



All Saints' Church, Brenchley
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, August 22nd 2021

Collect (The Special Prayer for today)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worth to ask but through the merits and meditation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

Old Testament Psalm 103

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's
⁶ The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
¹⁴ For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.
²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.
²² Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

2 Corinthians Ch 2 vs 5 – 11

⁵ But if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but to some extent—not to exaggerate it—to all of you. ⁶This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; ⁷so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸So I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹I wrote for this reason: to test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ. ¹¹And we do this so that we may not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

Gospel Luke Ch 18 vs 9 - 14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all my income." ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, make atonement for me, a sinner!" ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

NOTICES

Children's Society Cake and Produce Sale to be held on Saturday September 11th between 9 – 11am in the centre of Brenchley. Please come and give your support. Cakes, paperbacks and plants most welcome. There will also be a raffle.

I know that some of you will for a variety of reasons be concerned about attending. **Below is a list of measures the Churchwardens, PCC, and I have agreed in order to reassure people and to make the safety of our 'at risk' members a top priority.** You will of course still be able to watch the service on Facebook. (Thank you for being patient as we trial 'streaming'. Before purchasing expensive equipment, we will continue to feel our way forward on this. We do understand that some of you have had issues with the sound quality though this may be to do with your own devices rather than the church's. If you are experiencing difficulties, please let us know and someone will be happy either to visit or telephone you hopefully to correct this.)

1. **The South Aisle** will be reserved for those wishing to wear a FACE MASK and maintain SOCIAL DISTANCING.
2. **In the building itself** we ask people to maintain a responsible loving distance between each other, respecting especially those wearing face masks.
3. Please sanitise your hands in the porch before entering.
4. Air circulation is very good inside the church building and we will be keeping all doors open. Congregational singing is now permitted.
5. Communion will, for the time being, continue to be wafers only. The consecrated wafers will be set out on The Lord's Table. Please approach the table in a clockwise direction from the north side, keeping a 2 metre space between you and the person in front (unless a 'bubble'), take and consume the wafer, and return to your seat continuing in a clockwise direction. **Churchwardens/Sidesmen will assist on distanced circulation.**
6. At the end of the service, please leave promptly in order to gather **outside** to converse and catch up.

Please send any information that you wish to be included, by Thursday evening of each week, to: thelma.cunningham@icloud.com or 01892 724419

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***** WE are still intending to hold an **Open Air Service at 11 am (NOTE THE START TIME)** in the churchyard followed by a bring your own picnic LUNCH on Sunday 5th September....weather permitting!