



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 13th September 2020 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



8am Said Holy Communion, Service in Church

10am Service of the Word, Service in Church & broadcast by [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.

2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.
Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, (Password **834900**).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

- a) Call **0131 460 1196**
- b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #
- c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #
- d) Enter Meeting Password: **834900** followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-conference or communicate with one another.

I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will, I may succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Romans 1. 9-11

Psalm for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 103

Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; **[R]**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. **[R]**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,

so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him. **[R]**

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

An anthem for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today we are delighted that members of our Choir are able to return to our 10am service. They will be singing 'Ave verum corpus' (Mozart). You might like to listen to [this version](#) from King's College Choir, Cambridge.

Gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 18. 21-35

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Children's resources for families to share together –

First, share in this week's Godly Story (a fantastic visual version of the scriptures in age appropriate language). It's the story 'The story of the unjust servant' from the Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. Find the video on YouTube [here](#).

Next, with the start of a new school year we are trying a new resource, this time from ROOTS. The [printable sheet on our website](#) offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. Why not try it once you've watched the Godly Story?



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The church is open for Personal Prayer

11am-1pm Monday to Friday, 10-11am Saturday, 10:45-11:30am Sunday

Participation at services in church and via Zoom – It is good to be developing a kind of 'hybrid' church in this period while some of us are able to gather in the building and others are worshipping at home. It's good too to share the leading of our services between a range of voices. If anyone else would like to volunteer to participate in services – reading, praying, etc., do please let us know. This can be in person in church, or, for 10am services, via Zoom, if you cannot yet be with us in the building. **We would also value more stewards: for the Personal Prayer sessions, for 10am on Wednesdays and for 10am on Sundays.** Thank you for considering. Derwyn.

Would anybody like to host a Zoom fellowship meeting after services? We would like to continue to offer this important fellowship for some time to come. Please email the Parish Office as soon as possible if you'd be happy to host.

If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart, please make your prayer request to the coordinator, Diane Pettitt: diane.pettitt@hotmail.com / 461845. Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request won't lead to further contact or action. If a request to the Prayer Chain would help, don't hesitate to make it.

Tearfund Reboot – Please see the [Tearfund website](#) for more information on this campaign, including some interesting blogs and videos. Tearfund is one of the charities supported by our church through the Charities Support Group.

Private prayer – We anticipate remedial work to the plaster in the Chancel and Sanctuary of the church **for the next couple of weeks.** Please be aware that this may conflict with the peace of private prayer!

COVID-19 MEGA RED BUCKET APPEAL FROM THE CHARITIES SUPPORT GROUP

We have launched a Mega Red Bucket appeal in response to emergency requests from charities and an awareness of the huge global needs caused by the pandemic.

We will split the money between larger and smaller charities. Half will go to major Christian charities, namely Christian Aid, Tearfund and World Vision. Half will go to selected smaller charities particularly in need of funding due to the pandemic.

The Red Bucket is partly a virtual one using electronic donations, or contributions can be made by cash or cheque in church on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Full details for donating by BACS, text or cheque are on the [website](#). The appeal will run throughout September.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Singing at services – Although congregational singing seems to be some way off, we are looking to relaunch some corporate singing in our services, as guidelines now allow, on **Sunday 13th September**, with a small group of socially distanced singers in the chancel and sanctuary. Any other singers in the congregation who may like to join in with future opportunities to sing from time to time are asked to contact the Parish Office. We hope the experiment will be successful and lead to further opportunities. Thank you. Derwyn.

Holy Communion on Wednesdays – Derwyn will be presiding at Holy Communion in church on **Wednesday 16th September**, and the service will also be broadcast by Zoom for those unable to attend in person. Meeting ID 846 662 9590, Password 834900. You can also dial in by phone as per instructions on previous page.

Prayers for our Community session: 9:30am, Saturday 19th September – We meet in Church but also broadcast via Zoom (ID: 458 034 0358, Password 435609).

Charities Support Group news – We are pleased to report that in the last few weeks we have made donations to 16 of the 30 charities we regularly support. To prioritise our contributions, we looked carefully at each to see which were most in need of the funds at this time. Lots more information on the [website](#) (or ask the Office for a copy).

St Michael's School needs a new school governor – At the moment all meetings are taking place virtually and the usual programme of governor visits to school has been paused but governors still have an important role to play in these challenging times for children's education. If you are interested in supporting our local church school and would like to find out more about this voluntary role, please contact the Parish Office.

Milk Bottle Tops – “With regret, we are unable to continue collecting milk bottle tops. Jenny and I would like thank you for supporting this worthy cause over the past years. Please place your bottle tops in your recycling bin going forward.” Jenny & Rob.

Message from Bishop Alan following the recent Government announcement – “I am very pleased and relieved to be able to tell you that the Government announcement last night restricting meetings indoors and outdoors to six people does NOT apply to public worship. I will provide more details about whether there is any effect on other activities in church when they are available.” See the full message in the [Coronavirus Update page of our website](#).

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