St Andrew's Church Eighth Sunday after Trinity Pew sheet for 7th August 2022 10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube Celebrant and Preacher; Father John

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 33 421 140 499 275

Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading

Hebrews 11;1-3, 8-16

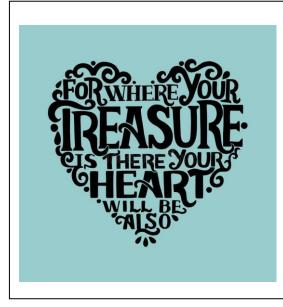
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel

Luke 12;32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action be like those who are to return from the they may open the door comes and knocks. whom the master finds truly I tell you, he will them sit down to eat, and them. If he comes during or near dawn, and finds those slaves. "But know this: if the known at what hour the would not have let his You also must be ready,



and have your lamps lit; waiting for their master wedding banquet, so that for him as soon as he Blessed are those slaves alert when he comes; fasten his belt and have he will come and serve the middle of the night, them so, blessed are

owner of the house had thief was coming, he house be broken into. for the Son of Man is

coming at an unexpected hour."

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Pam, Vicky, Nancy Forbes, Tim Butler, Jacqueline Cole, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Deb Jones and her daughter Paige, Pat B, Becky R, Mrs Baxter, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Gloria James, Gloria Boothe, Rose Blair, Hazel, David, Rianne, Linda.

For those who have recently died:

Anniversary of death: Cheryl Lawrence, Henley James (July 25th), Elsie Kightley, Neville Williams.

Notices

• Please note that there will be no Evening Prayer on Zoom for the rest of August. Next Evening prayer is 7th September.

Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have called us to know you and to love you. You, Lord, are our strength and our shield, our protector and our joy. Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord, in your power may your Church be a place of peace for the anxious and a stronghold for all who are troubled. We ask your blessing upon all who are involved in pastoral work and in caring for others. We pray for the Church's ministry to the outcasts and marginalised people of society. Powerful God, protect us and give us your peace. Amen.