



St Mary's Church

Prestwich

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19th July 2020

TRINITY 6

10.30am – Eucharist

President:	Rev'd Carole Barnet
Preacher:	Rev'd Adele McKie
Deacon:	Rev'd Adele McKie
Organist:	Gary Hulme
Music before Service:	Allegretto (from Sonata No. 4) - F. Mendelssohn (Op. 65) Andante Tranquillo - C. V. Stanford (Op. 101/4)
Reader:	David Twine
Gospeller:	Rev'd Carole Barnet
Intercessor:	Stewart Barnet
Preparation of the Altar:	Chorale Prelude "Let us now rejoice" - Healey
(Offertory):	Willan
Communion:	Chorale Prelude on Martyrdom "As pants the Hart for cooling streams" - C. H. H. Parry (Op.205/2)
Final Voluntary:	Prelude in C major - J. S. Bach (BWV 547/i)



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, Ryan Woods

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



The Mid Week Organ Recitals will continue for another three weeks to the end of July. I hope that those of you who have tuned in have enjoyed listening to the pieces, and enjoyed the slides of our beautiful church building that have formed the backdrop to these recitals, uploaded by Stewart. Can I just place on record my sincere thanks to Stewart, without whose expertise non of this would have been possible. Best wishes, and hope to see you in Church. Gary.

Opening of churches for private prayer

the church will be open again for one hour between 12 noon and 1:00pm for individual private prayer. Please do come along if you are able and please respect the social distancing guidelines and measures we have introduced.



Due to social distancing measures, numbers at our 10.30am service are limited. Please email Susie as soon as you can if you are intending to come along to help us to anticipate likely numbers

Copies of this newsletter will not be provided in church so please feel free to print copies off to bring with you if you wish to follow the readings during the service. And, otherwise, to read the notices to keep you informed of latest information.



Lord, be merciful to your people.
Fill us with your gifts
and make us always eager to serve
you in faith, hope and love.
Amen.



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.

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Readings for the 6th Sunday after Trinity

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.

A reading from the book Genesis *28.10-19a*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

8.12-25

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

13.24-30, 36-43

Jesus 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!

Post-Communion Prayer

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.