

Readings for the Second Sunday after Trinity – 21st June 2020

Collect

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-end

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Reading: Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly

be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!" "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

All readings are taken from NRSV
Readings for next Sunday
Psalm 89:1-4,15-19
Readings: Romans 6:12-23
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

White Horse Team Ministry Sunday Service Worship Café style

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 21st 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 Rebecca who will be hosting the service this week.

DAILY HOPE

The free national phone line launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury is available 24 hours a day on **0800 8048044**

Reflection for the Second Sunday after Trinity – 21st June 2020

Jumping into the Wheelbarrow

During this time of lockdown and shielding, I have been sorting out my office (boy did it need it) and came across a list I made on my 40th birthday of things I was going to do by the time I was fifty.

The list went as follows

Learn to play the piano properly

Build my model railway

Relearn a foreign language – French or German

Research my Grandads war record in WW1

Lose weight and get fit

How many do you think I completed.

Well I utterly failed at the first three the piano remains unplayed, the railway still has no railway and the language books are still on the shelf – it is only in lockdown I have lost weight so half a credit as I have over the years done various exercise regimes (Swimming, Badminton, Aquafit and now Joe Wicks)

I am still researching Grandpa so may be one and a half credits completed in 20 years!!! You can decide.

But it got me thinking about what we mean when we say we are Christians – followers/disciples of Jesus. Do we in one sense just tick the box saying we've read the terms and conditions and accept them and carry on as we always have or does it actually something more to be a disciple of Jesus In today's Gospel Jesus lays it on the line to his disciples what it means to be a disciple. He doesn't mince his words. It would not be an easy ride and would come at a cost. (Discrimination v24, bullying, persecution v26, friends and family disagreeing with what you believe and stand for v 34-37)

We may not face the same persecution, suffering, alienation and challenges that the disciples would and did face. However being a disciple today brings its own challenges and pressures. On TV and the internet we are constantly bombarded with lifestyle choices, moral choices, F.O.M.O. (Fear of Missing Out) that all cause God to be squeezed out of our lives.

It is like we have a jar into which we first place some stones to represent God and then add some gravel (family) sand (work) water (everything else) Everything fits in and fits together with the stones at its core. Just as if we have God/Jesus at the core of our lives the rest of our life will fit together. But if we put the gravel, sand and water in first we can easily find there is no room for the stones – no room for God.

So how do we put God at the centre of our lives – be a true disciple of Jesus.

In my preparation I came across the idea of taking the letters of the word DISCIPLE and use each letter to describe a quality that is needed to be a disciple of Jesus

D - Decision Discipline

I -

S -

C -

I -

P-

L- Love

E – Evangelise (Speak out about God)

I will leave you to fill in the rest.

For me as I reflected on the letters, the most important were and L for Love and D for Decision As the middle of our passage shows God cares about every part of our lives – no matter how big or small. The word used in verse 29 of the Gospel for 'Fall' in the Greek and Aramaic (the Hebrew used in Jesus's time) is not 'falling to the ground and never getting up again (e.g. death) but describes the moment when the sparrow lands on the ground and then quickly takes off again. In the past few weeks it seems our garden has become a mini Heathrow for sparrows with countless birds landing and taking off. Jesus says if God cares about a bird as small as a sparrow and every part of its life (its landings and take offs), we can be confident and sure that there is no aspect of our life that God does not care about. It is a **L** -Love that is constant, unconditional and never ending.

So where does the wheelbarrow fit in.

Well in 1859, the famous tightrope artist Blondin spanned a tightrope across the Niagara Falls from the USA to Canada. He then proceeded to walk across it with a wheelbarrow in front of him. Having reached the other side, he stepped down to the applause of the crowd.

He went up to members of the crowd and asked: "Do you believe that I can walk back on that rope without falling off?"

"Yes" they each replied.

"Do you really believe I can make" he asked.

"Yes" they replied. "We've just seen you do it"

"Then" said Blondin "Get in the wheelbarrow we are going back across".

"Oh no" they replied "It is far too dangerous".

They believe he could do it – but they wouldn't TRUST him.

This is the difference between simply a believer and being a disciple.

We might believe in the existence of God.

We might believe that we are sinners and that Christ died to save us from our sins

We might believe he rose again and is alive

But in the Bible belief is more – it means action making a **D** – Decision

It is about trusting God with our lives

It means making a decision to committing each day to be a disciple and all that that entails

It is not just ticking the box to say we have read and accepted the terms and conditions and going on as we have before.

