

Notices:

All Souls Sunday 1st November 2020**3pm - 4pm****4pm - 5pm****All Souls Service** – St. George's Church Centre**Open Space** - St. George's Church Centre

(candles will be available to light and remember your loved one).

There are particular times when it helps to remember someone who has died. There will always be special birthdays, anniversaries, places, songs, and times when it is both difficult and comforting to remember someone special that has died.

All Souls is a special service where we remember all those whom we love but see no longer. We will be holding our All Souls service Sunday 1st November 3pm – church centre. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle and privately remember from 4pm-5pm on Sunday 1st November St. George's Church Centre.

We are restricted to 30 people for the service because of Coronavirus rules. If you would like to be there, please email Karen and she will allocate seats. If you don't receive a confirmation email from her, please could we ask you not to arrive for the 3pm service. However, you would be welcome to arrive at 4pm for the open prayer space. We can control numbers entering to keep people safe, and you would be welcome to light a candle, sit, and remember. If you are unable to be at either service, but would like someone remembered, contact Karen with the details of the person you would like mentioned at the service.

Contact Karen for further details, and to request a seat at the 3pm service. (01452 550554 | churchoffice@stgeorgebrockworth.uk).

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Grace, mercy and peace
 From God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all – wherever we are.

Sing: (*click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube*)

All My Hope on God is Founded.

Almighty God,
 To whom all hearts are open,
 All desires known,
 And from whom no secrets are hidden:
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 That we may perfectly love you,
 And worthily magnify your holy name;
 Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen

Gathering our thoughts, we remember and confess:

Our Lord Jesus Christ said;
 The first commandment is this;
 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only
 Lord. You shall love the Lord your God
 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your
 Mind, and with all your strength.'
 The second is this, 'Love your neighbour
 as yourself.' There is no other commandment
 greater than these. On these two commandments
 hang all the law and the prophets.

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Most merciful God,
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 we confess that we have sinned
 in thought, word and deed.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 In your mercy
 forgive what we have been,
 help us to amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be;
 that we may do justly,
 love mercy,
 and walk humbly with you, our God.
 Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on us and forgive us our sins and
 bring us to everlasting life. Amen

*Take a few moments to sit and think about receiving that
 unconditional offering of forgiveness through grace.*

Collect

Faithful Lord,
 Whose steadfast love never ceases
 And whose mercies never come to an end:
 Grant us the grace to trust you
 And to receive the gifts of your love,
 New every morning,
 In Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-9 Jesus Sends out the Seventy-Two

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Gordon Clifford explores our bible reading:

TRINITY 19

ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

GOSPEL READING LUKE c10 vv 1-9

May I be helped to speak in the name of The Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Excitement is in the air as Luke describes the sending forth of the seventy disciples on their first missionary engagement. They were the advance party. Their task was to alert people that Jesus was coming. Here we witness the beginning of the greatest adventure story the world has ever known. The disciples are being commissioned to adopt the lifestyle of the wandering preacher and go out and announce the good news of the gospel. They are to get on with the job of preaching and healing without any distractions or hesitations. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals, because the task is urgent and the need is great. Jesus warned them that the road ahead would not be easy and among other things, opposition would involve pain of rejection. I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Jesus is making it clear that single minded and dedicated followers are needed for the building of His kingdom. Half hearted loyalty would not suffice.

But in the towns and villages where people were interested and made time to listen to what the disciples had to say then they must rest a while. They should cure the sick and say to them, The Kingdom of God has come near to you.

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What is important is that the invitation to go out to declare the good news is that it is extended to the church in every age and in every place. The whole church is missionary and the work of evangelisation is an essential duty of the people of God. This is a reminder that the task of promoting the teaching of Jesus does not belong to the few but is given rightly to us all. No one can escape this most basic responsibility, for if we fail to be involved, then the church will suffer.

In former times the preaching of Christianity was left up to priests, people in the congregation were inclined to leave religious instruction to the experts. There was the general feeling that others were better qualified for the task and to talk about religion was downright embarrassing. However, as followers of Jesus we are called to make known the Christian message where ever we go because it is alive and relevant to every life. In an age where there is disillusionment people are thirsting for God to fill the vacuum of emptiness in their lives. People are hungry for truth about life. They want to be told things that will give them strength, comfort and a sense of direction. Many who are hurting are eagerly waiting to hear that God is calling them beyond the narrow confines of their present situation and is offering them joy beyond their imagining. In Jesus they can find comfort in their sorrow and meaning in their struggle. The Lord relies on us as he relied on those first seventy disciples to bring his healing and consolation to those afflicted.

