

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

20th June 2021 – The Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7)

NOTICES

Coronavirus precautions

Following the government's announcement on Monday, that the 21st June, Stage 4 relaxation of restrictions would be postponed, there are consequential changes to activities which were planned in anticipation.

There is obvious good sense behind this delay, in view of the increasing transmission of infection. Cumbria is mercifully low compared to other areas, but infection rates are rising here, and in both primary and secondary schools. Year 12 at UVHS went into self-isolation this Thursday, for example. There is no cause for alarm. Those who have received two doses of vaccine have an excellent level of protection against serious illness. However, we must act to protect those who have not yet been vaccinated. Services can continue as normal, but please make extra effort to keep 2m apart.

We must also keep in mind that many businesses, many travel plans, many family meetings and occasions that are important to individual wellbeing, and at least one renewal of vows, will be affected. Please keep everyone whose plans have been frustrated in your prayers.

Changes to activities:

Kirkby Praise (Sunday 26th June) – this ecumenical event will be postponed to 4th September.

Charlotte & Stephen's garden party (Saturday 10th July) – this will be postponed until a time to be confirmed. Please see message from Charlotte below.

Thursday home group (from 24th June) – coffee open to all will be postponed. New Covid-safe arrangements will be made directly with those who have expressed an interest. Please make sure you are in touch with Liz Riddell, in order to keep in the loop. Books are available from Stephen now, at £5 each.

Message from Charlotte



I can't tell you how sorry we are, not to be able to welcome you all to our home on 10th July after all. However, it just isn't going to be possible to comply with the current restrictions and ensure safety for all. Watch this space for another date in due course.

With love, Charlotte

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The Barrow churches are organising a pilgrimage to Walsingham later this year and once again extend the invitation to the Furness churches. The pilgrimage will run from 20th to 23rd September 2021, staying in the pilgrim accommodation at the shrine. The cost of £305 per person includes coach travel and full board from supper Monday to breakfast Thursday. There will be an excursion to Wells next the Sea on the Tuesday and pilgrims may participate in as much or as little of the shrine worship as they wish. For more information or a booking form, please contact Stephen.

Kirkby APCM

Don't forget. This week: Wednesday 23rd June, 7pm.

End of an era...

You may know that new legislation took effect at the beginning of May, which changes the way that Marriages are registered. The old duplicate register books and green certificates, issued in church, are now a thing of the past. This Wednesday, Stephen surrendered our collection of documentation to the care of the County Register Office and County Archives (making a visit to the Foodbank while in Barrow!).

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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.

Job 38:1-11

A reading from the Book of Job.

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ 'Where were you when
I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵ Who determined its measurements—
surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
⁸ 'Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹ when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
¹¹ and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

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

Psalm 107:23-32

²³ Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
²⁴ they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.
²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
²⁶ They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the
depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;
²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits' end.
²⁸ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;
²⁹ he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
³⁰ Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
³¹ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
³² Let them extol him
in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our

ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹² There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³ In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

Mark 4:35-41

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

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

Prayer after Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.