



St. Andrew ♦ Holy Cross

10th June 2018 – The Second Sunday after Trinity

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Welcome to our Worship this morning.

The Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading – 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 (Church Bible page 1161)

It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Gospel Reading – Mark 3. 20-35 (Church Bible page 1005)

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.' So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: 'How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.' He said this because they were saying, 'He has an impure spirit.' Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.' 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,

we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:

sustain us with your Spirit,

that we may serve you here on earth

until our joy is complete in heaven,

and we share in the eternal banquet

with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Pray for....

Shirley and Doug Pearce as they move into Holden Gardens. Shirley is soon to be our new Curate.

Keith Fisher, who is still in hospital and Sue as she cares for him.

Len Morrison now home from hospital.

Joyce Sweeney recovering from surgery.

Please pray for the family and friends of **Bruce Rossiter**, who died recently.

We give thanks for Bruce's life and treasure the memory of his many years of faithful service to our congregations as Church Warden, PCC member, Bass player, Youth worker and Community Lunch helper.

Please hold **Val, Claire, Neil** and all the family in your prayers.

Prayer

If you have a particular need for prayer, please approach a member of the prayer ministry team who will be pleased to help you. If you prefer to write down your prayer request, cards are available in the entrance lobby in St Andrew's and on the welcome table in Holy Cross. Place your completed card in the box: these prayers are offered during daily Morning Prayer.

For urgent prayer requests please contact Richard (01268 520688) or David and Marion (01268 523565).

Funeral - Bruce Rossiter

Bruce's funeral will take place on Friday 22nd June - there will be a service of committal at Pitsea Crematorium at 12 noon followed by a celebration of Bruce's life at St. Andrew's Church at 1:00pm. All are welcome at either or both parts of the service. Please continue to keep Val, Neil, Claire and all of Bruce's family in your prayers.

Food Ministry Fundraising

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle weekend

2nd & 3rd June

We raised £451.63 !

Huge "Thanks" to everyone involved and those who supported this event.

Well done all !



What's on this week

Sunday	10 th	11:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
Monday	11 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		1:30pm	Home Group (Joyce and Tom Hancock).
		6:30pm	Youth Club at St Andrew's.
		7:30pm	Evening Home Group (Peter White).
Tuesday	12 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		10:00am	Home Group (Cyril Phillips).
		2:00pm	Knit and Chat in St Andrew's.
		7:45pm	Home Group (Barbara Bowhill).
Wednesday	13 th	9:30am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		7:30pm	Course in Christian Studies at St Andrew's.
Thursday	14 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		12:00noon	Community Lunch at St Andrew's.
Friday	15 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
Saturday	16 th	9:30am	Music Group Practice at St Andrew's.
Sunday	17 th	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Andrew's.
		11:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		1:30pm	Joyce's Birthday Lunch – see below.
		3:00pm	Holy Cross Church open for
			musical interludes – followed by.....
		5:00pm	Summer Choral Evensong at Holy Cross.

Joyce Hancock would like to invite you to her 90th Birthday Lunch.

Sunday 17th June 2018, 1:30pm St Andrew's Church.

No cards or presents please, just your company.

We will finish in time for you to go to the Evening Service at Holy Cross.

Please sign the lists if you intend to come.

Summer Choral Evensongs at Holy Cross

Over the summer months we will be holding Choral Evensong Services on Sundays - 17th June, 15th July, 19th August and 16th September. The church will be open from 3:00pm with tea, coffee and cake available and there will be programme of musical interludes given by local young people with the main service commencing at 5:00pm. Evensong is a lovely way to end Sundays with, and we are so blessed to have such a beautiful and sacred space as Holy Cross to hold these very special services in, so please do try and come along.

News From Cyril Phillips

As some of you know, my granddaughter Gracie started a 300 mile walk from Plymouth to Blackpool last Friday 1st June (her 20th birthday) to raise money for Branches of Life International which aids street children in Uganda. She went to Uganda last year and was appalled by what she saw. There were dozens of children sleeping on the street literally “head to tail”. So far, as at this Thursday morning (7th June) she had walked 110 miles in 6 days and had many blisters on her feet! All this has involved her and the family of a great deal of organisation to make sure she has someone walking with her all the times, that there is somewhere to sleep each night and that her feet are attended to !

To find out more, or to donate to support Gracie go to walk300.com



Items for news and prayer to Jackie Stubberfield on 01268 288930 or jmstubber@gmail.com by Thursday afternoon, please.

Next Sunday's readings are – 2 Corinthians 5.6-17, Mark 4. 26-34.

Dates for your Diary

Games and Fun Day at St Andrew's.

Request for cakes for this event.

Kath Gidley would be very grateful for any cakes to add to the refreshments on offer for the Games and fun day.

Please contact Kath if you are able to help.

Saturday 23rd June 2:00pm till 4:00pm. All welcome, for family fun.

Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day.

There will be a cake stall & sweet stall for you to buy cakes and sweets from. There will be a guess the name of the animal at 50p a go and a lolly game at 20p a go. Come and enjoy board games / table tennis / giant connect 4 & giant Jenga inside and weather permitting, supervised outdoor games too.

Installation of Bishop John Perambulath – 22nd July 3.30pm at Chelmsford Cathedral

Following his consecration on 3rd July at St Paul's Cathedral, Bishop John will be installed at Chelmsford Cathedral on 22nd July. All are welcome at the service and there will be a sign-up sheet nearer the time as the Cathedral have asked for an idea of numbers for catering purposes

Let us eat cake! Saturday 28th July 2pm

You are all invited to come and enjoy tea and cake and hopefully some sunshine at the Firth residence!

This will be a great opportunity for us to spend some time together, relax and chat, trampoline bouncing optional! It would be lovely to see you all there.

Saturday 28th July 2:00pm at 54 Peterborough Way, SS14 3QE

Contact Nicola on 07951 726278.

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