



Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August is Yorkshire Day .

It is also Lammas Day.

Lammas (Loaf Mass), the Feast of the First Fruits, traditionally marks the beginning of the harvest.

In day gone by, in rural parishes,  
loaves of bread made from the first ripened corn  
were taken to church to be blessed.



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

To join the service;



**All Saints'**  
at the heart of the  
community



TRINITY 7  
Sunday 26th July 2020

#### COLLECT FOR TRINITY 7

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard  
Seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

#### POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the  
source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves the power  
of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory  
and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen

#### Readings for Sunday 26th July

##### Romans 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who<sup>[1]</sup> have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

##### More than Conquerors

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No

one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”<sup>[j]</sup>

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>[k]</sup> neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

### The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

<sup>31</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup> Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds<sup>[b]</sup> of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

### The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

### The Parable of the Net

<sup>47</sup> “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

### Reflection from Geoffrey Elliott

#### LOCKDOWN

What does it mean?

My reference book is silent: it does not appear in 3000 pages of Shorter Oxford Dictionary – I think the word was coined for the present crisis. Perhaps: “A 24/7 curfew to stop bad things happening.”

But what does it mean to *you* and *me*? To parents and children; to workers and retirees; to involved in the church and those who wait in hope at home? Not to see our grandchildren; our elderly parents; our friends at school, at work or at the pub? For some, ‘lockdown’ is nothing new: the homebound... and those for whom church is an impossibility – for anyone? In Yemen where covid19 afflicts a people riven with war, where radio and www reaches out; in Syria where Christians could keep serving without government hindrance but in Covid lockdown must now follow government guidelines. We sometimes have been so worried for ourselves that there has been little time for other worlds

What about our other reference book: what does the Bible say?

Saint Paul suffered lockdown in prison. He had written that ‘in everything, God works for good for those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.’ and, when reporting his own lockdown, ‘...but the word of God is not chained.’ Faith within this former unlikely convert had grown, like a mustard seed; he had found the pearl of great price, and knew it was worthwhile to give his whole life to obtain that pearl, for himself, for so many others... and for us. ‘For me, to live is Christ, to die is gain.’, he wrote – faith, truly grown.

In lockdown and beyond, may we look around us, and take hold of that pearl for ourselves and for the world – at home and abroad – we live in.

Father, may we grow in faith that with you, all things are possible.