



13th June 2021
2nd Sunday After Trinity
Proper 6

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A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time. We are also pleased to have Liz Grier on placement with us as a part of her theological training at Trinity College, Bristol. To find out more about St James', please come and chat to us or visit our website. If you would like us to keep in touch with you, please ask for a contact card to leave your details.

Evening Services

Next Sunday and Sunday 27th June
6.00 pm to 6.45 pm

*Gentle spiritual refreshment and worship:
no need to book in advance.*

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri
Mon 14th June Matthew 5 vv. 38 – 42

Richard Baxter, puritan, divine, 1691
7.00 pm Singers' rehearsal

Tue 15th June Matthew 5 vv. 43 – 48
Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941

10.30 am Fr Henry: Clergy meeting

Wed 16th June Matthew 6
vv. 1 – 6 & 16 – 18

Richard, bishop, 1253

Joseph Butler, bishop, philosopher, 1752
12.00 noon Eucharist

2.30 pm Fr Henry: Reflective practice

Thu 17th June Matthew 6 vv. 7 – 15
Samuel & Henrietta Barnett,
social reformers, 1913 & 1936

Fri 18th June Matthew 6 vv. 19 – 23
Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896

Sat 19th June Matthew 6 vv. 24 – 34
Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist,
teacher of the faith, 1929

Next Sunday: 20th June

3rd Sunday After Trinity

Mark 4 vv. 35 – 41

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm Evening Service

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Ezekiel 17 vv. 22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I



am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Psalms 92 vv. 1-5 & 12-15

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to tell of your love early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night-time, upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp, and to the melody of the lyre. For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts, and I sing aloud at the works of your hands. O Lord, how glorious are your works! Your thoughts are very deep. [...] The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. Such as are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be vigorous and in full leaf; that they may show that the Lord is true; he is my rock and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5 vv. 6-10 & 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [...] From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel Reading: Mark 3 vv. 20-35

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.