

✠ 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ✠

200th Bicentenary Year
BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to
ask; but through the merits and mediation of 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.

Jeremiah 18.1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah
This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me. He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.' This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philemon

A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon.
Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother.
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home: I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains.

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Almighty God, give us grace to partake of our Lord and Saviour both in bread and wine, that we may go forth in his power and to his glory. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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✠ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ✠

NOTICES FOR 7TH SEPTEMBER

WELCOME - to everyone as we gather together to hear from God in His word, and to receive God in the Sacrament. This morning we welcome the Choir from St Michael's High School who will be singing for us during Communion.

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BICENTENARY PENS & GLASS MEMENTOS - the St George's special edition Bicentenary Pens and Glass Mementos can be ordered from Netta Walker. Pens: £2 each, or £3.50 for two and £15 for the Glass Mementos.

"HERITAGE OPEN DAYS" – 12th-14th September.

Fri 12th - 11:00am: Talk by Bill Walker: "Thomas Rickman, Architect" 2:30pm: Mayor & Mayoress Visit.

Sat 13th - 11:00am: Talk by David Horsfield: "The Angel Font", 12:00 noon: Continuous Peal of Bells. 12:30pm: Concert by John Hosking, (organist in residence, Blackburn Cathedral.)

Sun 14th – Exhibitions, tailored tours, bell-ringing opportunity, children's quiz, free refreshments throughout, a special year!

HARVEST SERVICE – Sunday 14th September to accommodate the Parade Service. The Harvest Tea will **not** take place on Saturday 13th September; as this clashes with the Heritage Weekend, Friday 12th Sept - 14th Sept) For both churches to celebrate Harvest together, **Harvest Tea** will be on Saturday 27th Sept (Jacob's Join in St George's Hall.) As the DAMS 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 a magic trick, or whatever you feel capable of contributing. For more information speak to Elizabeth Wilding at St George's, or Rachael Anders-Kay at All Saints' who will be co-ordinating this event. Thank you.

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 the church hall. Love to see you there. Elizabeth Wilding.

PASTORAL VISITING TEAM – supports those in our church family who are housebound or sick and cannot get to church. Email carolpearson@outlook.com or call 01257265899.

Our hymns this morning:

Processional **332** I, the Lord of sea and sky
Gradual. **67** Be still, for the presence of the Lord
Offertory **503** O Jesus, I have promised
Communion **St Michaels School Choir**
Post Communion. **305** I danced in the morning

SUNDAY SCHOOL - For your info:- next Sunday we will be in church for our Harvest Parade service.

"TWO HUNDRED NOT OUT!" – Friday 17th and Saturday 18th October. This year sees an original revue – with dances, songs, scenes and sketches, selected or written for this special year. This may also be the largest company ever to have performed for DAMS; the cast being happily swelled by our All Saints' members.

BLESSING OVER THE SCHOOL BAGS:

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

Please remember in your prayers
Alan Fairclough, Marian Crossthwaite,
Harold Dunseath, Linda Eubank, Richard Wilk,
Simon Newell, Margaret Salisbury, John Hobbs
Norman Whittaker, Dorothy Treadwell.
also the families of those who have died recently.
Bill Baxendale, Jane Dootson, Hilary Lowe,
Steven Bound, Mary Edwards
Also for those whose years' mind falls at this time:
Elsie Gilman, Michael Bond, Harold Grime,
Lucy Fairclough, Joan Jamieson



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.

