

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:

John Raine, Robert Topping.

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

William Roberts, Jane Moore, Brian Crossley, Ronald Towler, Karen Teasdale, Jean Boggon, Robert Errington, Olive Harding, Ethel Hedley, Annie Gilmore, Bill Lilley, Olive Gilmaney, Kenneth Robson, James Rigby.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

QUIZ NIGHT AND TRINITY TOTS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING A SUMMER BREAK

Monday 20 July

1.30pm Craft Group

Tuesday 21 July

10.00am Holy Communion in church

Thursday 23 July

7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 25 July

3.30pm Wedding Abbie Rose Guy & Aaron Michael Bailey

Sunday 26 July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in church

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Romans 8.26-end

Gospel Reading Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 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

TUESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church

COLLECT

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them
grow:
though our faith is small as mustard
seed, make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your
kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the
source of life, ever giving himself that the
world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power
of his death and passion that, in his saving
cup, we may share his glory and be made
perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

FIRST BIBLE READING

Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to

futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until

the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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. There is a list at the back of church where you can express your interest and your availability. 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. Alternatively, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

Regular Giving

If you currently make your regular gift to church through our contactless device or QR codes, could I ask that you consider signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme or switching to standing order through your bank as an alternative? We are charged a small fee on each donation through the device which means we don't get the full value of your gift. It also means we miss out if the device is misbehaving or you are not physically present in church! The machine is especially useful for occasional collections when people don't carry cash but less so for regular gifts. Please speak to me if you would like further information and as always, thank you for each gift you make. Judith.

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

We are now suspended for the summer holidays but will return in September. Watch this space for our restart date!