



St. Luke's

13th September 2020

14^h after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord. All **Thanks be to God.**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PCC Secretary.

We are looking for someone to take on the vital role of being secretary to our PCC. This is a voluntary position and involves sending out notices about PCC meetings, preparing the agenda, dealing with correspondence and preparing the minutes of the meetings. He or she should be a good organiser, methodical, clear-headed, tactful and friendly. Training will be given. Please contact Revd Susan if you are interested for an informal discussion.

Dates for your Diary (More details to follow)

Harvest Festival - 10 am Sunday 27th September

APCM - Sunday 27th September after the 10 am service

Zoom Quiz Night - 7.30 pm, Saturday 26th September, in aid of the Bishops Harvest Appeal. To take part via Zoom, please email Claire Woodland c.woodland1@btinternet.com by Thursday 24th September 2020

A celebration of 'All creatures great and Small' - Children's Pet blessing Service. Saturday October 3rd at 3pm. This will either be online or in the grounds of St Luke's Church Slyne, depending on restrictions. To register an interest please email Shealagh Whytock at sbw@lythefell.co.uk

Giving

Thank you to all those of you who continue to regularly give to St Luke's Church. We have now set up a method for those attending church services to give to the collection using a contactless card. Donations to the Church can also be made via 'givealittle' using the following link: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/acade4f5-683e-4066-9a7f-25e4ad3e3f56>



OUR DIOCESAN PRAYER Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen



PRAYER OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY - We remember those who are not as young or as strong as they once were: especially Mary Watson and those known personally to us. We continue to lift up those who need healing and include: Michael, Geoff and Dorothy Proffitt, Julia and Sheila Brotherton; Pat Howarth, William Hartley, Daphne Dale, Ronny Etherington, Betty Robinson, may they feel the warmth and healing power of Jesus. RIP Betty Thomas, we pray for her family.
OUR VILLAGE PRAYERS - we pray for all those who live on Raikes Hill Drive; The Knoll.

CALENDAR

Services in Church:

Sunday 13th September - Fourteenth after Trinity 8 am - Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's
 10 am - Morning Worship at St Luke's
 11.30 am - Holy Communion at St Saviour's

Tuesday - 9 am - Morning Prayer at St Wilfrid's

Wednesday - 9 am - Morning Prayer at St Luke's

Sunday 20th September - Fifteenth after Trinity

8 am - Holy Communion at St Luke's

10 am - Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's followed by APCM

Live streamed services:

These services are on St Luke's Facebook page, except for Morning prayer on Tuesdays and 10am Sunday Services from St Wilfrid's which are on St Wilfrid's page.

The Sunday service is also available on YouTube, Search: 'St Lukes Church Slyne'

Sunday 10am - Morning Service

Monday - 7.30 pm - Compline

Tuesday - 9am - Morning Prayer

Wednesday - 9am - Morning Prayer Wednesday - 7.30 pm - Evening Prayer

Thursday - 7.30 pm - Zoom Bible study and discussion group. (Please email Revd Susan for the link)

Friday - 7.30 pm - Compline

Face Coverings

The Prime Minister has outlined plans to make face coverings mandatory in Places of Worship from 8th August. The Church of England continue to strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus (COVID-19) and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.

Notices to Martin@racquetstringer.co.uk by Wednesday 6pm

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