Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield parishes 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 6th September 20

Let the peoples praise you, O God Let all the peoples praise you

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is our responsibility to encourage and uphold one another in living by the standard of real love. Susan Sayer

COLLECT (the special prayer for Trinity 13)
Almighty God, who called your
Church to bear witness that you
were in Christ reconciling the world
to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

The book of the prophet Ezekiel _ch33.7-11.

The word of the Lord came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand

But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD,I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119.33-40

Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. 34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. 36 Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.
38 Fulfil your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.
39Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgements are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.

The letter of Paul to the Romans.

ch. 13.8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;

13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

St Paul says: Owe no one anything, except to love one another

He also says in 1 Corinthians 13 v.4-7

Love is patient. Am I?

Love is kind. Am I?

Love is not arrogant. Am I?

Love is not irritable. Am I?

Love is not boastful. Am I?

Love is not resentful. Am I?

Love does not rejoice in what is wrong.

How do I understand this?

Love rejoices in the truth. Do I?

Love selflessly rejoices in the good fortune of others? Can I?

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

ch18.15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples.

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

LET US PRAY

In faith pray to the God who is Lord of all the earth: for the worldwide Church.

For Christians in troubled areas where there is insecurity, confusion bewilderment and fear.

Lord we thank you that we are able to confess our faith in freedom and safety. Give us strength to face any challenges.

Ask the Lord to bring peace and goodness, righteousness and hope, in our world, in our society and in our homes.

Lord we thank you for the blessings of your grace that offer us your peace and presence with us.

Offer to the Lord your worries and anxieties, your failings and your successes, your joys and your sorrows.

Faithful God whose good news is for all people we thank you for your patience with us and your refusal to give up on us.

Thank God for the joy of human relationships.. Pray for family, friends and neighbours, the communities in which we live, for our young people as they return to school.

Loving Lord you lived this earthly life and you know us well. You promised to be with us always. Help us to feel your guiding hand through this coming week.

Give thanks for all who gave up so much to bring the good news of the Gospel to us and pray that with us their gift will not be wasted ..

Lord we pray for all who have served you in this life and are now in your keeping

LET US SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

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