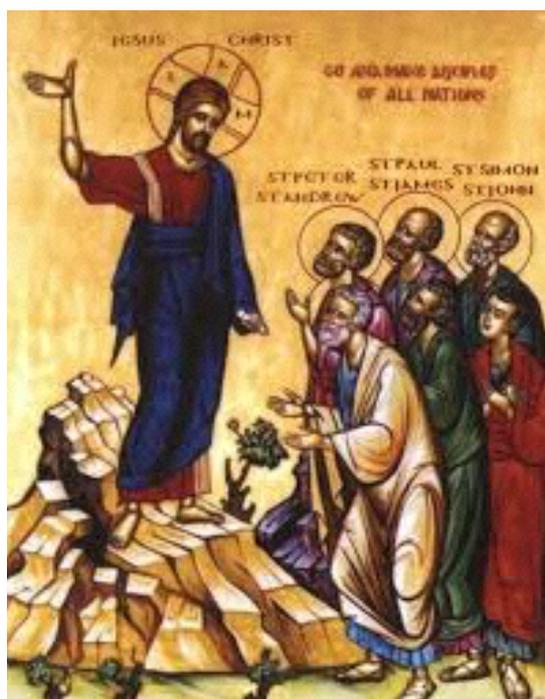


St Mary and All Saints, Dunsfold
Sunday, June 14, 2020

ePEWS NEWS

YOU MAY BE AT HOME BUT YOU'RE
STILL IN TOUCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Jesus summoned the 12 disciples and said: "Go and make disciples of all nations."

COLLECT FOR 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READINGS:

OT: Genesis 18: 1-15

NT: Romans 5: 1-8

GOSPEL: Matthew 9: 35 - 10:8

WE'RE BACK...WELL ALMOST!

All of you will be delighted by the government's announcement that we have permission to work on reopening our churches.

It won't be a case of just throwing open the doors and resuming services. The limitations initially will be for supervised private prayer and funerals with restricted numbers.

Church of England bishops have said that allowing funerals inside was in line with guidance from Public Health England.

A deep clean will have to be undertaken which is scheduled to take place in the next few days. We will also need to agree a strategic plan on supervising the church when open for private prayer. We will report on this to you.

Aware that this is very much work in progress, Reverend Ian Maslin said: "We are delighted the Church of England has allowed church buildings, when appropriately prepared, to be available for private prayer. This is very welcome news.

"But we have to ensure that our two beautiful buildings are, and remain, a safe environment for people to visit during the pandemic. The Church Wardens and I will be working to ensure that this is indeed the case and we hope to have St Mary & All Saints and St Peter's made ready in the coming week. When this is done, and only when we feel it is safe to do so, we shall announce that our churches are open for private prayer."

We are mindful that several of the people on our rota of cleaners are either over 70 or on the "at risk" list. We do not want them to take any risks with their long-term welfare.

However, we will need a new cleaning rota. If you are happy to volunteer and ensure we can keep our church open please contact Hazel Wiltshire on 01403 753847 or hazelwiltshire@talktalk.net
Thank you.

DUNSFOLD CHURCH COMMUNITY

We have a team of volunteers undertaking shopping missions for those whose movements are limited.

If you feel lonely or afraid or perhaps just need help with shopping, please call on any of the names listed here for help.

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**REFLECTIONS ON THE
GOSPEL READING BY
REVEREND IAN MASLIN**

Jesus draws an essential connection between His preaching of the kingdom and the healing of the whole person.

The context for His sending out of the disciples is His distress at the state of the crowds who have come to Him with their many needs. They are described in Matthew 9:36, as “harassed and helpless”, a fair description of the occupants of a hospital’s busy ward, Covid ward or not.

As our wonderful NHS is currently stretched to the limit Jesus also complains to His disciples that there are not enough labourers to work at healing their ill.

In response He calls them together and gives them a special commission. To begin with, he doesn’t send them to the world at large, but to their own people, the people of Israel. He did this to fulfil the promises of the Old Testament, a promise that included that of the Father who would bear them up on eagles’ wings, watch over them, guard them forever and make them a consecrated nation.

For us today such language may seem rather detached or fanciful when we are faced with the problems of daily life, especially the current pandemic.

But what Jesus is asking of His disciples is more down to earth. In order to preach the kingdom, they must first of all offer healing, whether of ‘evil spirits’ or of the physical ailments which affect those they meet.

To preach the kingdom is to offer healing of the whole person. The power to do this can come only from Christ Himself.

The Church has always been involved with physical as well as a spiritual healing. Medieval monasteries began the care which was later taken up by the great nursing orders, the forerunners of today’s medical services.

Since the State and private business have taken over the provision of physical care, the Church’s role has become directed towards the “inner” person, through chaplaincy provision and pastoral visiting.

Disappointment with the depersonalisation in many areas of medicine today and the apparent split between physical and spiritual care has led to a higher profile for alternative methods of healing. Homeopathy, acupuncture, shiatsu, reflexology to name but a few profess to combine the two aspects of healing.

The search for elements not provided by common medical practice may stem from people feeling that their whole person is not being addressed, even though we know that mind, body and spirit interact all the time.

We could say that the kingdom is not being preached as Jesus intended. Society is failing to bring people the

fullest healing available to them. How do we remedy this?

First by lobbying those who have power to reassess and change systems within our society. But also ensuring that we treat our brothers and sisters as whole people, precious in their totality, not just the bits of them that we can cope with.

Our work is to bring Christ’s wholeness to all people, regardless of difference, becoming His true disciples, bringing the kingdom to all those that we meet, especially the “harassed and helpless”

Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

CHURCH: The work going on to safely reopen churches throughout our land and especially here in Dunsfold.

WORLD: We pray that our Lord will send His Spirit to touch the hearts and minds of the world’s leaders and give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it.

THE SICK: Amanda and Hugh, Sandra Baxter-Brown, Barbara and Des Crabb, Jenny Glover, Henry, Sally Rivett, Sue Simper, Jackie Williams, Christine Woof, Judy Bolt, Sue and Dennis Evans, Peter Hutley, Sally Davis, Lorna Thompson, Francesca, Paul Wiltshire, Sami Bennewith, Dru Ridley.

THE DEPARTED: Sue Bowden

HOW TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

Major income streams have been denied your church during the coronavirus lockdown. We appreciate many people and families are facing their own challenges at this time but if you feel able to make a donation or take up regular giving please either contact our treasurer John Gray at treasurer@dunsfold.co.uk or you can make a donation to our account which is:

Account name: Dunsfold PCC
Sort code: 30 94 41 Account number: 01828639

Thank you.

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Please follow church news and our prayer for the day at www.achurchnearyou/dunsfold. And if you have friends who wish to be subscribers to ePews News ask them to email davidwalker2020@hotmail.co.uk

The number of people watching videos of church services and visiting our website during the lockdown has rocketed. In the past year there have been almost 12,000 visits to www.achurchnearyou/dunsfold. And we set a new record in the past week with over 700 visits. Great news.

