

Welcome to Mirfield Team Paris

Sunday 13th September 2020

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect and Readings

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, '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 would 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 would 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.'

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

We pray for those being Baptised in September

Carl Crossland, Amy Wright, Heather Duncan, Ava Grace Crossland, Felix Harry Burkinshaw

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit

Mary, Toni, Karen, Craig, Louise, Andrew, Stephen, Wendy, Shaney, Daniel, Michael, Sarah, Donna, Stephen & Tracey, Daniel, Philippa, Beryl, Ash and Alex, Krystian, Margaret, Trevor, Hilda, Nicholas, Harry, Brian, Andrew, Jimmy, Claire, Charles, Paul & Dorothy, Jacob, Jean, Barbara, Judith, Diana, Dorothy.

From our Parish Prayer List

For all who volunteer their time and talents within the life of our churches.
For the work with young people of Mirfield done by Matrix youth group.
For all who live in our local nursing homes and those who care for them.
For the work done through the Red Cross and other emergency relief organisations.

*One of the ministries we offer is our prayer team who are willing to offer prayers on your behalf in a crisis situation. If you have an urgent need for prayers then please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinators,
Carol on 515894 or Barry on 493884.*

*If you would like anyone to be added or removed from our prayer lists please contact Janice Barker 01924 503530
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Our Licensed Lay Pastoral Ministers

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Service times update:

As from next Sunday, 20th September, we are increasing the number of services we offer.

The pattern from then will be:

Sunday	9:30 am	Eucharist with music St. Mary's.
	11:15 am	Eucharist with music St. John's.
Wednesday	10 am	Said Eucharist St. Mary's.
Thursday	10 am	Said Eucharist St. John's.

The same social distancing and hygiene rules will apply to all services.

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Chris Breare and Karen Battey are standing in as Acting Wardens at St John's for the time being.

When coming into church please remember to **KEEP A SOCIAL DISTANCE OF 2 METRES FROM THE NEXT PERSON IN CHURCH. PEWS ARE FOR ONE HOUSEHOLD ONLY OR A 'BUBBLE'** and not a mix of different households. There are enough pews to be able to achieve this. A steward may direct you to a specific pew, please follow their instructions.

To prevent a bottleneck at the track and trace box, the information slips will already be on the pew together with a pencil for you to complete this. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND LEAVE THIS ON THE PEW.** A steward will collect the forms after you have left and place them in the box, you do not need to do anything else with them.

Notices are being placed in ST MARY'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE and on the noticeboard about a Garden 'clear-up/tidy day' on 3rd October. We're renewing the Graveyard policy and reminding people of the Regulations that cover graveyards.

As part of this we are asking people to please remove all personal and unauthorised items and take them home. Any queries about this, then please contact Rev. Helen Butler.

Helen Walker & Stephen Butler *Churchwardens*

Mirfield Team Parish now has its own **YOUTUBE** channel which has been set up by Chris Hargrave. I include his email below with details about how to find it and I would encourage you to SUBSCRIBE (free) so we can get the full benefit from it. You will also find there a copy of the service from St. Mary's recorded this Sunday morning. This was live streamed on Facebook. The morning service is now streamed out live from 9:30 am on Facebook and will then be there to watch later on both Facebook and YouTube. As always, if we can help in any way do let us know. With every blessing. *Hugh*

Chris Hargrave writes: Hi All. I have set up a YouTube channel which can be used in addition to Facebook to watch the various services as we look into the future. To access it on your PC, Tablet, Smartphone or smart TV open YouTube and search for 'The Mirfield Team Parish' or use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckLhk7f2NXlhtrcbBPL6O0g>

When you visit the site you should see an option to SUBSCRIBE. This does not cost anything but if we get sufficient subscribers it will enable us to use more of the services provided by YouTube. So please click on it and share this with your friends.

God Bless you all, *Chris*

For all services we are now advised that those who are able need to wear masks in church. At both St. Mary's and St. John's there are social distancing rules to follow and only some pews are in use. For the time being please can you let us know if you are coming to the Communion services?

The **SEPTEMBER AND APRIL PARISH MAGAZINES** are now available in our churches. It is hoped to have other missing issues printed soon, in limited numbers. If you know of anyone who would like to have a copy of these magazines, particularly those unable to see the PDF files or to come into church, please ask them to get in touch with Barry or Janice so that arrangements can be made for delivery. **Material for the October magazine is needed no later than Wednesday 16th September.**

'**KINDNESS ROCKS**' is a project that has started in the churchyards of St Mary's and St John's - the idea is to create a 'Kindness' message on a rock or pebble and place it in the 'Garden of Kindness'. Everyone can partake, adults and children alike ... The rocks have been placed just as you enter St Mary's Churchyard under the old Church tower or at St John's, Upper Hopton on the lych gate. The idea is to share one for inspiration or motivation; take one away if it makes you smile! If you want, you can send pictures of your 'Kindness Rock' creation to me (Revd Cindy) by mobile or email and I'll post them to the MTP Facebook page or send them straight to the Facebook page yourself. Take a look at the video on the Mirfield Team Parish Facebook page.



Hymns *(sung by choir only)*

Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let nor my slipp'ry footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quick' ner of the dead,

And if I tempted am to sin
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand:
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy:

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

