



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for September 6th, 2020

Trinity 13

Said Mass and Eucharist

Celebrant and preacher, Fr John Austen

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading : Romans 13.8 to end

A reading from the epistle to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel; Matthew 18.15-20

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Linda, Jacob Blake, Alan Wraith, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Val and Ray Ryder (first wedding anniversary), Carole Sami, Phil Bowen and family, Jane and Jalal Ahmed.

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

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

Notices

- 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

- Many thanks to all who have worked hard to make it possible for us to worship in church this morning. We recognize that not everyone will have managed to be with us this morning. Please be assured that we respect your decision, we continue to hold you in our hearts as part of the St Andrew’s community, and hope to see you back with us in due course.

- St Andrew’s Open Prayer Walk - September 26, 2020 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 am.

Join us as we walk around the beautiful Sandwell Valley Country Park and explore God’s wonderful creation, taking time to meditate, reflect and pray. We meet at 10.00 am in the car park. More details to follow. All are welcome

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

**St Andrew’s Evening Prayer led by Stuart Jeffs on Wednesday 12th August at 7.00 pm,
online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>**