



St Mary's Church

Prestwich

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Sunday, 13th September 2020

TRINITY 15

10.30am – Said Common Worship Eucharist

President & Preacher:	Rev'd Carole Barnet
Deacon:	Rev'd Adele McKie
Organist:	Gary Hulme
Music before the Service:	Liturgical Improvisation No. 1 - George Oldroyd Prelude on Melcombe "New ev'ry morning" C.H.H. Parry
Reader:	Max Macarthy
Gospeller:	Rev'd Adele McKie
Intercessor:	Stewart Barnet
Altar Preparation:	Tempo Alla Sarabande - Arthur J. Pritchard
Communion:	Prelude on an Irish Church Melody - C.V. Stanford (Op 101/6)
Final Voluntary:	Postlude - George Dyson

Private Prayer

The church will be open again on Wednesday 23rd September for one hour between 12 noon and 1:00pm for individual private prayer.



Please be aware that the latest guidance from the Diocese is that the wearing of face coverings in church is now mandatory except for those leading worship. Face coverings should therefore be worn by all those attending church.

Please note that those leading or taking part in leading the service are exempt from the wearing of face coverings provided appropriate social distancing can be maintained. Face masks will be worn during the distribution of communion.

Congratulations

Our love and prayers go to Susie Mapledoram who will be installed as an Honorary Lay Canon of Manchester Cathedral this afternoon. The service will take place at 4:30pm and will be live streamed on the Cathedral Facebook page if you wish to 'tune in'.



Due to social distancing measures, numbers at our 10.30am service are limited. Please email Susie you are intending to come along.

School Admissions Policy

Diocesan and national advice has been issued about the recording of attendance at Church worship for school admission purposes. Please refer to either the Church or the School websites for further information.

Porch Boxes

We will be celebrating Harvest at our 4th October service. Donations of either non-perishable goods and/or of financial contributions will be gratefully received. Please see link below. All donations will be given to Porch Boxes who have continued to do amazing work in helping families in need especially during the pandemic. Alternatively you can take food donations directly to one of the dedicated Porch Boxes located at some of the major supermarkets, including Morrisons and Tesco.

[Donate to PorchBoxes](#)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We will be holding our APCM in October (date TBC). Please note, if you wish to stand for office, you must be on the electoral roll. Please contact one of the Clergy, the Churchwardens or Julia Dutton for more information.



Lord Let your love shine on those in need of our prayers: Lily-Rose Ahmadi; David Arnold, Lorayah Bevan, Nigel Birtwistle, David Burwin, Graham Coward, Graham Fleet, Andrew Hardman, Gareth Hardman, Helen Hicks, Deborah Kane, Heather Kay, Elaine Kirk, Jean Murphy, James O'Meara, Rev'd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Maryam Sedeghi, Peter Simpson



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 15th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the book Exodus *Exodus 16.2-15*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." 'And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall

have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." ')

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *Matthew 20.1-16*

Jesus said, the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for

his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.