

# THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

24<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 12

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## This Week

Youth and schools activities are taking a summer break. Study groups as notified.

Stephen is on holiday until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August and thanks those who are generously covering services this Sunday and in the coming weeks.

### Wednesday

**11.30am** – Service of the Word, Broughton Mills, followed by refreshments.

### Thursday

**9am** – Coffee, Broughton Methodist Church

**10am** – Bible Study, Broughton Methodist Church

### Friday

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

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### For your prayers...

The absence of the minister might be a good time to give thanks and pray for all our ministers! A variety of ministerial skills which blesses our churches. From those who are confident, growing in confidence, or just daring for the first time to lead worship, prayer or music; to those who care pastorally for our community; to those who work with children and young people; take care of our buildings; or offer hospitality and welcome. Each one of us is a living stone in the Body of Christ, part of a holy priesthood able to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God (1 Peter 2:5-9). We are called to share what we have (Hebrews 13:15-16) and offer ourselves as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2) which witnesses to the heavenly kingdom (Revelation 22:3).

### Collect

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding;  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.

### Genesis 18:20-32

*A reading from the Book of Genesis.*

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' <sup>30</sup> Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' <sup>31</sup> He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' <sup>32</sup> Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

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

### Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
<sup>2</sup> I bow down towards your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.  
<sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.

<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
 for they have heard the words of your mouth.  
<sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
 for great is the glory of the Lord.  
<sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;  
 but the haughty he perceives from far away.  
<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
 you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
 you stretch out your hand,  
 and your right hand delivers me.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;  
 your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.  
 Do not forsake the work of your hands.

### **Colossians 2:6-15**

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

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
 continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up  
 in him and established in the faith, just as you were  
 taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through  
 philosophy and empty deceit, according to human  
 tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the  
 universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the  
 whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have  
 come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler  
 and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with  
 a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the  
 flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were  
 buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with  
 him through faith in the power of God, who raised him  
 from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in  
 trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,  
 God made you alive together with him, when he  
 forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that  
 stood against us with its legal demands. He set this  
 aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers  
 and authorities and made a public example of them,  
 triumphing over them in it.

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

### **Luke 11:1-13**

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

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had  
 finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us  
 to pray, as John taught his disciples.' <sup>2</sup> He said to them,  
 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come.  
<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.  
<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,  
 for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
 And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend,  
 and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend,  
 lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has  
 arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." <sup>7</sup> And he  
 answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has  
 already been locked, and my children are with me in  
 bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." <sup>8</sup> I tell you,  
 even though he will not get up and give him anything  
 because he is his friend, at least because of his  
 persistence he will get up and give him whatever he  
 needs.

<sup>9</sup> 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search,  
 and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened  
 for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and  
 everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who  
 knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone  
 among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a  
 snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg,  
 will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know  
 how to give good gifts to your children, how much more  
 will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those  
 who ask him!'

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of our pilgrimage,  
 you have led us to the living water:  
 refresh and sustain us  
 as we go forward on our journey,  
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

You might like to compare Luke's account of the Lord's  
 Prayer with the slightly longer version in Matthew's  
 Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 6:9-13. Why are they  
 different? The Gospels constitute a compilation of  
 episodes from Jesus' life, drawn from the recollections  
 (and perhaps earlier written sources) available to the  
 writers and dependent on their theological priorities.  
 John 20:30-31 and 21:25 make an obvious point:

*Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his  
 disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are  
 written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the  
 Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his  
 name ... Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of  
 them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world  
 would not have room for the books that would be written.*

(New International Version)

No doubt Jesus taught the Lord's prayer many times,  
 with slight variations, and it was remembered differently  
 by different hearers. The closing doxology ("for thine is  
 the Kingdom...") is omitted in much Catholic usage,  
 because it doesn't appear in every ancient manuscript  
 (or in the *Vulgate* Bible translation of St Jerome).