

# THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – The Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

## NOTICES

### Ordinary Time

With the first Sunday after Trinity Sunday, we enter the long period of Ordinary Time (liturgical colour green) leading up to the seasons of Remembrance and the Kingdom, before a new church year begins in Advent. One of the features of Ordinary Time is that adherence to the set readings from the lectionary is not so rigidly enforced. We will be taking opportunities throughout the coming season to deviate a little from the ordinary course, in order to think about liturgy and worship.



We will do a little thinking about the church calendar and about worship in some of our services today.

This year, liturgical year B, the Gospel readings at principal services place particular emphasis on the Gospel of St Mark. Today is the first of seven almost continuous readings from Mark, which will take us from chapters 3 to 6. It's a useful accompaniment to the exploration of Mark's Gospel which will kick off the forthcoming Thursday morning group.

### Kirkby APCM and Electoral roll

In Kirkby, please make sure that you are on the electoral roll in advance of the APCM, **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**.

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

### New weekday group

Our new home group will start on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June (Covid restrictions permitting), with coffee open to all from 9am, in the Broughton Methodist Church. The first study, using the *Lifebuilder* guide to the Gospel of Mark, will begin at 10am for those who want to stay. The group welcomes you, no matter which church or area you are from and whether you have previous experience of church groups. We hope that using a Methodist building in the centre of our area will underline that this is a group for everyone: for established Christians and those exploring faith for the first time. Please let Stephen or Liz know if you are intending to come.

### Save the date

Covid restrictions permitting, Charlotte and Stephen are planning a mid-afternoon open garden on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, to start making up for the lack of opportunities

to meet everyone during lockdown and restrictions. Please put it in your diary!

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 3:8-15

*A reading from the Book of Genesis.*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' <sup>10</sup> He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' <sup>11</sup> He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' <sup>12</sup> The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' <sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.'

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

## 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

*A reading from St Paul's second letter to the Church in Corinth.*

<sup>13</sup> But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — 'I believed, and so I spoke' — we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

## Mark 3:20-end

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' <sup>23</sup> And he called them to

him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup> 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— <sup>30</sup> for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

<sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' <sup>33</sup> And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' <sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.***

## Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.