

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Notice sheet for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Proverbs 25.6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
for it is better to be told, 'Come up here,'
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus[a] was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

‘But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him,

“When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

Post 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.

Notices

Sunday 31st August - The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00am – Sung Eucharist – Family Service
(no Junior Church)

Monday 1st September

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
11.30am Funeral of Beryl Neale in Church
4.00-8.00pm Darwen Food Share

Tuesday 2nd September

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
12.00pm Bible Study
6.30pm Bible Study and Eucharist

Wednesday 3rd September

9.00am Morning Prayer in church
10.00am Eucharist

Thursday 4th September

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook

Friday 5th September

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
1.00pm Renewal of Wedding Vows – Beth and Grant

Saturday 6th September

6.00pm Melissa and Tom's wedding movie night
- everyone welcome

Charity collection at Church in September and October – **The Alzheimer's Society**

Dates for your diary – additional details to come nearer the time:

Friday 21st November

1.00pm on - Setting up the Christmas Fair

Saturday 22nd November

10.00am – 2.00pm Christmas Fair

Friday 28th November

7.00pm – 9.00pm Eden Choir Concert

Tuesday 2nd December

7.00pm – 9.00pm - Christmas Quiz

Prayers

For peace in Ukraine, in Gaza, Israel, Iran and the wider Near East: for all those who are suffering as a result of the conflicts there and around the world, and all who are trying to help them; and for the turning of the hearts and minds of the aggressors everywhere from war to peace.

For those who are unwell: Barbara; Rick; Margaret; Leon; Marilyn; Jim; John; Terry; little Lola; John Kevin Griffin; Margaret Seed; Barbara Wong; Margaret; Barbara Woodward; Pauline; Helen; Ron and Cath; little Ophelia and her family; Orla Buck; little Nalla; Joy; Paul; David Entwistle.

If someone's name is on our list for prayers for the sick and such prayers are no longer required, please let Rev Alison or me know. Thanks, Anne.

For those who have died and their loved ones: Beryl Neale;
Irene Sullivan

For those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:

Scarlette Straughton; Jean Auckland

For the parish: for those living and working in: Highfield Mews and Highfield Road.