

St Andrew's Church

Third Sunday before Lent

Pew sheet for 13th February 2022

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant and Preacher; Father John Wilkinson

If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.

Hymn numbers for the Mass 547 169 500 4 75

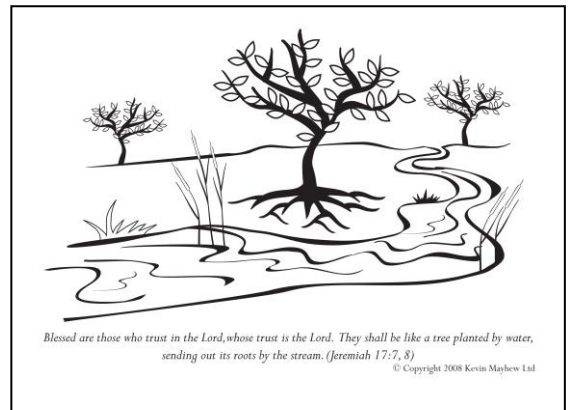
Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.



Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: The Atkins family, Russel and family, Catherine, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Hayden Lewis, Beryl Clayton, Linda, Pat Rowley.

Anniversary of death: Pauline Finney, Roy Taylor, Brett and Brad Wilson.

Notices

Prayer for Freedom From Anxiety In A World In Turmoil

Loving Heavenly Father, it seems that more and more people are becoming increasingly anxious about what is going on in the world today and what is likely to happen, both within our own nations and further afield. There are many conspiracy theories on one hand and a lot of exaggeration on the other, which seem deliberately designed to cause people to become anxious and afraid.

I know that You are not a God of disorder or fear, but a God of peace and love, but I also know that the Bible tells us that as we get closer to the return of the Lord Jesus for His church, men's hearts will start to fail, for fear of what is coming on the earth.

Lord Jesus, I am Your child and I know that my strength and comfort is in You. I know that You will never leave me nor forsake me, no matter what happens in this world. Keep me I pray from anxious thoughts, and prevent my heart from fearing what is coming on the world, knowing that my citizenship is in heaven with You, and knowing that the day is fast approaching when You will come to take us to be with Yourself in our heavenly home, where we will be with You forever.

Thank You for this assurance I have in Christ Jesus my Saviour, Amen.

(from the website Knowing Jesus)