

✠ 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ✠

200th Bicentenary Year
BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Hebrews 12. 18-19, 22-24*

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCHOOL BAGS BLESSING

Creator God,
we give you thanks for the new start which September brings.
We thank you for schools, colleges and universities, and all who learn, teach and serve in them.
We thank you for places of work, for colleagues and clients, challenges and tasks.
We thank you for the opportunity to learn and grow at every stage; for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.
We bring before you these bags, which through the year to come will carry the tools of learning and working.
We bring to you those days when these bags feel heavy and difficult, and those days when they feel light and easy.
Lord we ask you to bless † these bags, all that they will contain, and your children of all ages who carry them.
Amen



GOSPEL

Luke 19.1-10

Alleluia, alleluia. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PARISH CONTACTS

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✠ ALL SAINTS' CHORLEY ✠

HYMNS

307 Sweet Sacrament divine

186 Tell out my soul

Please remember in your prayers:

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| From our parish: | Our school of All Saints', Mrs. Partington, the staff, and children. |
| For the sick: | Paul Catterall, Linda Eubank, Ken Starkey, Christine Gothard, Michael Baxendale, Pam McLachlan, Linda Carrara, and all the residents of Gillibrand Hall and Coniston House. |
| Recently departed | Bill Baxendale, Jane Dootson |
| Years Mind: | Mary Succamore |

REGULAR SERVICES:

SUNDAY - Family Eucharist, 11.00am Closer, 4.00pm

THURSDAY - Said Eucharist, 10.30am

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY SERVICE – Welcome to this morning's service, as we prepare our children for their new school year and to ask God's blessing upon them.

PASTORAL VISITING TEAM - If you know of any parishioners who would welcome a visit, please do contact me. email: carolpearson@outlook.com or (01257) 265899.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP - for 10 -18 years old meets again on Friday 5th September 5.30-7.00pm, all welcome, speak to Rev Jordan.

LITTLE STEPS TODDLER GROUP - are you a parent, grandparent or carer of a baby or toddler? If so why not come and join our friendly preschool group on a Wednesday morning for play, snacks and praise! We meet at 10:30 - 11:30 in Saint George's church hall. Love to see you there. Elizabeth Wilding

DAMS SHOW – Friday 17th and Saturday 18th October. This year sees an original Revue –“Two Hundred Not Out!” with dances, songs, scenes and sketches, selected or written for this special year. This may also be the largest company to have performed for DAMS; the cast being happily swelled by our All Saints' members.

HARVEST SERVICE ST GEORGE'S – Sunday 14th September, earlier this year, to accommodate the Parade Service. So the Harvest Tea will **not** take place on Saturday 13th September; as this clashes with the Heritage Weekend, (Friday 12th Sept to Sunday 14th Sept.) All Saints Harvest Service is Sunday 28th Sept and so a joint Harvest Tea will be on Saturday 27th September, (a Jacob's Join to be held in St George's Hall.)

HARVEST TEA - as the DAMS, who usually provide entertainment at the Harvest Tea, will be in the middle of rehearsals for their October show, it has been suggested that the floor is open to anyone who wishes to 'put on a show'. It may be a song, a dance, a soliloquy or magic trick, whatever you feel capable of contributing. Please watch this space for more information and get thinking about what you can offer, or speak to Elizabeth Wilding at St George's, or Rachael Anders-Kay at All Saints' who will be co-ordinating this event. Thank you.

VACANCY PRAYER

please use at every service:

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.**