



3rd SUNDAY after TRINITY ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 21st June 2026

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 21:8-21)

A reading from the book of Genesis:

The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring." Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she began to sob. God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

(Romans 5.1-8)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like

his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL.

Alleluia, alleluia, My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Matthew 10:24-39)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

"The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn: 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law — a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AT THE ALTAR

Lord Jesus, as we come to your altar, refresh us with your body and blood. Take away our fear, strengthen our faith, and help us to follow you. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.



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NOTICES for 21st June 2026

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TODAY IS THE DEADLINE - for material for the July/August edition of The Messenger. Contributions please to acvgibson@outlook.com or to Chris Gibson.

FURNESS ABBEY TRIP – 27TH JUNE please note, we will depart from the Church Hall car park at **9:00am**. The balance payment of £9:50p will be required please. There is still one more place available, please contact Graham Dickinson (choir)

DEFIBRILLATOR – we are pleased to announce that a new defibrillator has been fitted to the outside wall of the Church Hall. This has been paid for by a generous donation from a parishioner. Sara Shingler and Hilary Wilby (choir members) are the nominated guardians for the defibrillator and can provide information on how to access the machine in the event of someone having a cardiac arrest. Training is currently being sought.

NMOP - June is the **National Month Of Prayer** for Toddler Groups, this year's theme being - God is my shepherd. Please pray for our Little Steps group that meets in the hall on Wednesday mornings in term time from 10:30 to 11:45am. Pray for all the babies, toddlers and their families as well as the group leaders and helpers. Why not come and join our Toddler friendly Eucharist in the hall on Wednesday 10th June.

WALKING DAY (WALK OF WITNESS) – is next Sunday 28th June - we gather as usual in Cunliffe Street at 12:00 noon and make our way to Astley Park for an act of Worship. If the weather is inclement, we will be holding the worship inside at Living Waters Church on Bolton Street.

YOUTH CLUB, ALL SAINTS' CHURCH – meets every Friday from 5:30pm till around 7:00pm. Games, music and fun! If you're in Year Six or above, this is the place for you on a Friday evening! Hosted by Peter Gaskell our Youth Worker & Fr Jordan.

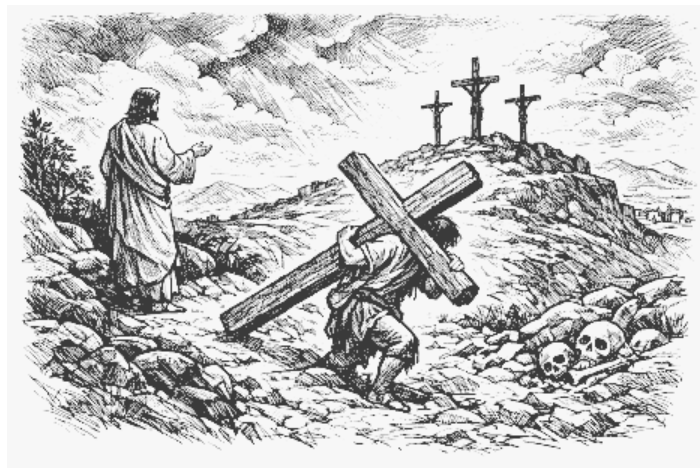
SAVE THE DATE! - our new incumbent, Rev Toby Webber will be instituted and inducted as our next vicar in St George's church on Wednesday 29th July at 7:30pm. Please make every effort to attend and welcome Toby and his family to our parish.

Our hymns this morning:

Processional **667** The strife is o'er, the battle done
Gradual **169** Fight the good fight
Offertory **626** Take up thy Cross, the Saviour said
Communion **Choir** Ogden – Teach us, good Lord
472 Now let us from this table rise
8 Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord
Post Comm **573** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

TODAY IS FATHERS' DAY! Please remember all fathers, dads, pops, daddies etc. in your prayers today, and give thanks especially for our Heavenly Father.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY! - Come and join us on Tuesday 28th July, between 10:30am- 2:00pm and enjoy bouncy castles, water fights, face painting, glitter tattoos, food and other activities for ALL ages at **All Saints' School**. The day will end with a service led by Bishop Philip in All Saints' Church. If you would like to support or help at the event, please contact Fr Jordan on 07450269010. Thank you.



"Take up thy cross," the saviour said

Please remember in your prayers:

**Marian Crossthwaite, Harold Dunseath,
Linda Eubank, Jonathan Yates, Simon Newell,
Margaret Salisbury, Dorothy Treadwell,
Marjorie Baxendale, Audrey Clark, Kanwal**

The recently departed:

Annmarie Cornwell

Also for those whose years' mind falls at this time:

**Marjorie Darbyshire, Marjorie Fairclough,
Ernest Bagshaw, Zena Kershaw**

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