

The Third Sunday After Trinity

28th June 2020

Notices

Private Prayer at St Cross' Clayton:

Private prayer is possible at St Cross Church on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 am – 12 pm and 2 pm – 4 pm.

Resuming of Sunday Worship: You have heard the news that from the 4th July the places of Worship have a permission to resume their services. It is however not a speedy return to church Sunday Worship for us. Firstly, Rev Maria continues to shield until 1st August. Secondly, it is important that we get as much updated guidance advice before we return to church, from the diocese and the Church of England. We hope it is available after detailed Government guidance is published in the coming days and weeks.

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 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/>

Years In Mind:

Clara 40th anniversary on 28th

Birthdays:

Marjorie 11th

Stephen 22nd

Reflection:

This week we hear and read in Paul's letter how the followers of Christ are called to embrace the life that is found in righteousness. This idea is then further clarified by Jesus' teaching that receiving, welcoming, and providing hospitality for even the least is how 'righteousness' is lived and expressed. Therefore, the word 'welcoming' may be a simple summary of this week's theme – God's welcoming for us, and our welcome for one another in God's name. We as Christians are called to embrace this welcoming in our daily lives, at home, our workplaces and schools. That is the meaning of life found in righteousness. I think we couldn't have better passages for us today when we also welcome Adam to serve his curacy with us. We are blessed to have Adam and look forward to work together in this ministry of welcome.

Here's a reflection from Adam:

On Sunday I will be licensed as a lay worker in the parish, which means that I will be working full time on parish duties under Revd Maria's wise leadership. For me this represents leaving behind old ways of working and being and embracing new ones. At moments like this I like to look back and reflect on how God has been with me in helping me discern his call to ordination and in my training; I can see clearly that he has been with me every step of the way, guiding and encouraging. I'm also really looking forward to serving the parish as lay worker until my ordination in September and beyond as your curate. I would like to thank all of you for welcoming me so warmly during my placement and I look forward to the day when we can worship and pray together again in person.

Blessings, Adam

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