to write about three words – Weather, Isolation, Love. Have a go! Join us on Thursday!

In this issue of the magazine there will be a page called **“What did you do during Lockdown?”** Could you contribute to that? Send your response to [parishmagazine949@gmail.com](mailto:parishmagazine949@gmail.com).

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### **A Prayer to use this week**

Loving Father, we ask your blessing on us this week. Protect and guide all those who have to take risks in the course of their work. Comfort and support those who have lost their work. Be with those who are lonely at home. Hold fast those who are ill and stand beside those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Help us to support and love each other in these difficult days. Bless us, Father, and those we love. Now and forever. Amen.

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)