

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

4th July 2021 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

NOTICES

Youth hub

From September, we would like to offer the planned Youth Hub once each week (late afternoon/early evening – on a day to be decided in consultation with parents). We will be working in collaboration with our Deanery Youth Minister, Ruth Hutchings, and potentially with other parishes. To do this consistently, while maintaining Meeting Point, will need a few more volunteers.

If you have a heart to work with young people, delivering activities, then Meeting Point may be for you. The new hub will operate as a drop-in, so the burden of delivering this activity will be lighter and may be more suitable for you. We are there to supervise and support, and develop relationships with our youth. Please speak to Stephen if you are interested in this.

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

Charlotte & Stephen's garden party is postponed.

Thursday home group is proceeding with Covid-safe arrangements (with grateful thanks for the forbearance of members and the guidance of members with applicable experience): 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.

GOOD NEWS for Everyone!

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 the 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.

Ezekiel 2:1-5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The

descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

Psalms 123

¹ To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

² As the eyes of servants

look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maid

to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the Lord our God,

until he has mercy upon us.

³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴ Our soul has had more than its fill

of the scorn of those who are at ease,

of the contempt of the proud.

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Mark 6:1-13

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

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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.