



NOTICES



Return to Church

We are delighted to be back in church worshipping together!

Please continue to remember to 'book-in' to attend Church by contacting the church office (02825630741) between Monday – Wednesday 10am-12pm. Please leave your name, contact number and the number of people booking in with you.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face covering (unless you are medically exempt).

Annual General Vestry

Thank you to all those who attended our Annual General Vestry. Your contribution was very much appreciated!

Dates for your Diary –

Sunday 18th October @ 7pm – Online Prayer Gathering.

Join us on Zoom this evening for our first online prayer gathering. We wish to pray for our church community, our town and our nation at this time. Please contact Rev Mark or Rev Emma for the login details.

Saturday 24th October 2-4pm –

Freewill Offering Drop Off at St Patrick's.



Please pray ...

Pray for increasingly thankful hearts during this season of Harvest.

Pray for our children and young people, our teachers and support staff as school close.

Pray for all those in the local community and local business who will find this lockdown particularly challenging.

Pray for medical staff, those who care for the sick and vulnerable and for those receiving medical and in-patient and out-patient treatment at this time.

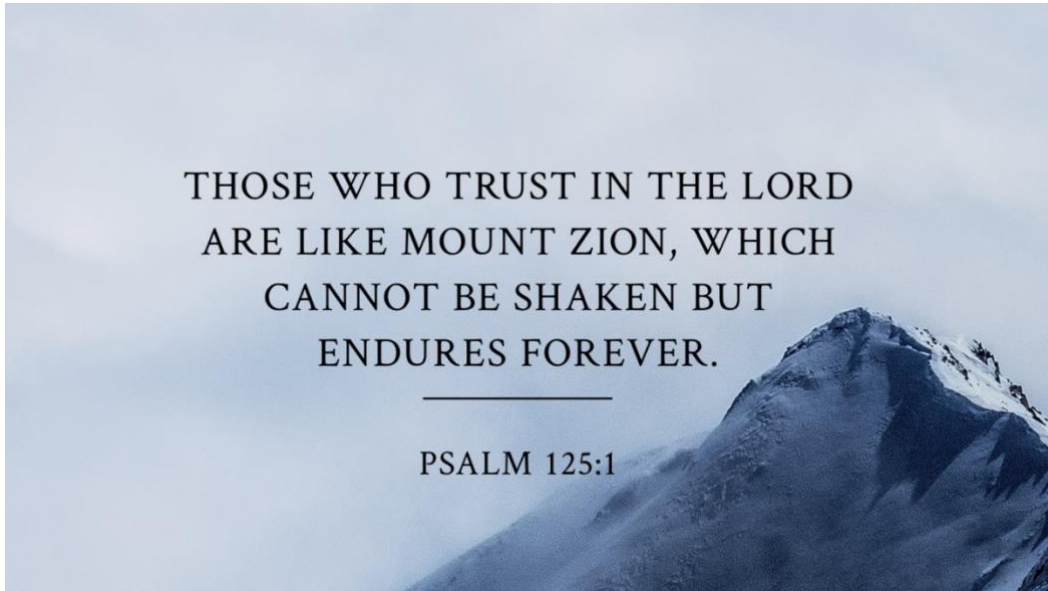
Pray for our own church family as we face the days to come.



Lighten our darkness, O Lord, we pray and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night [day]; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday Morning Worship

18th October 2020



Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

***Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.
Join in with us using the words in red print.***

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth...”

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Invitation to Confession

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Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

Absolution

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Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his

Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

URBS FORTITUDINIS Isaiah 26: 1-4,7,8

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- ¹We have a strong city: ■
salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.
- ²Open ye the gates: ■
that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.
- ³Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:
because he trusteth in thee.
- ⁴Trust ye in the Lord for ever: ■
for our rock of ages is the Lord.
- ⁵The way of the just is uprightness: ■
thou that art upright dost direct the path of the just.
- ⁶Yea in the way of thy judgements, O Lord, have we waited for thee; ■
the desire of our soul is to thy Name,
and to the remembrance of thee.

Glory be to the Father, ■
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, ■
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Family Talk

Collect of the Day

O God, without you we are not able to please you;
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Apostle's Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Bible Reading – Psalm 125

Father God, Open the eyes of our understanding and prepare our hearts by the power of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your Word with much joy and rejoicing and may we leave here having a deeper understanding of Who You are.
Amen.

Sermon

Prayers and Intercessions

In our prayers and intercessions this morning the response to ‘Lord, in Your mercy’ is ‘hear our prayer.’

‘Lord, in Your mercy’
‘hear our prayer.’

Living God,
we thank You for Your promise
that when we come together in the name of Christ,
He is here among us.
We thank You that He is here now,
ready to speak, listen, forgive, teach and love.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God,
we thank You that whoever we are, wherever we are,
whatever we might be doing,
You are with us in Christ,
constantly by our side, travelling with us,

and looking to lead us forward
into new experiences of Your love.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In these difficult times we use the words of these prayers from Christian Aid:

Saving Lord Jesus,

For the health workers tending the seriously ill
for the scientists working on a vaccination
for the researchers analysing data and identifying trends
for the media outlets working to communicate reality
for the supermarket workers, hygiene and sanitation providers
for the good news stories of recoveries and effective planning
for the recognition that isolation doesn't need to mean loneliness
for the notes through letterboxes offering help and support
for the internet and telephones and technology that connects
for the awakened appreciation of what is truly important
Thanks be to God.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are unwell and concerned for loved ones
for those who were already very anxious
for those immune suppressed or compromised
for those vulnerable because of underlying conditions
for those in the 'most at risk' categories
for those watching their entire income stream dry up
for those who have no choice but to go out to work
for those who are afraid to be at home
for those who are more lonely than they've ever been
for those who are bereaved and grieving.

God be their healer, comfort and protection,
be their strength, shield and provision
be their security, safety and close companion

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And raise up your Church
to be your well-washed hands and faithful feet
to be present to the pain
to respond with love in action
if even from a safe distance.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The General Thanksgiving

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants Do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life: But above all, for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit Be all honour and glory, World without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

The Lord bless and watch over you,
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace. . .

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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