

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

27th September 2020 – 16th Sunday after Trinity / Proper 21

NOTICES

Coronavirus

Please continue to observe all existing precautions, particularly social distancing before and after services.

Kirkby Annual Church Meetings

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

We mark Harvest in our services next week, the First Sunday in October. The collection will go to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

Donations of food for the foodbanks brought to services in the traditional way would be very welcome. Please bear in mind that it is hard for foodbanks to handle unusual foods or perishable goods (although the Walney Island foodbank has some capacity to cope with perishable items with longer shelf lives, if they do not need refrigeration). Packeted goods must be unopened.

The present conditions are forcing more and more people to turn to foodbanks, including many who are in employment but on low wages. Our harvest celebration is an ideal time to think about food from source to need.

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/>

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.

Next week: 4th Oct / Trinity 22 / 1st Sunday

HARVEST is celebrated at all our services

8.00am Holy Communion (Broughton)

9.30am Holy Communion (Kirkby)

I am All-Age Service (Broughton)

6pm Evening Prayer (Ulpha)

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end

The word of the Lord came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Psalm 25:1-8

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name

that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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