Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton & Duddon THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT &

8TH SEPTEMBER – 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion

Hymns

131 Come ye faithful, raise the anthem

964 Gloria

790 Don't build your house on sandy land

626 Take up thy cross

180 Forgive our sins as we forgive

447 May the mind of Christ my saviour

Collect

Lord God,

defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth,

that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

An Old Testament reading – Julie R-J

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Rich and poor have this in common:
The Lord is the Maker of them all.
Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity,
and the rod they wield in fury will be broken.

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the Lord will take up their case and will exact life for life.

Psalm 125

¹ Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.

² As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people,

from this time on and for evermore.

³ For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

so that the righteous may not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

⁴ Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

⁵ But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

A New Testament reading – Pam

James 2: 1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. [For he who said, "You

shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel reading – Stuart

Mark 7: 24 - 37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "For it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Canaanite Woman asks for healing for her daughter Rahib Bazzi, Khuri Basim Ilyas 1684 Walters Art Museum, Baltimore