

Private Individual Prayer

All Saints' Church is open for Private Individual Prayer

We will need to have an appointment system to keep numbers within the Church of England guidelines, this will also help us to sanitise the used part of the church afterwards.

If you have internet access please use the online form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1G7hcLz3mm28lpII72wF5l8LRU9Y200B2nJp2T9FwcXA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&edit_requested=true

Otherwise, please phone Neale on 0113 393 5601

Initially, appointments will be for 20 minutes on a Monday.

Neale will need to **record*** your name and phone number and if any member of your family will be coming with you.

For further information;

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Wednesday 15th July is St. Swithun's Day

The saying that if it rains on St Swithun's Day it will rain on the next 40 days dates back to 15 July 971 when Swithun's relics were transferred from his grave outside Winchester Cathedral to a tomb within the building in contravention of his expressed wish. It rained that day and on every day for the next 40 days.

(Since records began, it has not rained on 40 consecutive days)



All Saints'
at the heart of the
community



Sunday 12th July 2020

TRINITY 5

Collect for Trinity 5

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister
the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord,
we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be
so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve
you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Readings for 12 July 2020

Romans 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death

because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18 - 23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear." ¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Reflection by Debra Wheeler

I have to confess. In the past I've been rather skittish around my bible study-switching between different study notes and struggling to maintain a regular discipline. I have Lockdown to thank for converting me to the Lectionary. It's a set of bible readings for everyday, covering a three year cycle, tied to the Christian calendar. I've got the App on my phone and during Lockdown, with a bit more time on my hands, it's become embedded in my daily prayer routine. I really do recommend it.

And the Lectionary has a treat in store for us today, with two readings from the New Testament, full of hope, promise and optimism.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, there is the most wonderful claim that sums up the Christian gospel: "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus". We all get things wrong. Our lives are littered with choices and decisions, that if we could go back, we would do differently. But Jesus died on the cross and took the penalty for all these things, so that our future can be different from our past; so we can walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul isn't saying that we won't sin again; of course we will. But it's our motivation for living and the direction in which we are walking that interests him. As Christians we walk in the Spirit, and our motivation and desire is to choose God's way. And that really does mean no condemnation, and gives us permission to live life to the full.

And the second reading from Mathew, the parable of the sower, is known as the optimist's parable. "Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." Even with an average sower, most of the seed would fall on good ground and produce an abundant crop. God cannot be stopped!

Our hearts contain all the four types of soil, being more or less open to God's word at different times and in different places. Let's give thanks for the abundant fruit that has given us the joy and peace of knowing God in our lives. And let's ask for help to see where our hardness of heart and our insecurities lie – our less fertile soil. Let's listen to God's promptings, to understand where we need to listen and change, so that we can walk more closely in the power of the Holy Spirit, and be fruitful for God.

Debra Wheeler

Dial in worship; Held at 10am on Sunday and Wednesday

To join the service;

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When asked, enter the group PIN 716 416.