	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
	Trinity 14	Trinity 15
	September 13 <sup>th</sup>	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
9.30am	Communion at St Stephen's	Communion at St Stephen's
11.00am	Family Worship	Family Worship
Celebrant	Rev Patrick	Rev Patrick
Reading	Romans 14 v1-12	Philippians 1 v21-end
	Matthew 18 v21-35	Matthew 20 v1-16
Reader	Carol Waddington	Alan Roadley
6.00pm		
Wed	Communion at St Stephen's	Communion at St Stephen's
2.30pm		

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#### VISITOR INFORMATION

We are here to welcome everyone, and we want to help those who have dementia to feel safe and help them to worship with us.

If you wish to make a donation to St Peter's and you are a tax payer, please remember that donations can be "gift aided" by using a gift aid envelope and completing the details on it. These are available from the big table at the door.

BUILDING WORK The building will be out of bounds Monday to Friday, also the car park will be closed for use by the builders. We will only use the building at weekends and park on the school yard, with only those with mobility issues parking by the vestry.

### A prayer for our communities at this time of concern

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.** 



### ST PETER'S CHURCH, BURNLEY

## Trinity 14 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Welcome to the Outdoor Service, thank you for making the effort to attend, and I hope you value being together in worship with one another.

We had planned to be indoors today, however with the necessity of Social Distancing and the new regulations that are being implemented on Monday, the Wardens and the Rector decided that we would continue outdoors for the time being.

**CELEBRATION SERVICE** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 5pm with Bishop Philip to mark the conclusion of the building work. Further arrangements are being made and we will keep you informed.

Today the service will continue to outdoors and the following points should be adhered too:

We can gather in households/bubbles at social distancing, keeping to the convention of 2m.

- Masks are mandatory indoors and are good practise when in conversation with others
- No cars in the Churchyard, all parking will be in the School Yard, except those with Disabled Badges.
- We can share the peace, as long as it doesn't involve any touching.
- Families with Children will gather on the grass by the vestry. Please respect the 2m rule.
- A collection will be taken using a box which once collected will not be opened for 72 hrs..
- There will not be any refreshments served and no access to the building, or toilet. [Vestry toilet could be used in extreme emergency.]
  - Everyone is responsible for their own welfare

# Readings and Prayers for this week:

### 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** 

### Reading: Romans 14 v1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. 2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not. and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

**5** One person considers one day more sacred than another;

another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves. alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God."

**12** So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

### Gospel: Matthew 18 v21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' **22** Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. **24** As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 26 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." 27 The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

28 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded. 29 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will

pay it back." **30** 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. **31** When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

**32** 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. **33** Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" **34** In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

**35** 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

### **The Diocesan Vision Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**