

**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**



Have You Understood?

There is much teaching in Matthew's Gospel about the ***Kingdom of Heaven***.

Jesus takes care to ask his listeners whether they have understood what he is saying about the Kingdom.

He is concerned to point out that his teaching isn't a 'wish-list' of things that *might* happen, but a 'to-do' list of what his listeners need to get on with *now*.

Heaven isn't about future 'pie-in-the-sky-when-you-die' fantasies, but about our getting on with bringing about God's will—his Kingdom—here and now.

**Trinity VII
(26th July 2020)**

10.30 am

Sung Mass

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 27th July

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 28th July

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 29th July

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 30th July

09.00 Morning Prayer

17.00 Evening Prayer

17.30 Mass

Friday 31st July

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 1st August

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

All Masses are broadcast live on the parish Facebook page, and also uploaded to the Crooked Spire YouTube channel.

TRINITY VII - SUNG MASS

Collect Prayer

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Romans 8.26-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,
'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew

Glorify to you, O Lord

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 26th July - Trinity VII

- The worldwide Anglican Communion
- ◊ The postponed Lambeth Conference

Monday 27th July - Brooke Foss Westcott

- Local Foodbanks
- ◊ Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (Canada); Bida (Nigeria); Karachi (Pakistan)
- ✦ *Harry Poole; Eleanor Catherine Brown*

Tuesday 28th July

- Bishop Libby and all Christians involved in sport
- ◊ Nsukka (Nigeria); Biharamulo (Tanzania); Karamoja (Uganda)
- ✦ *May Arkwell*

Wednesday 29th July - Mary, Martha & Lazarus

- Renewal & transformation by the Holy Spirit
- ◊ Nyahururu (Kenya); Birmingham (England)
- ✦ *Leslie Cheetham; Elizabeth Cleasby;*
James Benjamin Brackenbury

Thursday 30th July - William Wilberforce;

Olauda Equiano; Thomas Clarkson

- Those enmeshed in modern day slavery
- ◊ Nzara (S Sudan); Blackburn (England); Bo (W Africa)
- ✦ *Robert Foster*

Friday 31st July - Ignatius of Loyola

- The Church on Oakwood
- ◊ Missionary District of Oeste-Brasil (Brazil); Boga (Congo); Port Elizabeth (Sn Africa)
- ✦ *Joyce Silcock*

Saturday 1st August

- Our partner Diocese of Kolkata in North India
- ◊ Offa (Nigeria); Bolivia (S America); Karimnagar (S India)
- ✦ *Francis Crosse, Priest; Royston Beal, Priest;*
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Our prayers have been asked for:

Jane Hoskin; Charlese Cain; John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Carol Kingham; Joan Lidgate; Teddy; June Frankland; John Herring; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; David Staves; Ian Mackenzie; Laura; Jean Knox; Robin Glasson; Kenneth Hughes; Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor; Fr Charles Briggs

Dates for your diary (COVID19 permitting):

WELL DRESSING

29th August-6th September

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

14th-29th November

The church building is open for visitors from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday, and the Gift Shop is open from 10.00 am each of those days.

The Coffee Shop is open on
Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays.

COVID19 HAS NOT GONE AWAY, AND ALL THE MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN JUST REDUCE THE RISK OF INFECTION: THEY CANNOT ELIMINATE THAT RISK.

PLEASE, IF YOU ARE ILL STAY AT HOME; IF YOU ARE VULNERABLE IN ANY WAY, THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE RETURNING TO CHURCH AT THIS STAGE.

If you need support in prayer or any other way please contact the team on 01246 206506 or contact@crookedspire.org

Next Sunday - 2nd August - Trinity VIII

10.30 am Sung Mass

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