

14th June, Trinity 1, 2020 Facebook live

Welcome and Introduction

Good morning and a warm welcome to the vicarage and to this service on first Sunday after Trinity.

The Weekly sheet is on the All Saints Website together with regular updates about church life and various resources. Please feel free to 'like', and 'share'....we greet each other, we can also add own prayers in the comments....

Two readings: Exodus and Matthew's gospel, both show the love that God has for his people. We hear of the 12, being called, and then sent out. As we gather, we reflect on God's call on us, on what holds us back from hearing and following God's call....

..... Let us call to mind and confess our sins...

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite. Lord have mercy.

Lord, You came to call sinners to repentance
Christ have mercy.

Lord, you plead for us at the right hand of the Father.
Lord have mercy.

Absolution: May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent. Have mercy upon you. Pardon and deliver you your sins. Confirm and Strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Amen

In a moment of silence let us bring to God our hopes and concerns for today and the days ahead....

Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Exodus 19:2-6

Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

This is the word of the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 9:39 – 10:8

Here the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

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. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

This is the gospel of the Lord,

In the name....

We have had some major festivals over the last few weeks; Ascension Day, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, and now, this Sunday, we seem to be brought back to the ordinary and everyday.

In today's gospel Jesus is going about his daily work; he is teaching, proclaiming the good news and healing the sick. The religious leaders had little to offer the ordinary people other than rules. Jesus is different; he offered guidance, comfort and strength, he saw individuals each with problems, worries, joys and sorrows. Jesus feels for them; he showed compassion for them, he saw people like sheep but without a shepherd. He wanted to help.

Jesus is aware that there is a great harvest and says 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.' Ask the Lord of the harvest. It's a

dangerous prayer. When we ask, God's reply is 'whom shall I send?' and the answer should be, 'Here am I, send me.'

Crowds followed Jesus. He had many disciples, and from these he picked 12 leaders. The names of the 12 are recorded in today's gospel. We don't know a great deal about them. Even the list of names varies. Jesus chose ordinary, varied, flawed people, down-to-earth people.

Jesus called them and invited them to be with him, to learn from him, to love him and then he sent them out. He gave them power – to proclaim the good news, to heal and care for the distressed. After Pentecost, now called apostles, they continued the work of Jesus.

This is what Jesus does; he calls and then he sends. This is what makes God's church; people who come to Jesus and are then sent out in his power – to our places of work, relaxation, homes and to all the world. And Jesus gives us a promise, 'I am with you always'.

What about today? What is the lesson for Christians in the 21st century? Whether at PCC meetings, or vision days, there can be talk of 'someone', someone could do, organise, lead... Yet we are the 12 disciples of today.

We may feel, under qualifies, too busy, too few, too old... yet like Jesus' first 12 we can rise to the occasion, to meet the needs of people, whether they be for support, company, community,

The disciples often misunderstood Jesus, failed to understand, got things wrong, yet the mission has passed on from generation to generation and has been transforming the world. We didn't think we were qualified to host a night for the Night shelter, but here we are after 5 successful and inspiring years. Many churches felt unprepared for the pandemic, yet here we are with worship and events moving online.

This is what God's people do; time after time, unqualified and ordinary people accept the call and say, 'Here am I, Send me.' All of us are empowered for this mission, not because we are worthy, or because of our abilities, but because Jesus sends the Holy Spirit. Much ministry is supported and enabled by those who are effectively housebound – by prayers and loving support and encouragement.

What do we need? Maybe just the experiences we have had at work, or at school, or raising a family, or just doing the ordinary things, all of which we can use to help others. We all have our unique gifts and skills and experiences to bring to God's mission, of loving our neighbour as ourselves, working for peace and justice, providing for those in need. Jesus says, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Prayer.....

Intercessions: (including)

Church; attacks on Chr's 58 killed in Burkino Faso, for Chr's in China, where 48 state-registered churches have been closed within 2 weeks in one county.

World; race relations, harmony, understanding and appreciation of our differences and similarities. For a healing of past wrongs.

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

May God who loves you keep you in his fatherly care;
May Jesus who dwells with you guide you on your way;
May the Holy Spirit who lives in you bring peace to
your hearts, and blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Evensong 5.30 pm, OoS on the website

Church opening. 3 pm to 5 pm today

Eucharist 11 am Tuesday Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2069378522?pwd=WkVWMUpZR01ieXE3dFFVK2ZVcHVkQT09>

Updated OoS on the website (covid 19 page) Ordinary time

Prayer Group 7 pm Thursday, Zoom

Prayer group on Facebook

Coffee morning 11 am Saturday, Zoom

Sunday 10.30 and 5.30

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