



St Andrew's Reading Street

One family, with Christ at the centre,
welcoming all!

Sunday 27th September 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Keeping Connected

Verse of the Week: *"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me".* Psalm 23:4.

Home service information for Sunday 27th September

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You in Jesus' name with shouts of joy, we worship You with gladness that fills our hearts. Father, we declare today that the Lord is God and that we are Yours; we give You praise because we know that we are Your people and the sheep of Your pasture. Father, we enter Your gates with thanksgiving and Your courts with praise, we give thanks to You God and we praise Your name. We praise You because Your faithfulness continues through all generations. Amen

Collect for Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

Readings: **Exodus 17:1-17**
Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel **Matthew 21:23-32**

Personal Reflection

During these unprecedented times we live in today please spend some time meditating on Psalm 23.

When we enter the darkest valleys amid serious illness, stress, loss, worry, isolation and other struggles, we can find much comfort in the prayer of Psalm 23. We have the blessed assurance that God is with us and cares for us. We have no need to fear.

A Prayer: Lord you know how fear and anxiety can grip us when we face the shadows and dark valleys of life. Assure us of your presence that leads us protect us when we can't see an escape route. Amen

Intercessions

Loving God you offer us your peace in an often-troubled world. You tell us not to let our hearts be troubled, or be afraid.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

You alone are our strength and peace which we call upon when we need help. The peace that passes all understanding, never loses its strength.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Let peace be a state of mind, rather than an ideal we never reach. When the mind is at peace, the world will be more peaceful.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

We are human and fear comes not just for ourselves but for those we know and love. We feel helpless, alone, isolated and this is when it's important we let our fears go and give them to you.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

May we not only find peace ourselves but help others to do so by prayer and meditation on your word. This is the peace that passes all understanding that the world cannot give us.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray that you inspire us to work for peace in your world. The peace we crave is that brought to this world by your Son Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen

Pray for the Sick:

Anne Atkins, Malcolm and Betty Bruce, Chris Bull; Tom Hindmarsh, Sharon Jackson, Margaret Lawrence, Tony Ross, John Rowbotham, Liz Stokes, Melanie Underwood, David Williams, Mandy Winters

From the Book of Remembrance

John Forward, Malcolm Green, Thomas Hamilton, Reg Wright
We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for sake of your only son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer**Blessing**

Heavenly Father,
we share together the blessing of your presence.
Give us in this life knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers for the Week

As we begin another week: let us stay connected by praying connected.

Sunday: Pray for your neighbourhood, especially your next-door neighbours. Pray for their salvation and good relationships. Pray for the people who live in Cliff Promenade.

Monday: Continue to pray for the many trouble spots in today's hostile world, particularly Middle East countries. Pray for all our world leaders; Pray especially for Christians living as isolated or persecuted minorities. Pray for the people who live in Capel Close.

Tuesday: Pray for our local Police Force and the fight against crime. Pray for the people who live in Cliff Road.

Wednesday: Bring to the Lord those in many parts of the world still rebuilding their lives following natural disasters. Pray for the people who live in Collette Close.

Thursday: Pray for all your family members, for good and loving relationships and especially for their salvation. Pray for the people who live in Convent Road.

Friday: Pray for all those involved with our local scouts, guides, brownies, cubs, and beavers especially during these unprecedented times. Pray for the people who live in Crescent Road.

Saturday: Bring to the Lord Christians around the world persecuted for their faith, may they know His presence and comfort; also for the agencies supporting them, for wisdom to know the right support to give in each situation. Pray for the people who live in Crundale Way.

Bishop Rose's Sermon

Bishop Rose has recorded a sermon for the 16th Sunday after Trinity. You can view the sermon on the church website. The transcript of the sermon is also there.

Church News

Church Service 4th October

Please note that our service next Sunday (4th October) will be at 10:00 am.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The rescheduled APCM will take place on 14th October at 7.30pm in the church. Because of Covid precautions, nominations for Churchwarden, PCC and Deanery Synod will be done by email. If you wish to nominate anyone for any of those positions, please email Janet Graham (janet_graham2002@yahoo.com) or phone her on 601748. You will need to have someone second your nomination and that person should also email (or phone) Janet to confirm. Proposers and seconders must be at least sixteen years of age; be actual communicants and be on the Electoral Roll for at least six months. Nominations can be made now and up to the day of the meeting.

Electoral Roll: If you need to join the Electoral Roll, or update your entry (for example, if you have changed address or contact number), please contact Janet Graham who will arrange for this. The Electoral Roll has to be closed for at least fourteen days before the APCM, so please do this by 29th September.

APCM Reports

Please note that you can view the agenda and reports associated with the APCM on the church website.

<http://www.st-andrews-reading-street.org.uk/apcm.html>

Church Heating

The weather is turning cooler so please dress appropriately if you are coming to church as we will not be turning on the heating just yet.

Attention Jam Makers!

Linda Owen has a dozen jam jars if anyone would like them. Please contact her on 865741. (She can deliver if you wish).

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