

# Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

**Welcome to everyone today both in our church buildings and those who join us from their homes.**

This morning's services are live-streamed on the Facebook pages of each church. In overcoming transmission problems, we are currently without our telephone dial-in. Apologies to anyone missing this.

Some safety reminders in church:

- Please keep face coverings in place over nose and mouth during the service
- The hymns are sung by choir alone
- Please remain in your places until invited to move by a steward
- Please don't wander to chat to friends – sorry
- Please take service sheets with you at the end
- Please disperse quickly at the end of the service and **please don't congregate outside to chat**

### **The 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.

### **First Reading *Genesis 3.8-15***

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

### **Gospel Reading *Mark 3.20-end***

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said

to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters\* are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.

## **The Week Ahead & Information**

### Monday-Saturday

9am Morning Prayer *on St Thomas' Facebook page*

5pm Evening Prayer *on St James' Facebook page*  
(not Saturday)

Monday 7pm Archdeacon's Visitation *at St John's, Baxenden*

Tuesday 7pm St Thomas' PCC *in church*

Wednesday 12pm Lunch deliveries *from St James'*

Friday 9.30am Church cleaning *at St James'*

1pm Funeral service for Cees van der Schans *at St Thomas'*

### **Next Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.15am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

10.45am Eucharist *at St James'*

*Please note that Fr David is away from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June.*

## **Food for all**

There are two more Wednesday Lunches - 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Please book with Fr Andrew **by the previous Saturday**. Absolutely **anyone** is eligible. No charge but donations of £5 welcome. Fr Andrew – [andrewinhaslingden@gmail.com](mailto:andrewinhaslingden@gmail.com), 07460 899451

*Our frozen main meals are still available to order. Please let us know of anyone who might benefit from a delivery. Suggested donation of £1.50 per meal.*

## **Looking forward**

As we plan for the re-introduction of weekday and additional Sunday services from July our daily services will continue on-line. If you would like to join the leadership team, please speak to Fr David.

## **Fr Andrew's Ordination to the Priesthood**

This will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Blackburn Cathedral. Sadly, it won't be possible for us to all gather there to be a part of this special day.

Ordination cards are available to buy on-line. Please speak to one of the other clergy if you'd like to know how to get hold of one.

There will be a celebration at 4pm on 4<sup>th</sup> July when Fr Andrew will preside at the Eucharist for the first time.

We will also begin collecting for a parish gift for Fr Andrew. Please give donations to a Churchwarden.

## **Prayers**

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. ([frdavidstephenson@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidstephenson@gmail.com), 07539 264279)

### **For your prayers**

For all who to be admitted as Churchwardens in the diocese, and especially, for Gary, Jack, Kaye, Maggi, and Miriam in our parishes.

For recovery from Coronavirus and an end to the pandemic; for the NHS and all who care; for all whose livelihoods are uncertain.

For continued outreach to all who live and work in our parishes.

For the sick: Ian, Edna, Charley, Mandy, Wynne, Lizzie, Janet, Allister, Betty, Derek, Rita, Mary, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*