

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

11th October 2020 – 18th Sunday after Trinity / Proper 23

NOTICES

Working party this Saturday

A reminder of the working party at the Parsonage Room this Saturday, 10th October, at 9.30am. Please bring pruning and weeding equipment, and rubbish sacks.



Annual church meetings

Thank you to all those who attended and stood for office at our church meetings, especially those who have agreed to serve as Churchwardens, PCC Members and other officers. There is a certain (in fact, a considerable) amount of administrative work entailed in running a church and in looking after heritage buildings. I hope and pray that these burdens will never be such as to crowd out innovation and renewal in our life of worship, prayer and service.

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November

As with every public occasion this year, Remembrance Sunday will inevitably be affected by the need for social distancing. In principle, an act of remembrance in a church or churchyard is a service of worship and is not therefore subject to the rule of six or any other fixed limitation as to numbers. Worship in a public place is still possible, but the government's recent guidance is rather unclear. In both parishes, the act of remembrance will take place, starting just before 11am, but some slight changes to the usual format may be necessary.

Social distancing still places limits on the number of people who can be accommodated safely inside church buildings. We will therefore plan for the principal act of worship to be outdoors, where it still remains imperative that social distancing be observed.

One problem of ministers being responsible for more than one parish is that we often have more than one war memorial at which an 11am act of remembrance has traditionally been conducted. I will therefore aim to lead the service in each of our parishes in alternate years. This year, I will be at Broughton and, I am very happy to say, Linda will take the act of remembrance at Kirkby, where it will be my privilege to lead for the first time in November 2021. We are meeting with the Royal British Legion representatives shortly to plan the services. Please look out for any further details over the coming two weeks.

Links for online services and other materials

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

Next week: 18th Oct / Trinity 19 / 3rd Sunday

9.30am Service of the Word (Kirkby)
9.30am Holy Communion (Ulpha)
11am Holy Communion (Broughton)
6pm Taize (Kirkby)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm
and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless
was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all
peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured
wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all
faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away
from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that
he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and
long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this
way, my beloved.
² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same
mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal
companion, help these women, for they have struggled
beside me in the work of the gospel, together with
Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names
are in the book of life.
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in
everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the
peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is
honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,

whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there
is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the
things that you have learned and received and heard and
seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables,
saying: ² The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent
his slaves to call those who had been invited to the
wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he
sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been
invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and
my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is
ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made
light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his
business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated
them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent
his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned
their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is
ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go
therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you
find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out
into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both
good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he
noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding
robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in
here without a wedding robe?" And he was
speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants,
"Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Prayer after Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred
feast: for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.