



6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 12TH JULY 2026

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 25.19-34)

A reading from the book of Genesis:
This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. The Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

(Romans 8:1-11)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:
Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with

the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL.

(Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23)

Alleluia, alleluia, Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear." "Listen then to what the parable of the Sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

'He told them many things in parables...'



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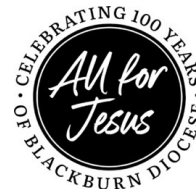
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Our hymns:

407 Lord, thy word abideth
466 Thou, whose almighty word

Please remember in your prayers:

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 & Michael McLachlan, Linda Carrara, Sandra & Mike Downey, Anita Campbell, Norman & Brenda Riley, and all the residents of Gillibrand Hall and Coniston House.
Recently departed	Hilda Hirst, Jean Hodgkinson, Audrey Clark
Years Mind:	Marion Hughes, David Bradley, James Ollerton, Alice Ollerton, Sheila Dyer, Valerie Staziker

REGULAR SERVICES:

SUNDAY - Family Eucharist, 11.00am Closer, 4.00pm

THURSDAY - Said Eucharist, 10.30am

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 12th July 2026

FR JORDAN'S LAST SERVICE – as you may now be aware, Fr Jordan is leaving us to be the vicar of a new parish of Accrington St Paul's & St John the Baptist, Baxenden. His last service here at All Saints will be the 11:00am Eucharist on Sunday 2nd August.

SAVE THE DATE! - our new incumbent, Rev Toby Webber will be instituted and inducted as our new 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. **HELP NEEDED!** – after our new vicar is inducted, we will be serving drinks and cakes after the 7:30pm service on 29th July in the Church Hall. Please, can you help!? Please contact the Wardens with offers of homemade cakes and / or help on the night. *Thank you, The Mothers' Union.* (please contact Barabra Horsfield for more information.)

THIS YEAR'S HARVEST TEA – ST GEORGE'S HALL - will take place on 26th September, we are planning to perform two short sketches along with a selection of show tunes. If any children or adults would like to take part, or even perform something on their own or with someone else, we would love to hear from you. There will be an initial get together on Sunday 2nd August at 5.15pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more. Hope to see plenty of you there. *Cath Jolly.*

THE MESSENGER JULY / AUGUST – this edition of the magazine has a letter of introduction from our new vicar Revd Toby Webber. Issues available online as well. Follow this link:

https://www.stgeorgechorley.co.uk/assets/pdf/July_Aug2.pdf

YOUTH CLUB, ALL SAINTS' CHURCH – meets every Friday 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! Led by Pete Gaskell our Youth Worker & Fr Jordan.

