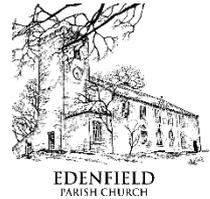


EPIC 47

(Edenfield Parish Church in the Community)

Sunday 29th AUGUST 2021



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE *Galatians 3.16-22* . . . the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

THE GOSPEL *St. Luke 10.23-37*

„ . . . And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, . . .



Text from The Book of Common Prayer,

<https://youtu.be/xjhV3IVDLdM>; The Good Samaritan Song

9.30 am **TEAM SERVICE TODAY** at Edenfield

11.00 am **LAST ZOOM WORSHIP TODAY** Meeting ID 407 009 464

THE COLLECT Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*



THE EPISTLE **James 1:17-27** ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, - . . .

Comment from Sue Holdway, our Parish Administrator on James 1 v.19

My parents favourite saying when I was growing up was that: 'I should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry'. Woe betide me if I got in a tizzy through not listening properly, or spoke in anger before thinking and engaging my brain.

Today's reading from James neatly sums up how we should live our lives. We can all pontificate on how good we are at keeping to the rules, and how wonderful our relationship is with God, but let's be honest...none of us is perfect. We start off with all good intentions, appreciating the wonderful gifts that God has given us, feeling grateful; but then our

intentions fall by the wayside when we come across the various trials and tribulations of life. The first challenge we face, we forget everything we have been taught. Verse 24 refers to us staring at our face in the mirror then going out and forgetting who we are and what we stand for. How true is that?

But, if we take a step back and remember what being a Christian is about, life becomes so much more. We don't have to be perfect all the time, (wearing our Sunday best smile) we just need to imagine that every day is Sunday and act accordingly. Not keeping our best behaviour and actions for one special day where it is not natural. We need to relax and let God lead us through all the ups and downs and practicalities of life, remembering the rules.

That's the real relationship that God wants to have with us

THE GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash.

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for the situation in Afghanistan and all who are striving to leave the country. For the 15,000+ people who have been evacuated to the UK and the service personnel who lost their lives in Afghanistan during the conflict there

For **Gabriella Lawton** who was baptised last Sunday and for **Ralph Turner** to be baptised next Sunday 5th Sept. 2021

For **Penelope Cheetham** who married in London yesterday and **Alex and Sandra Marsh** celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary at this time.

For those in our **local care or nursing homes**, the residents and staff and all who enter as visitors and volunteers.

For our local **Hospices**, the nurses, therapists and all patients on end of life care.

Dear God, Lead them safely on their final journey and grant them a place in your heavenly kingdom. *Amen*

Remember also :-

Jill Smith (*very poorly and being cared for in Ash Cottage*)

Sheila Sherris

Ernest Joseph Lofthouse

Olive Ellis

Amy Read

Maureen Nuttall

Pauline Lupton

and those known only to God.

The dear departed especially at this time Margaret Kenyon (June's sister in law)

John Nash and Jean Burrow

If you would like us to pray for someone close to you please email

marg_edenfield@hotmail.com; or leave a message on 01706 82 4221

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

THIS WEEK

Today 8.00am EARLY WORSHIP

9.30am Team Service of HOLY COMMUNION at Edenfield

Tuesday 10.30am HOLY COMMUNION at St. Paul's

Wednesday 10.30 – 11.30am Church open for SILENT DEVOTION

Next Sunday 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION at Edenfield

11.00am HOLY COMMUNION at St Paul's

HELP NEEDED FOR FAMILIES FROM AFGHANISTAN

Families are still arriving at Manchester airport and having to quarantine. *Please support these families who are arriving with nothing.* Good quality clothes, decent shoes or trainers are needed for children and adults.

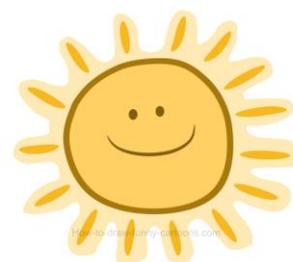
Bags of clothes can be taken to church today or next Wednesday morning between 10.30am and 11.30am

Alternatively contact Gill Dean Lofthouse for collection from your own home via email

gilldeanlofthouse@googlemail.com

or telephone 07712 706 374

"Be someone's sunshine when their skies are grey."



