

Trinity Sunday

14th June 2020

Notices

Church NOT opening: Most of you have seen on the news that the places of worship can open their place for a private and individual prayers from Monday 15th June. At this time, our church won't be opening for prayers and there are two reasons for this decision. Firstly, our church is used at the moment for Manchester City Council Food parcel packing for those vulnerable in the city. Secondly, the church hasn't been opened for private prayers before the Covid-19 situation, and wasn't used as such when Café was open on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Rev Maria will post on Facebook and will email the details of those local churches that will open their doors for private prayers as soon as the information is available.

Giving: Regular giving is possible via bank standing orders. The bank account details to enable you to do this are:

Account name: Parish of the Good Shepherd & St Barnabas

Sort code: 77-19-46

Account number: 00034309

Branch: TSB Longsight

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Reflection: The festival season (Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity) has ended and we have now entered into the season of Ordinary. This season is often highlighted with the colour Green. This season of Ordinary is a time and opportunity for each one of us to move on and deepen our understanding of Jesus and God.

This week there are two elements to all of the readings. All of the readings speak in some way about God's election of God's people. God chooses people to partner with God, to be God's own treasured possession, and to experience God's promise, God's presence, and God's love. But they also speak about how this choosing is not for the sake of those who are chosen. God's choice of the Israelites, of the disciples, and of all who follow Jesus' way is for the sake of those who will come to know God's grace and love through them. The clear call of this week, then, is for us to be a people who respond to God's choosing by partnering with God in sharing the values, priorities, and purposes of God's kingdom with our world. But there is something we have to understand too. When we accept God's invitation, God's choosing of us, we have to know that it won't be just lovely and perfect all the time, rather with it comes suffering and sometimes even persecution. This is harsh reality we have to be ready to face, as by following Jesus' way means being at odds with the society around us. But it also means that whenever we find ourselves being misunderstood or questioned or challenged, we have an opportunity to share the message of Jesus and to demonstrate God's love and grace through our actions.

*God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and walk in the ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen.*

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