

The Second Sunday After Trinity

21st June 2020

Notices

Private Prayer at St Cross' Clayton:

The nearest church to us open for a private prayer is St Cross Clayton. St Cross will be open every day from Tuesday through to Saturday, 10 am – 12 pm and 2 pm – 4 pm.

Curate: Next Sunday we welcome Adam into our church family as our curate. Unfortunately, Adam's ordination as a deacon has been postponed from Sunday until the Autumn. However, we are delighted that he is able to start his ministry as if an ordained deacon.

Sunday School: Ardwick Deanery has put together Sunday School material for children **age 6-11**. They are available from the Rectory. Call or text Rev Maria if you'd like to pick up the material pack.

Giving: Regular giving is possible via bank standing orders. The 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

A one-off donation is possible via

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/resurrectionandstbarnabas/>



Reflection: We all face moments in our lives, when we have to choose whether to preserve our own lives through silence and compliance with those who threaten us or others, or to endure ridicule, persecution and rejection for speaking out for what we believe is right. These decisions are often much smaller, but more significant, than we may realise. When we refuse to laugh at racist, homophobic or chauvinistic jokes, we put ourselves in the firing line. When we stand alongside those whom others want to judge and reject, we risk being rejected and judged ourselves. When we refuse to participate in acts of violence or retribution against our "enemies" we may be seen as traitors. In our own families and even church, when we begin to embrace beliefs and values that are different from the "norm" we may be disowned or excommunicated. But there is something more in this, because, if we fail to stand up for our convictions, we lose something of our own souls. And not only that but we actually contribute to making the world an unsafe and threatening place for anyone who is "different" in any way. While it may hurt us to live out the welcoming, forgiving, serving, peaceful and justice-seeking values of God's kingdom, to fail to do so hurts us and our world far more. This is why the readings for today challenges us this week to love the Gospel – The Good News - above all – because for only then we will live as people who truly, and selflessly love family, friends, neighbours, and even enemies as God calls us to.

*Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

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Years In Mind:

Birthdays:

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