Ancient tradition says that Luke was a medical person, and this is borne out by his obvious interest in the healing ministry of Jesus and by the inclusion in his Gospel of many instances of healing the sick being giving new health and strength. Yet Jesus could not do this all by himself. He shared it with others. It was too much for one person. So not only did he select Peter, James and John he also enlisted seventy others of his followers. Jesus said, the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest will send out labourers into his harvest.

Today the work of God remains extensive and demanding. It is too much for ordained Ministers and Readers or members of the PCC. It requires the ministry of us all.

But we can bring the good news to others by the witness of our lives today and we do not have to cross our doorstep in order to do it. Parents as a matter of course do any time they instruct their children in the difference between what is right and what is wrong. So do young people who have the courage to stand their ground and speak out when wrong is being done rather than stay silent and fall in with the prevailing culture. In a world where pain and suffering seem to reign, simple things like a friendly smile or a word of thanks can work wonders and show that we care. The sending out of the seventy that we heard from this mornings Gospel reading, symbolises the start of Jesus' mission to

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bring peace and reconciliation to humankind. For some, peace conjures up visions of a calm sea and a blue sky, a place where we can listen to the sounds of nature and observe the beauty of God's creation, or the rest that comes at the end of a busy day. For others it means the laying down of weapons and the absence of war. But the gospel speaks of the peace of Christ, a peace that the world cannot give.

The goal of the disciples' mission was peace, but preaching it would all be futile if they had not got it themselves. There can be no peace until we find peace with God who wants us to know peace in every area of our lives, peace in our daily work, in our family and in our homes. When the demands of life press in on us and we are weary in body and soul, we can call out to God for his peace. However, we will never know true peace if we are constantly striving for bigger and better things rather than being satisfied with what we have. To enjoy a little happiness we must accept life just as it is now. This means being fulfilled at our work, embracing the people around us, accepting them with their faults and failings, and enjoying contentment in all our family relationships.

When broken relationships are reconciled, when the wounded are bound up and healed, when the ill are made well, the confused become ordered and when the sick spirits find their true home, let us all be bold to say that God's kingdom has come close.

Cure the sick, and say to them, The Kingdom of God has come near to you.

Allow me to finish with prayer.

As God's holy people called in different ways to spread the gospel and to bring peace to the world, we turn to the Father who is the Lord of the harvest.

Gracious and loving God, give us all the strength to respond to your invitation of sharing the mission of your Son in all the aspects of our lives. Help us to consecrate ourselves anew to the service of the gospel and to work for the glory of your name.

We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Gordon

Let us declare our faith with confidence:

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Chris Hickson leads us as we pray for the needs of the world, the church,
and for our family, friends' & our neighbours':

Use these prayers to help inspire and encourage your own prayers this week:

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Heavenly Father, at the end of this Week of Prayer for World Peace, we give you thanks for the way that people of many faiths have prayed together with a common aim. We pray for the Peace of the World, raising before you the countless places and populations who have never enjoyed the peace which we so often take for granted. We ask you to focus the minds of world leaders to strive for peace, not only internationally, but also within their own countries. May peace begin with us, in our homes, with our families and friends, and with each house we enter, as we strive to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the world, and in the World Council of Churches ecumenical cycle of prayer, we pray this week for the countries of the Caribbean; thanking you for their natural beauty, for their churches which have responded to disasters and served all in need, for their liberation from colonialism and oppression, and for the leaders of the ecumenical movement who have come from this region. We pray for those devastated by disasters that their lives, communities, and eco-systems might be rebuilt, for the strengthening of all who faithfully witness to the gospel, for all those affected by crime and addictions, and for good governance and smooth transitions between political leaders.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the church, and in our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray that through faith we may become adventurous followers of Christ, discovering new depths to prayer and spiritual growth, individually and together; being nurtured as confident disciples living out our faith seven days a week; and sharing our stories in new and different ways, including through digital media. We pray for our five overseas partner Dioceses, especially the Diocese of Dornakal. We pray especially today for Luke the Evangelist, for the Episcopal Church and Archbishop Michael Curry, and for Rachel, our Bishop.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving God, just as you inspired St Luke in his work as a physician and healer, inspire all modern doctors with skill, professionalism, and compassion for their patients. Enable them to cure the ills of body, mind, and spirit that afflict so many in our day. We pray for all those whom we know and love who are in need of healing just now.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Father God, we pray for all who have recently died, and for those whose anniversary falls at this time. Bring comfort to their families and friends in their time of loss and mourning. We pray for the many people who die from a lack of proper medical facilities each day, and especially those countries lacking proper facilities to cope with the pandemic; and for all medical charities trying to help them.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Faithful God, as we depart this service after hearing the Gospel and sharing the Eucharist may Christ be a lamp to our feet, and a light on our path.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Sing: (*click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube*)

We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

Numbers 6:24-26 May the LORD bless you and protect you.
May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace.'

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