

## SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bible Readings: Hosea 11v1-11; Colossians 3v1-11 & Luke 12v13-21

### Reflection and Prayer by Sharon Rucastle

The gospel reading is the story of the rich fool who builds bigger barns to hold his mega crops and is told “you fool you will die tonight then who will get it all?” It is reminding us not to store up earthly wealth instead of having a rich relationship with God and storing up treasures in Heaven.

Colossians is Paul reminding us about putting to death our old behaviour and taking on our new life with Christ.

Both readings remind us to set our sights on Heaven where Christ sits at the right hand of God. The greed for earthly possessions is a form of idolatry. We are being reminded about our materialism. We are told to strip off the

old sinful nature and clothe ourselves with a brand-new nature, which is constantly renewed, as we learn more and more about Christ. By accepting Christ and regarding the earthly nature as dead, Verse 3. This means we should have as little desire for this world as a dead person would have. Not an easy task as we are in this world, even if we do not belong to this world but belong to our Father in Heaven.

Paul reminds the believers about the commitment they made and urges them to remain true to their confession of faith and “put on” the new way of living given by Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. This is still true for us today, have we made that commitment to Christ and are we remaining true to it? What does it mean in action? It is more than making good resolutions and having good intentions, it means taking the right actions, which should be as straight forward as putting on our clothes. Christians should be building bridges, not walls and it shouldn't matter if we are Jew, Gentile, Circumcised, barbarian, uncivilised, slave or free. Christ is all that matters and lives within us.

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to never stop learning more of you. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may truly be guided in your way and be able to take the right actions to fulfil your will whilst we are here on Earth. Help us to build bridges not walls and to be accepting of all people who have been made in your image. Thank you that you chose us to be your people here on earth and that we have the privilege to worship and work for you. Amen

### Thoughts for Prayer

- The ongoing conflict in Ukraine
- The Queen's health and her family
- The Government and the new Prime Minister
- Those who struggling with ill health or bereavement
- Families during the School Holidays that they may have fun and a time of refreshment.



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## **Collect for Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

### ***Prayer Book***

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***Common Worship***

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Church News:**

#### **Summer Fayre – 30<sup>th</sup> July - All Saints' Church, Burton in Lonsdale**

This weekend 10am-12noon on Saturday All Saints' Church, Burton are hosting a summer fayre with plants, cakes, bric-a-brac, clothes, books and games all up for sale. All proceeds are to the maintenance of the church.

#### **Denis's Last Service 31<sup>st</sup> July – CHANGES TO SERVICES**

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July there will be a farewell service for Revd Denis Tate at All Saints' Church, Burton in Lonsdale at 11am. This will be followed by a Jacob's Join lunch in the side room. Please do join us as we wish Denis and Pauline all the best in their next step. To enable as many people as possible to attend, there will be no services in Chapel-le-Dale, Ingleton and Thornton that day. At St John's Church, Low Bentham, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9am.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> August - St Mary's Church, Jumble Sale – 2pm Ingleborough Community Centre**

If you could contribute to this event, it would be greatly appreciated. Help is needed preparing baking for the cake stall. Contributions of jumble can be taken to the community centre on the morning of 6<sup>th</sup>. For offers of jumble before the date, or for more information, contact Kelly and Simon Robinson (41125).

#### **Thanks – Family Craft and Activity Event, 25<sup>th</sup> July**

This event was an afternoon of great fun and was well attended. The children and young people planted seeds and decorated the plant pots, made star and cloud mobiles, animal masks, floral greetings cards, and headed round the churchyard on a wildlife nature hunt. There was also a free buffet tea, which was greatly appreciated. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who helped contribute to and help at the event, and for anyone who invited others.

### **Newsletters**

After over two years of weekly newsletters and contributions from the members of our congregations, I have decided to give all our volunteer contributors a rest! The newsletter will continue and over the summer I will be weighing up what kind of format, frequency and content we can sustain into the future. I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed to these newsletters, and I know that they have been appreciated in many quarters. If you have any thoughts on the newsletter, please let me know. Thank you.

### **Environment & Eco Tips**

The theme for July is 'Transport Tips' and this week's suggestion is:

- Think before you buy: the manufacture of a new car uses a lot of energy and resources which generate 6 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e for a small vehicle (more than half your total year's carbon budget), 17 tonnes for an estate car and up to 35 tonnes for a top of the range Discovery Land Rover.

### **Pastoral Support**

Contact us any time for support:

Revd Nick Trenholme – 41924

Revd Denis Tate – 61579

Church of England Daily Hope line (worship phone service) – 0800 804 8044

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