

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

20th September 2020 – 15th Sunday after Trinity / Proper 20

NOTICES

Coronavirus

You will be aware that the coronavirus infection rate is moving in the wrong direction. If we all work together to observe distancing and hygiene guidelines, churches will continue to be safer than many public places. Please do remember to avoid socialising in a group of more than 6 at any time before or after worship: the temptation is understandably great in these circumstances.

Kirkby Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meetings for 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. Please contact Stephen, Linda or the Churchwardens if you need to be added. Electoral Roll forms can be downloaded online:

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Application-for-Enrolment-Electoral-Roll.docx>

I would encourage everyone to consider whether they might play a part in directing the mission and work of the church here in Kirkby Ireleth. This year we elect representatives to the Deanery Synod and, of course, to the PCC. Nomination forms for those who wish to be elected can be downloaded at the bottom of this page:

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms/>

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.

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/>

House group in Broughton

As Judith mentioned at the APCM, the plan to meet in person again seems inadvisable in the light of the coronavirus restrictions, but the possibility of meeting via Zoom of course remains. More details to come.

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.

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: 27th Sept / Trinity 16 / 4th Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion (Kirkby)
11am Holy Communion (Broughton)
6pm BCP Holy Communion (Woodland)

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.

Jonah 3:10 – end of Chapter 4

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take

my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’⁴ And the Lord said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush.⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’

⁹ But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’¹⁰ Then the Lord said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

Psalm 145:1-8

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
² Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
⁴ One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
⁵ On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
⁶ The might of your awesome deeds shall be
proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant
goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Philippians 1:21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer.²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,²⁶ so that I may

share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing.²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place;⁴ and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went.⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?”⁷ They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.”⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.”⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.”¹³ But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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.