



St Mary's Church

Prestwich

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2nd Sunday after Trinity

this week our service focuses on the Gospel reading set for the day and invites you to draw closer to God through personal reflection and private prayer. The contribution during the service will be from Emma Chadwick.

Opening of churches for private prayer - "We are continuing to work towards being able to open the church building for private individual prayer. A full risk assessment has been completed and will be shared with the PCC this week. We expect to be able to provide further details next week.



The Mid Week Music Organ Recitals on our YouTube page will continue each

Wednesday in June. Each recital will include a piece based upon a hymn tune (sung at St Mary's), do listen out to see if you recognise the hymn melody. Enjoy! Gary.



Bob and I are delighted to announce the engagement of Thomas to Tania. Her family live in Mexico so she is living with us during the lockdown. They are very pleased with their news. We wish them health, happiness and much love in the future.
Bob, Amanda and Jen Lloyd



Lord Let your love shine on those in need of our prayers: Lily-Rose Ahmadi; David Arnold, Lorayah Bevan, David Burwin, Graham Coward, Graham Fleet, Helen Hicks, Perry Hinton, Deborah Kane, Heather Kay, Elaine Kirk, Poppy McLaughlin, Jean Murphy, James O'Meara, Rev'd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Maryam Sedeghi, Peter Simpson, Gill White, Ryan Woods

We send love and prayers to the family of: Betty (Rikki) Tonge – may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please continue to pray for the Milnes family and for Jo as she passes into God's eternal kingdom.



Child Trust Fund

We have been made aware that there maybe a number of families who have children who are 16-17 years old (born from 1 September 2002) whose Child Trust Funds are lost to them due to changes of address. The diocese wants to help The Share Foundation to reconnect with these families and young people so that these accounts can be recovered. The following 2 slides explain this process and give the opportunity to register www.sharefound.org/missingmoney and the accompanying registration page link <https://findCTF.sharefound.org>. Please feel free to pass this information onto others who you think will be affected by this as its really important to get the word out. Many thanks, Susie.

BLACK LIVES MATTER



The last few weeks have been an especially troubling time for black communities across the U.K. and the U.S. Let us offer prayer, healing, and support to the friends and families of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, as well as those members of our congregation who may be grieving or traumatised by recent events. To donate, learn, and help, you can go to blacklivesmatters.carrd.co



We would like to keep in touch with people at this difficult time. If you are lonely or need a chat, or if you require any help, support or information just give us a call.

We will be providing prayer and other resources for people online and we encourage you to refer to our website, and our twitter account for news and information.

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Readings for the 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the book Genesis *Genesis 21.8-21*

Isaac grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans *Romans 6.1b-11*

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *Matthew 10.24-39*

Jesus said 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:

sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth

until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.