

St Andrew's Church

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Pew sheet for 4th September, 2022

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant and Preacher; Rev Eve

Hymn numbers for the Mass 627 715 43 675 834

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

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel

Luke 14; 25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist 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 the people of Pakistan suffering from flooding.

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: John Beards, Pam, Vicky, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Jacqueline Cole, Nancy Forbes, Kerrisa Clarke, Pat B, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Linda, Rene, Gill Ludford, Hazel, David, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Rose Blair, Beryl Morris, Cos.

Anniversary of death: Ada Melbourne, Wilfrid Brown, Chris Hussey.

Birthdays: Kola, Alison.

Notices

- **'Carrying in the Crosier'** is a short film of celebration and a window into Bishop David's time with Church of England Birmingham. The Rt. Revd David Urquhart will be stepping down as Bishop of Birmingham on 18th October 2022. Having reached the retirement age of 70 and after 16 fulfilling years in the diocese, he is preparing for new adventures in life and ministry. You can watch this film on the [CofEB YouTube Channel](#),
- **Food Bank:** A reminder that St Michael's Church on Soho Hill runs a food bank on Tuesdays at 11 am.

Prayer

Our loving, merciful and compassionate Father, we acknowledge that you are creator of this universe, and everything is in your control. *"You are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."* Psalm 42:1 At this time of trouble in Pakistan, we pray for all Pakistani people who are victims of the devastating flood. Especially we pray for those who have lost their loved ones, livelihood, livestock and homes. For the Pakistani government, local charities, churches, and individuals who are trying to help. For all countries who are standing in solidarity and helping Pakistan at this challenging time.

Help everyone and send your peace and comfort in this chaotic situation.
We ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.