[https://youtu.be/zoV6R6qk4vY;](https://youtu.be/zoV6R6qk4vY)

"Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours." — *St. Teresa of Avila*

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE

theme 'living inside out'.

[https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/living-inside-out#na;](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/living-inside-out#na)

A Service of the Word for the **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity** led by the **Revd. Suzanne Vernon-Yorke** from St Christopher's Church, **Hanwell**.



What do you think?

Yesterday a group of local people were walking around Rawtenstall making the public aware of what may happen to our

National Health Service if it is privatised by the government. Leaflets were handed out and when I arrived home I was intrigued to read the for and against arguments. I have made up my mind but **have you???** If you open this document it will explain the bill going through Parliament and why some people oppose it. You may want to make your voice heard!

[https://www.patients4nhs.org.uk/the-nhs-whats-happening/;](https://www.patients4nhs.org.uk/the-nhs-whats-happening/)

The Big Church Read

The featured book is *Bouncing Forward* by Patrick Regan



The big church read is a UK initiative to encourage the church to read good Christian books, alone or with others.

Torch Trust will be making 'The Big Church Read' available in all accessible formats.

A copy of the book is available from Torch to buy or to borrow (please state the format you would like it in e.g. large print, audio etc.)

Contact: **Clients Services 01858 438 260.**

For more information call **Miss Pam Thomas** on 01706 22 6266 for more details.



12 DAILY REMINDERS

1. The past cannot be changed
2. Opinions don't define your reality
3. Everyone's journey is different
4. Things always get better with time
5. Judgements are a confession of character
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness
7. Happiness is found within
8. Positive thoughts create positive things
9. Smiles are contagious
10. Kindness is free
11. You only fail if you quit
12. What goes around, comes around

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HOLY COMMUNION the first Wednesday of each month with the Revd. Les Hallam.



THE RETURN OF THE POP UP CAFÉ

re-opens a week on Monday - 6th September.
on Monday 13th September there will be a MacMillan Coffee morning.
You will be very welcome at both events,
why not come along and bring a friend?

JIGSAW FESTIVAL at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom.
Wed. 8th September – Saturday 11th September.

If you haven't signed up to help yet then please contact either Alan Lumsden 01706 82 4952 or at rammyjigsaw@aol.com; or Diana White to help in the café 07706 232 467 or at diana@crowwoods.plus.com;

HARVEST-TIME A festival of Favourite Things and Craft Fair

Thursday 30th Sept. – Saturday 2nd October

Friday 1st October **SCHOOL HARVEST**

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

9.30am in church Sunday 3rd October



MEMORIAL SERVICE All Hallows' Eve

3.30pm SUNDAY 31st October

For all those who have died in the past two years.

Please email marg_edenfield@hotmail.com or telephone

01706 82 4221 with names of the deceased and they will be mentioned by name at this service and a candle lit in their memory.

Don't forget to follow us
on Facebook Edenfield Church,
Ramsbottom & Edenfield Team Ministry (RETM) website:
ramsbottomedenfieldteamchurches.org

The Parish Team

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Church Wardens Mr David Foster
01706 82 5648
Mr Mark Studholme 01706 22 2887

Director of Music Mr Keith Hotham

Edenfield CE School Head Teacher
Mrs Charlotte Garner 01706 82 3608

Weddings Baptisms or Funerals please contact
Mrs Sue Holdway retmchurches@gmail.com or
telephone **07436 887760**

See www.retm.org.uk for details of events across the
team

Any news or updates for EPIC?
If so please do get in touch
marg_edenfield@hotmail.com;
or telephone 01706 82 4221

God's Gift

If God had a refrigerator,
your picture would be on it.

If He had a wallet,
your photo would be in it.

He sends you flowers every spring
and a sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll
listen.

He could live anywhere in the
universe, and He chose your heart.

What about the Christmas gift He
sent you in Bethlehem;

not to mention that Friday at Calvary?

~ Joe Gatuslao ~

and finally . . .

Q. Have you played the updated children's game?

A. I Spy With My Little Eye . . . phone.