

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

13th September 2020 – 14th Sunday after Trinity / Proper 19

NOTICES

New coronavirus restrictions

You will have heard the sad news that a rising rate of coronavirus infection has led the government to impose fresh restrictions, limiting the size of social gatherings with people outside your 'bubble' to a maximum of 6 people. There are important exceptions: church services may continue without limitation; baptisms, weddings and funerals and weddings continue to be limited to 30 people. APCMs are still expected to take place at present, because "*work, and voluntary or charitable services*" are exceptions, as well as "*fulfilling legal obligations.*"

It is very important to re-emphasise that socialising in any context is subject to limitation, and that all social distancing requirements still apply. Please do not socialise before or after church, whether indoors or outdoors, in groups of more than 6.

APCM dates

Broughton's APCM will be held this Tuesday, 15th September 2020, at 7pm in St Mary's.

The APCM in Kirkby Ireleth will be held on Wednesday 7th October 2020, at 7pm in St Cuthbert's. Now is the time to add yourself to the electoral roll.

Harvest

This year we will mark Harvest on the First Sunday in October (4th). Details of the Bishop's Harvest Appeal can be found here:

<https://cofecarlisle.contentfiles.net/media/documents/document/2020/08/BHA2020Leaflet.pdf>

Please also consider making bulk donations for the Foodbanks. As furlough and support schemes come to an end, and the economic downturn bites, it is expected that Foodbanks will have a busy autumn/winter.

Broughton & Duddon PCC vacancies

Don't forget to bring completed nomination forms to the APCM if you wish to stand for any of the following:

- Elected lay member of the PCC
- Churchwarden for Broughton
- Churchwarden for Ulpha
- PCC Secretary
- Electoral Roll Officer

Meeting Point – Youth Group

Our youth group restarted on Thursday 10th. If you know of any young people from Y7 upwards who might like to join us (mostly via Zoom at present) please ask their parents to contact Stephen as soon as possible.

St Mary Magdalene, Broughton

The working party indoors and outdoors at St Mary's is this Saturday from 9.30am. Please bring equipment for light maintenance or for deep cleaning indoors.

A reminder that there will be a working party at the parsonage room, gardening only, on Saturday 10th October from 9.30am. Garden tools, please!

Additional volunteers for the Cleaning and Flower rotas would also be welcome.

Links for online materials

Links to the latest online service and to last week's Supplement and Sunday sermon can be found here:

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

Contact details

Stephen is always delighted to hear from members of our congregation and the wider community and to arrange pastoral visits. Contact (01229) 715259 or stephen@kdbchurches.com

Next week: 20th Sept / Trinity 15 / 3rd Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion (Ulpha)

9.30am Service of the Word (Kirkby)

11am Lay-led service (Broughton)

6pm Taize (Kirkby) – *Live singing from the choir*

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms 103:8-13

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love
towards those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die,

we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Prayer after Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord..