

Please remember in your prayers...

Those with health concerns... Bill Collins, Heather Guerke, Robert Saunders, Beryl Shaw, Margaret Stephens, Jiemei Clarke, Lucy Mills, Colin Mawdsley, Elizabeth Harris, Karen Stefan, Elaine Brennan, Christine Frost, Ian Massey, Lowen Castaignos and Louise Bennett.

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Alfred Myles, David Walker, Barry Mason Taylor, Norman Dickenson, Gladys Young, Harry Hindley, Grace Hodgkinson, Richard Wilkinson-Lowe, Keith Challinor, Lois Bolton, Hector Richard Mawdsley and Margaret Wilkinson

Also for all who live in Glen Close.

Thanks to all who supported our strawberry afternoon tea in Church House yesterday.

Our PCC will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2.0pm. If you have any concerns for discussion please talk to our secretary, Roy.

Sadly, next Sunday will be Bob's last with us as our priest in charge. Please keep him in your prayers as he completes his ministry here.



Weekly News Sheet

July 12: Trinity 6 Sea Sunday

This morning's hymns are...

293 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

James Edmeston wrote this hymn which has long been a popular choice of wedding couples. Edmeston wrote 2,000 hymns and also taught the architect Gilbert Scott whose grandson designed our cathedral.

124 Father of heaven

Rev Edward Cooper based this majestic hymn on the litany in the Book of Common Prayer. The tune was written by John Bacchus Dykes, one of the most prolific of Victorian hymn tune composers. He was an innovative precentor of Durham Cathedral.

114 Eternal Father, strong to save

The poet William Whiting wrote this stirring hymn which is well used by both the Royal and United States navies, and like our first hymn, it is appropriate for Sea Sunday.

354 Now thank we all our God

This hymn was composed by Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran pastor, in the early 17th century, during the devastating 30 Years' War, a time marked by widespread suffering, famine, and disease. Despite the hardships he faced, including officiating at numerous funerals during a plague, Rinkart's hymn reflects a profound faith and gratitude towards God.

Romans 8 1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin he condemned sin in the flesh so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh you are in the Spirit since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. This the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Matthew 13 1-9,18-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow and as he sowed some seeds fell on the path and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground where they did not have much soil and they sprang up quickly since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some 60, some 30. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another 60, and in another 30.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