

# The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## Notices

### Re-opening the Church:

Following Risk Assessment etc. we are pleased to announce that public worship will restart next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am. There are necessary changes in place to ensure safe space for everyone, including booking your seat advance. Please see more information on church website and email send out yesterday. We also continue to live stream services for those unable to attend.

**Electoral Roll Revision:** It is hereby notified that Roll revision happens between Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020. During that period you have opportunity join the Roll and check your details. More information next week.

### Time to Replace the Carpet Pledge:

If you are able to, please consider making us a donation. Just click this easyfundraising picture to make your pledge



## Date for the Dairy

### Re-opening Church:

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 10 am

### APCM:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 after 10 am service

### Recently Deceased:

Sandra Black RIP

### Years In Mind:

Jean Kidd 26<sup>th</sup> August

### Birthdays:

Zarah 2<sup>nd</sup> August

## Reflection

In our readings this week we encounter God's call for us to be agents of God's grace, compassion and love to the world. It's not easy. It will ask of us great sacrifice. But it also promises life for us and for our world, if we will but take up our crosses and follow Christ. What does God's call mean for us? What can we expect when we receive God's call? These are the questions at the heart of this week's readings and continue to encourage us to reflect on last week's challenge. In our Gospel, the movement is from Peter's declaration of who Jesus is, and, the foundations of Church in bringing Christ to the world (last week) to Jesus' embrace of the cross and call for us to follow (this week). Jeremiah's plea for God's vindication echoes Jesus' own suffering in spite of his innocence. Perhaps what God may be wanting us to hear this week is that we are all called to follow Christ to be liberators of others, serving and loving all people, including our enemies, and that as we respond to this call we must be willing to lay our lives down and embrace the inevitable suffering and sacrifice that will come. Yet, even in the midst of this tough word is a light of hope. It is in this self-giving love that we find our 'souls' (our true, God-given selves) and we discover true, abundant life.

*God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

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