



# St Mary's Church

## Prestwich

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26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

TRINITY 7

### 10.30am – Said Common Worship Eucharist

**President & Preacher:** Rev'd Carole Barnet  
**Deacon:** Rev'd Adele McKie  
**Organist:** Geoffrey Chapman  
**Reader:** Catriona Holmes  
**Gospeller:** Rev'd Adele McKie  
**Intercessor:** Stewart Barnet



**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, Andrew Hardman, 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 week to the end of July. 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.



People are now encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces including places of worship. The Diocese strongly advises that face coverings should be worn by all those attending church where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.



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.

## Prayer

O God, protector of those who hope in you,  
 without whom nothing has firm foundation,  
 nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,  
 we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.



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 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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## 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.

## A reading from the book Genesis *Genesis 29.15-28*

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

## A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans *Romans 8.26-end*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52*

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

## Post-Communion Prayer

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.