



Welcome to Mirfield Team Parish

Sunday 14th June 2020

The First Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect and Readings

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9:35 - 10:8 [9-23]

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his

brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

[Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.]

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.**

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

**O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit

Stephen, John, Wendy, Shaney, Daniel, Michael, Sarah, Donna, Stephen & Tracey, Daniel, Philippa, Pat, Beryl, Ash and Alex, Krystian, Margaret, Trevor, Hilda, Nicholas, Harry, Brian, Andrew, Jimmy, Claire, Charles, Paul & Dorothy, Jacob, Jean, Barbara, Judith, Diana, Dorothy.

We pray for those who have recently died and their families

Dulcie Tolson, Martin Hunt, Doreen Brennan, Brenda Bleazard, Joan Elsie Moorhouse, Margaret Alice Place, Elaine Christine Ragona, Jean Pollitt, Quincy Keith France, Leonard Cass, Joan Oxley,

From our Parish Prayer List

Our Archbishops, Justin Welby and John Sentamu.

Staff and pupils of all local nurseries and pre-schools.

All those who represent us locally and nationally in councils and Government.

For the work of Christians Against Poverty.

Congratulations to Richard and Jess on the safe arrival of Joseph, a brother for Leo.

If you would like anyone to be added or removed from our prayer lists please contact Janice Barker 01924 503530 indigoldbhl@gmail.com

Our Licensed Lay Pastoral Ministers

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Change of service time at St. Mary's

Please note that when services resume the main service at St. Mary's will move from 9:45 am to 9:30 am. This is to allow the vicar a few minutes to chat to people after the service and then get over to St. John's in time for their service at 11:15. At the moment there is just not enough time to do this.

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Chris Breare and Karen Battey are standing in as Acting Wardens at St John's for the time being.

All services in our churches are on hold and the usual social and fundraising activities are no longer running until such time as we are advised to do otherwise.

One of the ministries we offer is our prayer team who are willing to offer prayers on your behalf in a crisis situation. If you have an urgent need for prayers then please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinators, Carol on 515894 or Barry on 493884.

As of 15th June, the Government has relaxed the regulations concerning using churches. We are now allowed to use our buildings for private prayer. A lot of advice and useful information has been sent to us about how we might do this safely as the risks surrounding Covid 19 are still with us. Opening our churches, like opening any of the shops, is not risk free for either those who visit or those who help to make this possible, so we need to move very carefully and slowly. Private prayer is after all something that can be done at any time and in any place and does not need the setting of the church building. However, we are very aware that access to the church may well provide a high degree of spiritual comfort to some and for this reason it is something to allow if at all possible, and if it can be done with a minimum of risk

Having looked at all the information sent to us the PCC have decided that we are in a position to offer some limited access for private prayer but under very stringent controls.

We are looking to open both St. Mary's and St. Johns for private prayer with the following conditions in place.

- Social distancing of 2 metres at all times except within household groups and bubbles.
- Access to the church will be limited to no more than 10 at St. Mary's and 4 at St. John's at any one time.
- Access will be limited to only certain clearly marked areas of the church and for private prayer only.
- If numbers of people wanting access is large, then time limits may be put in place.
- We shall need visitors to leave contact details to help with track and trace

We aim to be open on Sundays between 2 pm and 4 pm and Wednesdays between 10 am and 12 noon. The first open session will be on Sunday 21st June. We shall proceed with caution and review this regularly.

All of this is of course very strange but if you feel that you would benefit from visiting St. Mary's or St. John's we would be delighted to see you and there will be two welcomers on duty to guide you and help make your visit as spiritually uplifting as possible.