

Wheatthill Priory Benefice

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 13 September 2020 Trinity 14

Paul writes to the church in Rome some really practical guidelines about how they can live well together, particularly with regard for caring and watching out for one another.

In his day, some people's consciences would not allow them to do things that others were perfectly happy to do. For example when there were debates over eating meat from the local markets, which almost certainly had been offered to sacrifices. Others wanted to hold some days as special and sacred (maybe those with a stronger Jewish background) whilst some saw all days as equal. Paul reminds his hearers, the Christians in Rome that judgement belongs to God and it is to him that we are primarily accountable about decisions we make and the way that we live our lives.

At the moment we're living in extremely uncertain times, some cannot wait for restrictions to end, and life to return to normal, whilst others are anxious about this virus and do not feel able to leave their homes. Or they've been medically advised not to leave. As a community we're seeking to care for all, livestreaming our worship which helps some, but others are unable to join in. We're continuing to offer support and help where necessary.

Let us as communities and a community of faith seek to care for one another well, not judging but looking out for each other. We will continue to do all we can to offer support and help to those who cannot yet leave home, and worship in home and church for as many as are able to participate. Please pray for those with leadership responsibilities and let us move forward, not in judgement but in hope, remembering that 'whether we live or we die we are the Lord's' (Romans 14:8)

Worship and readings week beginning 13/9/20

Sunday 13 September **10:30am Morning Worship Kingweston**

Romans 14:1-12, psalm 103:8-13, Matthew 18:21-35

Monday 14 September **9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville**

Psalm 2 Genesis 3:1-15 John 12:27-36a

Tuesday 15 September Psalm 5, 1 Kings 1:32-2:4 2:10-12, Acts 13:44-14:7

Wednesday 16 September **Bible Book Club 1 Timothy 7:30pm Zoom**

Psalm 119:1-32, 1 Kings 3, Acts 14:8-end

Thursday 17 September Psalm 15, 1 Kings 4:29-5:12, Acts 15:1-21

Friday 18 September Psalm 19, 1 Kings 6:1, 11-21, Acts 15:22-35

Saturday 19 September Psalm 23, 1 Kings 8:1-30, Acts 15:36-16:5

Forthcoming Sunday worship

20 September 10:30am Holy Communion Keinton

27 September 8:30am Morning Worship Barton St David

10:30am Holy Communion Lydford

4pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton Churchyard

Please note the two changes to worship on 27 September, the time of the Barton service, and an additional service in Lydford

Faith 'n Fun for September will take place in Keinton Churchyard, it is a 'scavenger' hunt in style, focussing on our relationship with the environment. Please can each family bring a picnic blanket/chairs and ideally a mobile phone to photograph what is found.

Annual Church Meetings were postponed in April, Lydford's will be on 27 September after morning worship, all are welcome to the vestry (first part), and Lydford electoral roll members are welcome to the main meeting.

Keinton and Barton Annual meetings will take place in October; dates will be confirmed next week.

Psalm 103:8-13

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ♦
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, ♦
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ♦
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, ♦
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, ♦
so far has he set our sins from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children, ♦
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Forgive our sins as we forgive

Forgive our sins as we forgive
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us;
How great our debt to you

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
And bid resentment cease
Then. Bounds bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace

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