

|                  | THIS WEEK  | NEXT WEEK                                   |
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|                  | <b>Prisons Sunday</b><br><b>10th October</b>                     | <b>Trinity 20</b><br><b>17th October</b>    |
| <b>9.45am</b>    | Holy Communion at St Stephen's                                   | Wake Up & Worship at St Stephen's           |
| <b>11.00am</b>   | Holy Communion   | Holy Communion                              |
| <b>Celebrant</b> | Fr Paul Payton   | Fr Paul Payton                              |
| <b>Readings</b>  | Isaiah 61.1-11<br>Matthew 25.31-40                               | Hebrews 5.1-10<br>Mark 10.35-45             |
| <b>Reader</b>    | Carol Pike   | Carol Waddington                            |
| <b>Prayers</b>   | Joan Ainsworth   | Adrian Norris                               |
| <b>6.00pm</b>    |  | Choral Evensong                             |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10.30am Midweek Communion<br>Bible Journalling following service | 2.00pm Midweek Communion at<br>St Stephen's |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 10.00am ABC Bible Discussion<br>Group                            | 10.00am ABC Bible Discussion<br>Group       |

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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.

**Hearing loop:** If you are wearing a hearing aid, turn the control to T.

If you wish to make a donation to St Peter's and you are a taxpayer, please remember that donations can be "gift aided" by completing one of the envelopes available by the door.

Should the fire alarm sound whenever you are in church this will be for real. You should immediately leave church by either the main door, the fire door on the north side or through the choir vestry and await further instructions by the war memorial. Church members who are responsible for the event should supervise the evacuation.



**Please hold in your prayers:** Annabel Dance, Baby Ivy, Jane Chamberlain, Alice Binns, Marjorie Walsh, Edna Dawson, Julie Wilson, Joshua, Ken, Pat Brereton, Joanne Creighton, Diana Holden, Carol Crowther.

**We pray this week for those in the memorial book:** Frederick Stott, William Arthur Riley.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have any prayer requests please contact Alan and have your request added to the daily prayers or the WhatsApp group. The WhatsApp group is available to anyone with a smartphone.



# ST PETER'S CHURCH BURNLEY

Prisons Sunday  
10th October 2021



**Welcome to our worship this Sunday. If you are visiting us for the first time, we hope you experience a warm and friendly welcome. If you need help please speak to one of the sidespeople by the door or the Vicar on duty. Please stay for a cuppa after the service.**

**Today is Prisons Sunday**, which marks the beginning of a week of prayer for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons. We welcome former prison chaplains Canon Carolyn and Reverend Sue who will be speaking to us during the service.

**Refreshments** will now be served every week following the 11am Sunday service, so you are most welcome to stay for a tea/coffee and a chat. Thank you to those who have volunteered to make this possible.

**Lunch Club:** We have received the very welcome 'news' to restart the Lunch Club. The first lunch will be on Thursday 28th October. There will be a list at the back of the church to include your name if you intend to come, as this will help with catering until we get established again. The cost will remain the same, £5 for a cooked lunch and pudding. Tea and coffee served from 11am. Lunch at 12 noon.

**A.L.M. Lite:** Alan Roadley leads a brief but interesting exploration of three aspects of the "Core Module" which all Authorised Lay Ministry candidates study: The Creed, The Eucharist and The Sabbath. Concludes on Thursday 14th October 10am-11am. Church is open from 9.30am.

**Bible Journaling** takes place following the Wednesday morning service. All are welcome to reflect and journal on a verse from the Bible.

## Readings and prayers for this week:

### Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Reading: Isaiah 61.1-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; **2** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; **3** to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. **4** They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

**5** Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; **6** but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. **7** Because their shame was double, and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

**8** For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. **9** Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. **10** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. **11** For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

### **Gospel: Matthew 25.31-40**

**31** 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, **33** and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

**34** Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; **35** for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

**37** Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? **38** And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? **39** And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" **40** And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

### **Post Communion**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **A Prayer for the Vacancy**

Lord God, in this time of transition in our United Benefice, help us to look back with thankfulness to all that has been, and forward with hope to all that is to come. Unite us in love, fellowship and service as we continue to work and worship through the Vacancy. We pray that you will open our ears to hear what you are asking of us now: our eyes to see what needs releasing, renewing and realising: our hearts to follow the call and direction of your Spirit. When the time is right, send us a priest who will be a servant, shepherd leader, committed to nurturing our gifts of discipleship, encouraging our growth in faith and partnering us in transforming the communities we are called to serve. We ask this in fellowship with our patrons, St Peter and St Stephen, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**