

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

27th June 2021 – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)

NOTICES

Urgent Christian Aid Appeal

Christian Aid has launched an emergency Global Hunger Appeal to help families all over the world who are facing extreme hunger and drought at present. There is a particular focus on the crisis in South Sudan, where over a million people are in need of food.



You can donate via the Christian Aid webpage, or visit the special local donations page that has been set up on the GiveStar platform:

<https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/broughton-and-the-valleys-ca-group-global-hunger-appeal>

Please consider giving Christian Aid your support, especially if you were unable to contribute during Christian Aid week.

Covid-related changes to activities

Kirkby Praise (Sunday 26th June) – this ecumenical event will be postponed to Sunday 5th September (not the Saturday as printed last week), at 10am. It is intended to be the closing of a weekend of thanksgiving and remembrance which will begin with an ecumenical civic service in St Cuthbert's at 1pm.

Charlotte & Stephen's garden party is postponed until a time to be confirmed.

Thursday home group (from 24th June) Covid-safe arrangements apply: please make sure you are in touch with Liz Riddell, in order to keep in the loop. If you have not already ordered a book, please speak to Stephen.



The Furness branch of Good News for Everyone (formerly the Gideons) would like to work with local churches to promote the Gospel through the presentation of Bibles. If you are interested in making Jesus known through this ministry, please consider attending a Covid-safe presentation on the work of this organisation on Tuesday July 13th at 7.30pm (for one

hour) at Emmanuel Community Church, 2 Dalton Road, Barrow. To register your interest please email GoodNewsFurness@gmail.com or telephone/text Ida, 07523 866499.

The Furness branch has also recorded a very short video to explain their work, for those who cannot attend the meeting: <https://youtu.be/RtHzGAih4ms>

They are keen to receive your prayers, financial or practical support for their ministry of distributing the Bible and the video outlines a few of the ways in which they do this today.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

¹³ God did not make death,
and he does not delight in the death of the living.
¹⁴ For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
¹⁵ For righteousness is immortal.

²³ for God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
²⁴ but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

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

2 Corinthians 8:7-end

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

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for

you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵ As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’

¹⁶ But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. ¹⁷ For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. ¹⁸ With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; ¹⁹ and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. ²⁰ We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, ²¹ for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others. ²² And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. ²⁴ Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

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

Mark 5:21-end

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

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his

feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’ ²⁹ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ ³¹ And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?”’ ³² He looked all round to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’ ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’ ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, ‘Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.’ ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum’, which means, ‘Little girl, get up!’ ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.