



St Mary's Church

Prestwich

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21 June 2020

3rd Sunday after Trinity

please join us this week for the Eucharist, offered again for and on behalf of the Parish, but which you are invited to join in the act of Spiritual Communion. The following prayer will be prayed after the Eucharist Prayer for you to join in.

My Jesus

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

We are grateful this week for contributions during the service from Samuel Evans, Jo Conchie and Rev'd Adele.

Opening of churches for private prayer - we are pleased to announce that Church will be open for private individual prayer on Wednesday lunch time between 12 noon and 1:00pm. Please do come along if you are able and please respect the social distancing guidelines and measures we have introduced.

Opening of churches for public worship - the Government announced last week that places of worship may open for public worship from 4th July. We are currently waiting for more detailed guidance from the Church of England and the Diocese before we can determine when we will be able to open at St Mary's. We will of course let you know when we anticipate this might be.



The Mid Week Music Organ Recitals on our YouTube page will continue each Wednesday in July. 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.



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.



24 hours of continuous prayer starting at 12 noon on Sunday 28th June until Monday 29th at 1:00pm. This is being led by Curates from across the Diocese alongside various members of the Bishop's Leadership Team and will run in 1 hour slots running through the night as well. Please do join by looking on the [Thy Kingdom Come Facebook page](#) (You may see some familiar faces)! The theme is one of moving from Lament to Hope which may be quite pertinent at this time as lockdown measures begin to ease.



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 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

A reading from the book Genesis *Genesis 22.1-14*

God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do

anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans *Romans 6.12-end*

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The

end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *Matthew 10.40-end*

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Post-Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.