

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

23rd August 2020 – 11th Sunday after Trinity / Proper 16

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.

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
² 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.
³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
⁷ 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.
⁸ The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.

NOTICES

Please pray for...

The family and friends of Dick Cleasby RIP, whose funeral will take place at St Mary's, Broughton, at 1pm on Friday 28th August and afterwards at Thorncliffe Crematorium. Attendance at funerals inside the church is currently limited to 30 persons, but the cortege will pass through Broughton before the service for those who wish to pay their respects.

Singing in church - update

The latest Church of England guidance allows professional or amateur singers and musicians, including small choirs, to perform during services.

Kirkby Ireleth PCC considered the guidance this week and has agreed unanimously and with great pleasure to reinstate the choir within the next week or two. The choir will not sing all the usual hymns, as this would leave the congregation unable to participate in large parts of the service, but will sing at appropriate points, such as the offertory.

If in any of the other churches, anyone would like to start an informal choir to take advantage of this limited relaxation in the rules to enhance our services, this might be a great opportunity to start something enduring. Please get in touch!

Choirs are required to follow the government's guidance for the performing arts:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>

Individual performers should be at least 2m from each other (subject to which they do not need to wear face coverings while singing) and at least 2m from the congregation. Choir stalls in our churches happily provide an ideal context in which to physically distance a small group.

Broughton Church Meeting

I have been asked to convene a Broughton St Mary's Church Meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, 2nd September, at 2pm, to discuss matters relating to St Mary's Church and its worship, which do not need to be raised at PCC. All are welcome.

For those involved, Broughton & Duddon PCC will meet in church, socially distanced, next Wednesday 26th August at 7pm. There is also a Valley Churches Meeting at Seathwaite on Thursday 27th August at 2pm.

Kirkby Ireleth PCC also met this week. It is good to be getting together again to discuss the mission and ministry of our churches and the maintenance and improvement of our buildings and churchyards. Please remember that social distancing, face coverings etc. apply to all meetings.

Links for online materials

Links to recent online services and other materials can be found at this address:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12340/page/62694/view/>

A recording of the midweek service of Holy Communion from Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills, is now available on our YouTube channel. A link is provided on the page above.

Next week: Evening Worship at Seathwaite

Next Sunday, 30th August, the 12th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17) and is the Fourth Sunday of the Month, and so services include Evening Worship at Seathwaite. Please come along to support Holy Trinity church if you can. There will an opportunity to pray for the flourishing of the church and to think about renewing its life and ministry.

9.30am Holy Communion (Kirkby)
11am Holy Communion (Broughton)
6pm Evening Worship (Seathwaite)

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