

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Eileen Smith, Ashley Powell, Colin Graham, Stephen Scott.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Maureen Palmer, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Mary Gunn, Julie Ann Parson, Elsie Smith, Ann Harrison, Jimmy Hunter.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Mavis Anderson, John Raine, Robert Topping.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:

Fredrick Armstrong, Sylvia Bushell, Bryan Meynell, Margaret Parkin, Enid Thompson, Matthew Surtees, John Winter, Morton Slater, Dorothy Bennett.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 14 July

10.00am Holy Communion in church
1.30pm Funeral Mavis Ann Anderson
7.00pm Quiz night (online)

Wednesday 15 July

9.30am Trinity Tots

Thursday 16 July

5.00pm Wedding Rehearsal
6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal
7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 18 July

2.00pm Wedding Magdalena Katarzyna Rembacz & Catalin Daniel Negrut

Sunday 19 July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir
1.30pm Baptisms Arlo James Finnon & Freya-Julie Middlemist
2.30pm Baptisms Millie Yve Makepeace, Indie Leigh & TJ Ferguson & Scarlett Elizabeth Wilson-Pullen

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Romans 8.12-25

Gospel Reading Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion in church
10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

TUESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church

COLLECT

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we
see, and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to
the living water:
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on
our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen

FIRST BIBLE READING

Romans 8. 1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead

dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Alleluia, Alleluia

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the

word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Church Cleaning

We have recently lost our church cleaner as she has moved to a new job. PCC have agreed not to appoint another cleaner at least until the work on our new toilet and kitchen facilities has been completed, but the church will need to be cleaned in the interim. We are asking you to consider if you would go on a rota to help keep our church spic and span in the coming weeks. The time commitment does not need to be onerous if enough people sign up. Please speak to Teresa, Judith or anyone on PCC to express your interest, or email the church office. Thank you.

Cover Rota

As a church, we are occasionally asked to host local groups for various things – filming, rehearsal space etc. We are keen to make ourselves available as a welcoming and inclusive space for our community, but we do need a church representative to be present on these occasions to open and close the building and for insurance purposes. We'd like to create a list of available people to be contacted on an ad-hoc basis with no fixed commitment. Can you please consider if this is something you could do (you do not need to be a keyholder) and speak to Barbara, Audrey or Judith, or email the church office if you're interested. Thank you.

The Sunday service will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email office.htcw@gmail.com to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 850 2953 3415 followed by # (hash). The password is 473130, followed by # (hash).

Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm

All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month's email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196 the meeting ID is 870 6505 4582 followed by # (hash) and the password is 726138 followed by # (hash) and remember to press *6 to talk to us. This is the last quiz before we break for the summer.