

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

19th June 2022 – First Sunday after Trinity – Proper 7

FORTHCOMING GUEST...



Pastor Pete Cunningham of the Green Pastures charity, 10th July @ 9.30am and 11am.

You may remember a few years ago, when Archbishop Justin made his vow to out-compete the payday lender Wonga. At the same time, the church had a big push on credit unions and other social

enterprises. One of the charities to which the Archbishop and others drew attention was *Green Pastures*, a Christian charity and social enterprise, regulated by the FCA, which started in Southport and now has a national reach providing housing for those who struggle to afford it. I was really struck by the way in which they work: both partnering with local churches and also providing ethical investments that fund housing projects.

Various members of my family, including those of no faith, have been investors in Green Pastures ever since.

We're really fortunate to be able to welcome Pastor Pete to both our morning services on 10th July. He is a renowned preacher, and will stay with us after the Broughton service to talk more about the work of Green Pastures. We will organise a buffet.

Please do your utmost to attend one of the morning services on 10th July. This really is an exceptional opportunity that we can't provide very often. Please also promote it to friends at other churches, or outside the church, who may have a heart for housing people.

You can find out more about the work of Green Pastures on their website or on YouTube:

<https://www.greenpastures.net/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/housingthehomeless>

For more information you can speak to Stephen, or to Julie Robinson-Judd in Kirkby.

This Week

Wednesday

11.30am – Holy Communion, Broughton Mills followed by refreshments.

7.30pm – Youth Group, Broughton Methodist Church

Thursday

9am – Coffee, Broughton Methodist Church

10am – Bible Study, Broughton Methodist Church

1.45pm – Choir Practice, St Cuthbert's, Kirkby

7.30pm – Youth Group, Broughton Methodist Church

Friday

5.00pm – Choir practice, St Mary's, Broughton.



I am pleased to pass on the news that Christian Aid this year raised a total of £2,552.95. Thank you to everyone whose efforts made this possible, and to everyone who donated.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

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 your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, 'Here I am, here I am',
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵ who say, 'Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
⁶ See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities
together,
says the Lord;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
⁸ Thus says the Lord:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it',
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 22:19-28

*There is insufficient space to print the Psalm this week.
Please do read it in your own Bible and consider how it is
connected to the other readings.*

Galatians 3:23-end

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and
guarded under the law until faith would be
revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian
until Christ came, so that we might be justified by
faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer
subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are
all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as
were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with
Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no
longer slave or free, there is no longer male and
female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if
you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's
offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Luke 8:26-39

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St
Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the
Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped
out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him.
For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not
live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus,
he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his
voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the
Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— ²⁹ for
Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of
the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept
under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he
would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into
the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?'
He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered
him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back
into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was
feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter
these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons
came out of the man and entered the swine, and the
herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was
drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they
ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then
people came out to see what had happened, and when
they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the
demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and
in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who
had seen it told them how the one who had been
possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the
people of the surrounding country of the
Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were
seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and
returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone
begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him
away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how
much God has done for you.' So he went away,
proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had
done for him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.