

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

31st July 2022 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity – Proper 13

This Week

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

Stephen is on holiday until Friday 12th 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.

Friday

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

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 18

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in
Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search
out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an
unhappy business that God has given to human beings
to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done
under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after
wind.

¹⁸For in much wisdom is much vexation,
and those who increase knowledge increase sorrow.

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

Psalm 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

²both low and high,

rich and poor together.

³My mouth shall speak wisdom;

the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb;

I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

⁵Why should I fear in times of trouble,

when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

⁶those who trust in their wealth

and boast of the abundance of their riches?

⁷Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,

there is no price one can give to God for it.

⁸For the ransom of life is costly,

and can never suffice,

⁹that one should live on for ever

and never see the grave.

¹⁰When we look at the wise, they die;

fool and dolt perish together

and leave their wealth to others.

¹¹Their graves are their homes for ever,

their dwelling-places to all generations,

though they named lands their own.

¹²Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;

they are like the animals that perish.

Colossians 3:1-11

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

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

Luke 12:13-21

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"' ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.