

**Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield
parishes**
12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY -
Sunday 30th August 20

WELCOME- The readings and Collect on this sheet will also be used during our service of Holy Communion at 11am .

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Christianity is the religion of the open hand, the open heart and the open door
Prof. William Barclay

COLLECT (the special prayer for Trinity 12)

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than
we to pray and to give more than either
we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy, forgiving us those things of
which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which
we are not worthy to ask but through
the merits and mediation of 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.

The book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Ch15;15-21

Jeremiah is fed up. He has given up a lot to do God's bidding and what has he got in return, only rejection and misery. It just isn't fair. God tells him to hang on in there and gives an assurance that He will keep him safe.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM 26;1-8

Your love is before my eyes.

1 Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity ;I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
4 I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,
7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides. **Your love is before my eyes**

The letter of Paul to the Romans.

Ch.12.9-21A

Paul presents the people of the church with a list of snappy rules for ordinary everyday Christian life.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'

No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. ch16.21-28

In the wilderness when Satan had failed to tempt Jesus to take the easy way, he left him until another time. Now using the words of his friend, Satan tempts Jesus to avoid the way that leads to a cross and Salvation. Poor Peter, he has genuine love for Jesus and is horrified by what he is hearing. As he tends to do Peter gives voice to his feelings. Jesus shows him that in this instance he is not a rock of God's strength but a stumbling block, a source of temptation.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose

their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Glory to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS

As followers of Jesus Christ let us ask God our Father, by the power of His Spirit, to help us to understand what Christian loving and service really means.

In a world so full of temptation and opposition ask that our commitment to our Lord's teaching will be renewed in all our relationships, in our work, our daily life and in our prayer.

Lord help us to find courage to speak truth in your name so as to challenge wrong thinking, comfort and encourage those without hope, and also to admit our own failings.

Pray for the young people returning to school and college; for older people returning to work; for us all as we learn to live in a different way to meet the challenges of this pandemic.

Lord we ask that you bring wholeness and healing to those who are suffering in body, mind and spirit.

Pray here for all known to you

For those who mourn we ask comfort and peace of heart. Give them grace to persevere with patience until the dark times are behind them. For those who have died we pray that they may rest in the eternal peace of your presence.

Heavenly Father, we can never imagine the full extent of your love for us. It is greater than anything we can expect or deserve. We offer our thanksgiving.

WITH CHRISTIANS THE WORLD OVER WE SAY THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US.

During this coming week, in our homes, as we go about our daily tasks, though sadly not yet in our churches, let us sing hymns of praise and thanksgiving for each gift of God's grace, for every blessing, and especially for the gift of life itself.

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