



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for August 30th, 2020

Trinity 12

10.00am Service of the Word

Officiant - Valerie Powell

Preacher - Archdeacon of Birmingham - Jenny Tomlinson

(Get the link on the website)

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading (Romans 12;9-end)

A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Gospel (Matthew 16;21-end)

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in our worship you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Linda, Jacob Blake, Alan Wraith, Gloria Boothe.

For those who have recently died: Tina Bradley, Pauline Magee

Anniversary of death: Jessie Winter, Bill Romanes, Ada Melbourne, Wilfrid Brown.

Notices

We plan to open church on September 6th. The service will necessarily be different from what we are used to. Changes made will be for the safety and well-being of all present. We ask for your patience and co-operation.

- Online Evening Prayer this coming Wednesday at 7.00pm
- Church garden working party

The next working party will be on Saturday 13th September at 10 am. If you are free for an hour to help with weeding/clipping/litter-picking - just turn up!

- On Sunday afternoon 30th August 2020 at 4.00pm there will be a chance to see **Father Henley's funeral service** which took place at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 27th August with family and close friends. The service was recorded and will be broadcast over Zoom. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89269873958>.

- 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**

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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>

Some verses from the Bible where you will find support in these difficult days.

1. Isaiah 43:1-2: *"But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.'"*

2. Jeremiah 29:11: *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*
3. Psalm 119:81: *“My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.”*
4. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18: *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”*
5. Romans 15:13: *“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

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)