It means getting into the wheelbarrow.

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 will be opening All Saints' Church, Westbury and Holy Trinity, Dilton Marsh on a limited basis.

This will start on Saturday 20 June. Both churches will be open from 10am – 12 noon. **If more people are able to volunteer then it is hoped to also open the churches on a Wednesday.** (For the time being Holy Saviour, Westbury Leigh and The Tin Church (All Saints'), Brokerswood will remain closed.)

For everybody's safety these sessions will be supervised by church volunteers and we will ask you to follow our hygiene regime. 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, they will also be given on the weekly printed news sheet. 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.

**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.**

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**



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

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.

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

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



**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**



**Rebecca invites you a Zoom
Afternoon Social Gathering
on Wednesday 24th June
2pm – 3pm**

Bring your own tea and cake!

Meeting ID: **516 643 3624**
Password: **20200624**

Message from Crosspoint

To all our Crosspoint Friends and Volunteers

We hope that you are keeping safe and finding enough to do in this strange time. Crosspoint has been in lockdown itself due to the coronavirus. However, our friends at the Westbury Town Council have taken on board the challenge of providing emergency food. As the Government guidelines change we have been looking at how Crosspoint can reopen. In partnership with the Westbury Town Council we are looking at using Crosspoint as the emergency food distribution point from mid July onward. We are also starting a chatline for those in need of help.

- From mid-July we will be looking for car drivers who can pick up food from Aldi at 10am each day and take to Crosspoint. The council have one volunteer already doing this who is happy to continue to do three days a week. Starting at the same time on Mondays and Thursdays we will need two packers at Crosspoint between 10-12a.m. to pack the food and receive any donations of food from the public. On the Mondays and Friday's drivers will be needed to help with the delivering of the food to clients. The time for this will be 11-12 a.m. There is the possibility of a 45p a mile allowance for people using their vehicles.
- We will be starting a helpline on the Crosspoint phone line Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2pm for two hours. Volunteers can come into Crosspoint for that time or the phone can be diverted to your home number. We will be providing crib sheets for this. There will also be a separate time/day slot operated by the Westbury Churches for those needing spiritual guidance and prayer. This will be run by the Churches.

If you think you can be involved please speak to Len on 01373 827364 or 07769277689 or you can email back on the Crosspoint email info@crosspoint-westbury.co.uk

HOLY TRINITY 100 CLUB 2020/21

You are invited to renew your 100 Club membership for the new year, which in fact started in May 2020. We will make the May, June and July draws after the Zoom Sunday service on 5th July 2020. I hope you can help support our church during this lean time and also good luck for winning!!

Please respond to this letter, by post or email, to say whether or not you are joining us for the year. Please send £15.00 payment, by post* or online, before 30th June 2020. You are invited to join us for coffee, after the Zoom service, on the first Sunday of the month to witness the draw.**

Please post to –

*Mr Cliff Husband, The Vicarage, Dilton Marsh, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4BU

Please pay online to:-

**Holy Trinity Church PCC,

Barclays 20-05-06 Account 70322636

Please use 'Name & 100 Club' as

reference and email suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com

to let me know this has been done. You will be entered into all the draws when payment is received before 30th June 2020.

You will receive your cards by post in due course.

However, if you are happy just to be called or emailed with your Ticket number, advise in the letters/emails, that will save the church postage and envelopes.

You are invited to join Holy Trinity's Challenge for 2020 - from your home!!!



Creative Challenge 2020 & Winter Exhibition & Sale

Choice of 12 Different Categories. Maybe something to reflect the unprecedented time we find ourselves in? Entry £5.00 per item, per category - by cheque or bank transfer with entry form. **Closing date for Entry forms is 30th June 2020**—You may enter more than one category. The winners and runners up will be chosen by the clergy team. Gold, Silver & Bronze certificates. **Closing date for completed items 17th November 2020**

CATEGORIES

1. Upcycled 2. Renovation 3. Original Poetry
4. Original Prose 5. Drawing 6. Painting
7. Knitting/Crochet 8. Arts & Crafts 9. Photo:
Year 2020 10. Photo: Nature 11. Photo:
Architecture 12. Woodwork
One entry form per category item entered.

For more details and an entry form contact Sue Stanley or Cliff Husband