

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

23rd August 2020

Notices

Time to Replace the Carpet Pledge:

So far around £500 have been pledged towards our new flooring and other repairs we need to do in church this Autumn. However, the flooring costs us over £5000, so if you are able to, please consider making us a donation. More information from our website

<http://resurrectionstbarnabas.org.uk/>

Thank you.

Just click this easyfundraising picture to make your pledge



Summer Challenge for kids: During the summer, we post a 'Be A Summer Hero' challenge on our Facebook page on Mondays, please check it out.

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

Years In Mind:

Jean Kidd 26th August

Birthdays:

Zarah 2nd August

Reflection Our readings this week encourage us to think about salvation; to go deeper into its meaning and to live it out as a daily reality, rather than a future promise of evacuation from this world. It is unfortunate that salvation has largely been framed in terms of "going to heaven when we die". While life eternal or abundant is certainly a promise of God's work, salvation is not just a future hope – an evacuation from this world. The passages this week speak about God's saving work, but they all do so in reference to what is happening in the lives of people now, not in the eternity – away from this world. When Jesus spoke of the Church withstanding the gates of hell (Hades), he was responding to what was happening in the midst of humankind – there and then, not to some eternal paradise. We really need to hear this call of God, and bring our gifts and our connections and offer them to be agents of God's salvation for the people in our communities and families now. Whether it is freedom from poverty or substance abuse or domestic violence; whether it is healing of a relationship, or a mind or a body; whether it is the discovery of a new dignity. In every community the "gates of hell" are at work in people's lives and the pain and destruction that results can be seen easily. But, if we take our Christian calling seriously, we will become known as the bringers of God's salvation, and through us lives and communities will be transformed. Only then, we may begin to speak about eternity, and people may be more interested in to listen.

*God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from
seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

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