

This week your prayers are asked for those who are ill or in need including:-

David Sharp	Sheila Clarke
Catrina Walker-Jones	Trevor Metcalfe
Mary Mangan	Juliette Gillespie
Chris Hughes	Brenda Remond
Carol Standfield	Liz McGill
Yvonne Stevenson	

The families and friends of those who have died:-

Notices

Flowers—

Donations would be very welcome for our floral arrangements for Harvest and the forthcoming Induction (please put in an envelope and hand to Jean).

Please remember that it is now advisory that you wear a face mask or shield which should then **cover both your nose and mouth.**

Let us all do our part in helping to keep the rates of Covid down. The PCC has agreed that we should wear masks on entering and leaving church and during any time of moving about during a service.

Refreshments will be served after the service,
You are reminded that it is TABLE SERVICE and do not approach the hatch. No more than FOUR people at a table.

Induction—Wednesday 10th November

Before the induction we will be holding a massive cleaning day on the Saturday 6th November to make sure that the church and hall are looking their absolute best for this service and exciting new chapter in the life of this parish—everyone is asked to help out if they possibly can—this will start at 10am

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Serving God and the community

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Sunday 3rd October 2021
Eighteenth After Trinity

Welcome to Revd. Dr. Margaret Jones who is leading our service this morning

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

During This Week

Today

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday —

10.00am No BCP Communion

Next Sunday— Services may just be on-line due to the Marathon road closures although we will do our best to be 'live' and in church.

10.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Eucharist or Evening Prayer

Next Sunday is the deadline for the November Parish News.

All services are now fully open to the public and everyone is welcome at any of them. We look forward to seeing you at one of our services.

Please take this sheet home with you.

Old Testament Reading— Job 1.1; 2.1-10

¹There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

¹One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²The LORD said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the LORD, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' ³The LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.'

⁴Then Satan answered the LORD, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. ⁵But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' ⁶The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'

⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' ¹⁰But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Psalm 26

1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity; ♦
I have trusted in the Lord and have not
faltered.
2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; ♦
examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your love is before my eyes; ♦
I have walked in your truth.
4 I have not joined the company of the false, ♦
nor consorted with the deceitful.
5 I hate the gathering of evildoers ♦
and I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, ♦
that I may go about your altar,
7 To make heard the voice of thanksgiving ♦
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
8 Lord, I love the house of your habitation ♦
and the place where your glory abides.
9 Sweep me not away with sinners, ♦
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
10 Whose hands are full of wicked schemes ♦
and their right hand full of bribes.
11 As for me, I will walk with integrity; ♦
redeem me, Lord, and be merciful to me.
12 My foot stands firm; ♦
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

Epistle— Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?'

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Gospel — Mark 10.2-16

²Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' ⁴They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' ⁵But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." ⁷"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.