

Our **Daily Bread**: the Bible study booklets for June, July and August are now available. Please call the Parish Office on 01793 853272 if you would like a copy delivered.

Prayers for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan: as the school year ends, pray for Unity High School in Khartoum, for expatriate staff beginning to travel home and for the new Principal and others who will be coming in the next academic year. Pray for teachers at Christian schools throughout the country.

The readings and psalms set for **Morning Prayer this week** – for those who would like to join with us at home:

Monday: Psalm 44; Job 19; Romans 9:1-18

Tuesday: Psalm 48; Job 21; Romans 9:19-end

Wednesday: Psalm 119:57-80; Job 22; Romans 10:1-10

Thursday: Psalm 57; Job 23; Romans 10:11-end

Friday: Psalm 51; Job 24; Romans 11:1-12

Saturday: Psalm 68; Job 25 - 26; Romans 11:13-24

Sunday: Psalm 48; Deuteronomy 11:1-15; Acts 27:1-12

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We seek to grow through prayer and share Christ's love through engagement with all.

Weekly News

13th June 2021



A message from Ollie and Mariama ...

To all the St. Bart's family: thank you for the abundance of kind messages and VERY generous gifts we have received after the final service last week. We are once again overwhelmed and so thankful for all your kindness, in word, deed, and everything else, over these past three years. The Spirit of God is alive and well in RWB, not least in the generous and hospitable hearts of the St. Bart's family. Thank you, and may God continue to bless you. With love, Ollie & Mariama x x

And a message from the Church wardens regarding the sidespersons rota:

Have you considered helping the church services run smoothly? You may ask 'how can I do this?' Well, sidespersons are the crucial front face, along with the Welcoming team, to meet and greet parishioners and visitors with a warm smile and a guiding, reassuring hand. If you are interested, please contact the churchwardens either by email, phone, or in person. We would both be delighted to talk with you and explain the duties further. Thank you in anticipation, Den and Ruth.

Sunday 13th June 2021

2nd Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 17.22-24*

²²Thus says the Lord God:
I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.
²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.
²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

SECOND READING: *2 Corinthians 5.6-10(11-13)14-17*

Brothers and sisters, ⁶we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we

are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 4.26-34*

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. ²⁶Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.