

We pray for those in conflict all around the world. May you bring peace to the innocent and patience to these leaders as there can be harmony and love between us all if the right steps are made. May help be given to those who need it, love be given to those who may have lost it and life to all who feel stuck in darkness. Today, we especially pray for those who have lost their lives, or a loved one during the Venezuela earthquakes. We pray that the families who have been impacted by this event are supported by you in this time of struggle.

We pray for those who may be grieving as anniversaries of lost loved ones come around. We pray that during this difficult time, this feeling of sadness will be overcome by mindfulness. May this come in form of memories, future joys, or simply your everlasting love.



During the service, we pass around a collection plate for donations. These help us keep our church open and our work in the community going. If you would prefer to donate by card, please use this QR code, or the machine at the back of the church.

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St Mary's Church, Banbury SUNDAY SERVICE PEW SHEET

God's love transforming lives

SUNDAY 5th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to this service

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest"

Matthew 11.28

10am Embracing Church Parish Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching: Revd. Sarah Cotterill

Reading: Montell Interceding: Mikayla

HYMNS

Here for you (let our praise be your welcome)

805 There is a Redeemer

732 My Jesus, my Saviour

427 Behold the Lamb

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

COLLECT

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of you Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

FIRST READING: Romans 7.15-25a

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Jesus said, "To what can I compare this generation? It is like children playing a game in the public square. They complain to their friends, 'We played wedding songs, and you didn't dance, so we played funeral songs, and you didn't mourn.' For John didn't spend his time eating and drinking, and you say, 'He's possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax

collectors and other sinners!' But wisdom is shown to be right by its results." At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way! "My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

Loving father, we pray for our church and christian community. We pray that everyone who worships you will always find hope in you, light in life, and courage in times of darkness. We pray Lord that today and the rest of our lives will be held in your hands, for you to guide it and fill it with hope, happiness, and joy.

Lord we pray for those who are suffering mentally, physically and spiritually. Allow them to feel comfort in your presence and please give them your love to aid them in anyway which is needed, and give them the hope and strength to persevere in troubled times, for the hope and strength you give us is greater than any we could ever receive.