

Readings for the First Sunday after Trinity – 14th June 2020

Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

DAILY HOPE

The free national phone line launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury is available 24 hours a day on **0800 8048044**. Daily Hope offers music, prayer and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone phone line and has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

White Horse Team Ministry Sunday Service

For those who are unable to join the services on a computer, tablet or Ipad you can now join services by phone only. Ring between 9.50 and 10.00am on Sunday 14th June to join the Service.

Dial **0203 051 2874** or **0203 481 5237** or **0203 481 5240**. You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID – this week it will be **516 643 3624** followed by #. You will be prompted to enter your unique participant ID. This is not required so Press # to skip.

You will then be asked to enter the password. This week it is **1873** followed by #. You will then be connected to the service and will be able to hear Melanie who will be hosting the service this week.



Café Church this Sunday

For those who wish to join Café Church [usually held at Westbury Junior School] Dial one of the numbers above.

The meeting ID is **895 9871 9284**

Password Breakfast

Ashley has asked people to bring something they would take on a journey and something they can unwrap eg. an orange or a parcel ideally with a few layers. All will be revealed in Café Church.

All readings are taken from NRSV

Readings for next Sunday
Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-end
Reading: Romans 6:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Reflection for the First Sunday after Trinity – 14th June 2020

Jesus offers healing and salvation to all. Matthew 9:35-10:8

I expect we've all seen the stories on the TV of the survivors of Covid 19 who leave hospital after several weeks of intense medical treatment. Doctors and nurses line the ward and cheer and clap as they are wheeled out. They are interviewed afterwards and say how utterly exhausted they are. They may have recovered physically and won the battle of the disease but the war is not over as they go home to rest and recuperate, mentally, spiritually and emotionally. These are moving stories and perhaps you think, as I do, there but for the grace of God go I.

This week we hear about Jesus' ministry on earth. It is summarised in the opening verses of our gospel reading. *Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, curing every disease and every sickness.* How we must wish that Jesus were here among us now -teaching, preaching, and curing every disease and sickness. Jesus' ministry was about caring for the whole person. It wasn't just about healing the symptoms of a sickness or disease. So often he said to someone: *Your faith has healed you. Go in peace.* Jesus had compassion on the people, and he looked at his disciples and summoned them to go out and replicate what he had been doing. He gave them authority to proclaim the good news of the kingdom: curing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing the lepers and casting out demons. He calls his disciples to take on the role that he has shown them many times. He gives them his authority and tells them to go and get on with it.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to follow in his footsteps: to show care and compassion for those who are, as he puts it, *harassed and helpless*, and to bring them healing and wholeness of body, mind and spirit. He makes it look easy, but we all know it isn't, on our own. There are all sorts of difficulties and obstacles in the way, from our own lack of confidence and courage, to those who are indifferent, apathetic or hostile to our efforts. But, as we were hearing only two weeks' ago at Pentecost, Jesus gives us his Spirit to be at work in us, to give us the words to say, and the authority to act in his name. He longs for his salvation, in body, mind and spirit to be given to all.

It has been wonderful, over the last couple of months, to see the ways in which different people have risen to the challenge and the call to go out into our communities and bring God's love and compassion to those in our communities who are feeling *harassed and helpless*. We've seen people step up into new roles as Telephone Buddies, and Practical People. We've seen a whole bunch of volunteers respond to the Town Council's call to

take food parcels out to those who need them and be a listening ear on the phone line. Our church buildings may be closed, but the church is very much alive and active and at work in our communities.

It's been amazing to see how quickly churches like ours have responded to the new situation thrust upon us and which has gone on for longer than many of us thought. Much of what I hear about in the church press is about how this current time is rather like a modern-day "reformation" of the church. We might have thought at the beginning that it was a brief blip before we can get back to normal. But many churches are seeing this as an opportunity to establish new patterns and forms of worship, new ways of relating to their local communities, new ways of reaching new people through the technology we've had to get to grips with so quickly. It may feel rather scary and unfamiliar, but so it was for Jesus' first disciples when they were sent out on their first mission. They were stepping out into the great unknown and yet because of what they did in those early days of the church, so the gospel of Jesus Christ spread throughout the world, and here we are worshipping him on Zoom from our homes! Who would have thought it a few months ago?

I pray that we might be open to the new opportunities in the future to bring God's healing, love and salvation to all as we look to the future with hope and confidence.

Rebecca Harris

Morning Prayer - Open to all

The WH Team Clergy would like to invite you to join them in Morning Prayer each Wednesday at 9am. The waiting room will be open from 8.50am. We will start promptly at 9am finishing by 9.45am. This will be a regular occurrence therefore keeping the same joining details each week. Telephone users join as above but using these numbers

Meeting ID: **868 9202 4324**

Password: **Devotion**

The church may be closed but we will still need to pay our Parish Share, utilities and insurance expenses as well as other unavoidable costs.

Please continue to make your offering as usual.

Thank you for your continued support



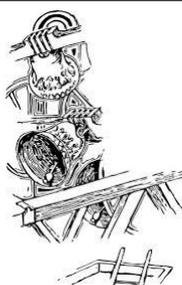
Launched at Pentecost 2019 the members of Holy Trinity Church and other volunteers have, each month, said prayers for the residents and workers of specific roads in the village. Cards were delivered to the residences in the chosen roads for the months that showed how to make contact for individual prayers or needs. Although we are not able to deliver cards, or offer the full service, for this Mission at the moment we still want to include the Roads and the people therein, more than ever, now. So between 14th June and 11th July we will be praying for all those living and working in Park Road and the Hollow in Dilton Marsh.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Through the prayer and loving service of your Church, may we and all in this community draw closer to you, and so find Roads To God in this place.

