

Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield parishes
3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 28TH JUNE

WELCOME

Thought for the day

The church and Christ will always need shining examples of sainthood and great teachers; but the church and Christ will also need those in whose homes there is hospitality, or in whose hands there is all the service which makes a home, and in whose hearts there is the caring which is Christian love. *Prof. Wm Barclay*

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

**The book of the prophet Jeremiah.
ch 28.5-9**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets

who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.'

The prophet Hananiah was a bit like a certain 21st Century American politician, his slogan was something like "Make Jerusalem Great Again." But Hananiah seemed not to consider that what truly made Jerusalem and Judah and Israel great in the first place was their relationship to the one true God. Jeremiah admits that Hananiah has an attractive message and he wished that he could be right. But as Jeremiah saw it, Hananiah's prophecy contradicted the word of the Lord.

Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

"I will establish your line for ever, and preserve your throne for all generations." Happy are the people who know the festal shout! they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence. They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favour our might is exalted. Truly, the Lord is our ruler; the Holy One of Israel is our king.

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

**The letter of Paul to the Romans.
ch 6.12-23**

Paul had never visited Rome but it was a long term ambition of his to do so. He had had nothing whatever to do with the founding of the church there and he had no personal contact at all. In writing this letter he was wanting to send to the city at the centre of the world a true statement of Christian doctrine and teaching.

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.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Ch 10.40-42

Jesus said to the twelve:

'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.'

**This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

Let us pray *please add your own prayers*

Holy God, you are the focus of our love and worship, because you alone are the Lord who has made us and rescued us from sin. Help us to serve you with joy and in thankfulness for all you have done for us.

Forgiving God, though the world may often reject you, you never fail to believe in us all and love us with tenderness. We pray for all areas of conflict, deceit and greed, in the world and in the places in which we live.

Loving God, our daily lives provide us with rich grounds for acts of loving kindness to those well known to us and to strangers alike. Strengthen us to use the opportunities we see.

Healing God, we thank you for all who care for those in hospitals and nursing homes, nurseries and prisons. And we pray for those who need their care.

Merciful God, we call to mind those who have recently died and thank you for each act of goodness in their lives. Have mercy on them and forgive their failings, so that they may share the joy of heaven for ever.

Gracious God we thank you for human potential for good, and for your gift of grace that makes such goodness a real possibility. Amen

Let us say the Lord's prayer knowing that we pray with Christians around the world.

**God is everywhere looking for
hands to use**

**To each is given a bag of tools,
An hourglass and a book of rules,
Each must build e'er their life is flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone**

**Do what you can,
being what you are,
Shine like a glow worm
if you cannot be a star,
work like a pulley
if you cannot be a crane,
be a wheel greaser
if you cannot drive the train.**

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