

✠ 6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ✠

200th Bicentenary Year

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 18.20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis:

Then the Lord said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it." Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2.6-15

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians:

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self, ruled by the

flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 1.1-13

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

"Lord, teach us to pray"



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples. He said to them, 'When you pray, say' "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'" Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him." And suppose the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. 'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

God of life, bless these gifts to our use and ourselves to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



✠ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ✠

NOTICES FOR 27TH JULY

WELCOME - to everyone as we gather together to hear from God in His word, and to receive God in the Sacrament.

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FR PETER - is now covering the vacancy at St George's. Contact Peter for any pastoral issues or to place notices on this sheet. Deadline: **Wednesday evenings** please.

BICENTENARY PENS - the St George's special edition bicentenary pens have arrived! The pens are **£2 each**, or **£3.50 for two**.

BICENTENARY GLASS MEMENTOS - these are engraved glass mementos of the bicentenary, designed with a fine image of the church. These can be ordered from Netta Walker for **£15 each**.

ST. GEORGE'S QUIZ - the latest edition (£1) is available at the rear of Church or from Bill Walker. It is entitled '1825. A Special Year' and should be returned by 31st August.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP - meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We will be praying for various people and areas of our parish in an easy and informal way. All welcome. Please keep placing any prayers / requests you may have regarding the vacancy on the **Prayer Tree** at the back of church.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR DURING THE VACANCY - as part of our preparations for seeking a new vicar, we are having a short Morning Prayer service in St George's Church **every Friday morning at 9:15am**. If you are able, please come and join us to pray for our parish and our parish representatives. **Thank you**.

LITTLE STEPS TODDLER GROUP - is now on its summer break. We will resume on Wednesday 3rd September at 10:30 in the Church Hall.

VACANCY PRAYER – TO BE SAID AT EVERY SERVICE

You are encouraged to please use this prayer daily.

Heavenly Father,

**In this time of waiting, we place our trust in You.
 Keep us unified as a parish and faithful in prayer.
 Send down your Holy Spirit to guide those
 responsible for choosing our new incumbent.
 May the one chosen be a wise and gentle shepherd
 of your people, ready to serve us with joy,
 build us in faith and grow our church family.
 We ask this in Jesus's name.
 Amen.**

Our hymns this morning:

Processional: **367** Jesus, where'er thy people meet
 Gradual: **491** O God of Bethel
 Offertory: **161** Father, hear the prayer we offer
 Communion: *Choir - The Lord's Prayer*
69 Be thou my guardian and my guide
1 Abba, Father, let me be
 Post Communion: **691** Thy kingdom come, O God

IMPORTANT! - CANCELLATION OF CHURCH SERVICES!

PLEASE NOTE! The 10:00am Eucharist at St George's on Wed 13th August and the 10:30am Eucharist at All Saints' on Thurs 14th August are **CANCELLED!**

We do apologise; however this action is necessary as the parish Holiday Club is being held that week. Services at both churches will resume as normal from Sunday 17th August.

SAVE THE DATE - HERITAGE WEEKEND – our church will be open all weekend from Friday 12th Sept to Sunday 14th Sept, inclusive. (**Note the corrected dates**) Please come along and discover more about the 200 year history of our wonderful church building.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION - for our Bicentennial card we would like a design by one of our children. Please use A5 portrait size (will be reduced by 1/2) For printing purposes keep it clear and simple with the background not too dark. Must reflect whole or part of the Nativity. Open to all school age children. **Entries in by 7th September**. Good luck!

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 29th November at St George's, more details to follow in due course.

PASTORAL VISITING TEAM – our mission is to serve the whole Parish by providing support to those in our church family who are housebound or sick and are unable to join us all in church and at events. If you know of any parishioners who would welcome a visit from our team, please do contact me. Email carolpearson@outlook.com or 01257265899.

BICENTENARY BELLS - I am organising a celebration – "Bicentenary Bells!" This takes place on **Saturday 13th September at Noon**. If anyone is interested in learning to ring bells and take part, please contact me. drgibson@outlook.com or 0792 1010 900. Victoria Gibson.

Please remember in your prayers
**Alan Fairclough, Marian Crossthwaite,
 Harold Dunseath, Linda Eubank, Richard Wilk,
 Simon Newell, Margaret Salisbury,
 Norman Whittaker, Hilary Lowe,
 Bob Jackson, Mary Edwards, Dorothy Treadwell**
 also the families of those who have died recently.
Donald Cameron, Brian Mason
 Also for the families of those whose anniversary of death
 falls at this time:
**Robert Newsham, Hilda Williams, Mary Marsden,
 Jane Hodgkinson, Alexander Latham,
 Jack Gilman, Thomas Treadwell, Harry Monk**

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