We ask this in your name and for your sake. Amen



“Virtual bell-ringing” – a friend of Rebecca is a keen bell-ringer and during the lockdown has been teaching new bell-ringers “the ropes” through virtual bell-ringing online! They have offered to ring virtually this Sunday morning before our service at 10.00 am. They will ring Call Changes (called up) and Plain Hunt (for those of you who understand these things!). Unfortunately, we won’t hear them ringing, but they are doing this for us. If any bell-ringers would like to join in, please get in touch with me in advance and I can give you the joining instructions on Zoom. (We look forward to the day when we can hear our own bells ringing for real!)

RE-OPENING OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Following the government announcement on 6 June that churches can open for private prayer and further guidance from the Church of England we are preparing to open All Saints’ Church, Westbury and Holy Trinity, Dilton Marsh on a limited basis from **Saturday 20 June 2020**.

For the time being Holy Saviour, Westbury Leigh and The Tin Church (All Saints’), Brokerswood **will remain closed**.

Both churches will be open on **Wednesday** and **Saturday** each week from 10am – 12 noon. **This will start on Saturday 20 June**.

For everybody’s safety these sessions will be supervised by church volunteers and we will ask you to follow our hygiene regime.

If you are able to support us by volunteering during this time please contact either Garth Brocksopp at Holy Trinity or Beth Thomas at All Saints’ Church.

We will be asking you to maintain a 2m distance between others in the building and you may be asked to wait if the Church is busy. You will be asked to sanitise your hands before entering the church and only certain areas will be accessible. However, you will be able to light a candle and sit for private prayer.

We will be cleaning throughout the session to ensure everyone’s safety.

The toilets will NOT be available.

This limited opening is designed to provide an opportunity for those who have missed the experience of praying in our beautiful churches. We will be monitoring and evaluating as we go so please let us have your feedback. As the current situation is constantly changing please sign up to our e-newsletter for regular updates or follow our [Facebook pages](#). And they will be given on the weekly printed news sheet

For everyone’s safety and protection, we need to ask that the church remains unused and locked in-between sessions without prior agreement from the Team Rector, Team Vicar or Churchwardens.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Saying Yes to Life Next Tuesday will be the last session of our discussion group *Saying Yes to Life* when we shall be thinking about *Let the land produce living creatures and let us make humankind in our image*. If anyone would like to join us, please contact Rebecca directly and she will send you the joining instructions for Zoom. When the course is finished, she put on another Zoom social for the following week.

Questions of faith... Over the past two months or so, many of us have been thinking about faith and how much we miss being able to gather together as the church. We have been asking questions of God, asking questions about faith, and some have been wondering about developing their own faith journey by thinking about Holy Communion and confirmation. If you have questions and would like to explore whether these might be the next steps for you in your journey of faith tel Rev'd Caroline on 596104 or email teamvicar@whtministry.org.uk to take this further.

Dear Friends, During the past 12 weeks or so, our emotions have been on a bit of a roller coaster ride with all the events and news that the pandemic has brought, alongside those we have also experienced personal losses and difficulties. Health and well-being is something that I feel very passionate about and would like to encourage you to explore this website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-mental-health> for information and support that may be helpful to you and to those whom you know. It has a range of information and advice that may be helpful. Please also remember that our clergy team are also here to support you and you (and your neighbours) are welcome to phone or email us at anytime. Please be assured that we are holding you all in our prayers as we gather each day via zoom. If you have particular prayer requests, we have two prayer teams who are ready and willing to pray for you and your situation - please email the clergy who will contact the prayer teams. Please be assured of confidentiality -no one will gossip about your situation or even ask you how you are (only those to whom you have shared the situation with).

Rev'd Caroline Husband

Volunteers needed!

As you will have read elsewhere we are looking for a small number of people to assist in opening **Holy Trinity** and **All Saints'** twice a week for 2 hours.

The commitment will be from 9.30 - 12.30 and you will be given full briefing and PPE supplies.

If you are **not** one of the categories of vulnerable people and can spare a few hours every couple of weeks or so please contact either Garth or Beth to find out more.



Rev'd Caroline Husband invites you to a Zoom coffee morning on Tuesday at 11 o'clock

Bring your own coffee, or tea, and cake.

Meeting ID: **872 9260 6606**

Password: **fellowship**

A few of us have been talking about making some time during this strange phenomena of the pandemic and rather than focusing on all that is strange would like to see the opportunities instead. An opportunity has arisen to join Hopeweavers for a very special quiet day via zoom. Hopeweavers are a small dispersed community that encourage us to explore and experiment in the Presence of God and thus recover our more creative sides. There are a small number of places available for the 18th June, if you would like to join but all spaces are taken do let me know as it may be possible to have another date. You will need to supply your own crafting materials at this time -time to finish that project you started a while ago, perhaps? Hopeweavers.co.uk weaving hope into every day

Your views wanted - Life After Lockdown – by Friday 26th June

The White Horse Leadership Team have been thinking about the losses and gains during 'Lockdown' and what our experiences will mean to us as we begin to plan for reopening our churches once more. Life is unlikely to be the same for some time and as we begin to plan for 'life after Lockdown', we are interested to hear from you about your experiences during the past few weeks and your thoughts on the future.

Four questions....

1. What have we gained in lockdown that we want to keep?
2. What have we gained in lockdown that we want to lose?
3. What have we lost in lockdown that we want to return to?
4. What have we lost in lockdown that we are happy to see the back off?

Why not [complete our questionnaire](#) and complete it? Or just email your response to us. When you've completed it please either email it to office@whtministry.org.uk or pop it into the Parish Office post box or post it to Team Office, Parish Hall, Church Lane, Westbury, BA13 3BT