

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for:-

- **the sick, and those who care for them**, including Fiona Rose and Matthew
- **those who have lit candles** and those for whom candles have been lit
- **for all leading the church in these ever-changing and difficult times**
- **those who have recently died** including Mary Walton
- **those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Harold Gibbins, Eric Bowes, John Wallington, Peggy Nicholson, William Wallis (Priest), and Nicholas Timmins

'Mothers' Union

Thursday, 24th September, 7 pm in the Parish Hall

It appears that the meeting can go ahead after all! We will be using the main hall with abundant sanitizer, a one way system and plenty of space. Jennifer Finel will be bringing her MU diaries/cards etc as planned - but there will definitely be no cake or biscuits because we can't use the kitchen! '

Altar Flowers

If you would like to give flowers for the High Altar please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

100 Club

If you would like to know more about the 100 Club, please have a word with David Billett or Ali Holmes.

Guidelines for Face coverings

It is now mandatory for face coverings to be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present.

Those leading worship, reading, preaching or leading prayers do not always need to wear a face covering unless physical distance cannot be maintained.

Plastic visors do not come within the guidance on face coverings, which must safely cover the nose and mouth and securely fit round the side of the face – so it has to be a mask (unless exempt).

Face coverings are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.

Please send any notices for next week's pew sheet to Pam Robb (email: info@pickeringchurch.com) or Valerie Batchelor (475295, email: vjb39@outlook.com) by Wednesday

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THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

WELCOME !

Sunday, 13th September

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sunday, 20th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

10.00 am Marishes

Parish Eucharist

The church will also be open for private prayer from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on Wednesday mornings and from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Saturdays. If you wish to make a special prayer request, please speak to one of the stewards on duty.

Message from Gareth

I'm very much looking forward to meeting everyone, please feel free to get in touch either by email or phone, or by coming to the vicarage any time Saturday to Thursday.

I will be taking Friday as my rest day so any messages I get on that day will be answered in Saturday.

"We're Good To Go" is the official UK mark to signal that a tourism and hospitality business has worked hard to follow Government and industry COVID-19 guidelines and has a process in place to maintain cleanliness and aid social distancing.



READINGS AND PROPERs

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through 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**

First Reading: *Genesis 50:15-21*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103 v 1 – 8 (*Sung by choir only*)

The Lord has compassion on his children

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;
Who redeems your life from the Pit and crowns you with faithful love and compassion; Who satisfies you with good things, so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed. He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Second Reading: *Romans 14:1-12*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who

abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,
'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

