

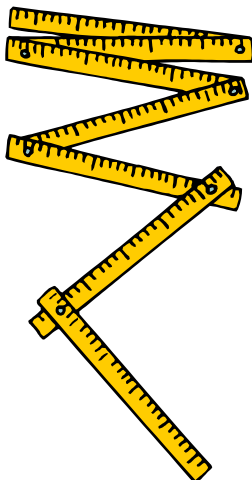
Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Your Rule of Life?

Various groups in the Church have what they call a Rule of Life. In fact, one of the things that crops up regularly when people talk about church growth is the introduction of a common Rule of Life—though such a thing needs to be observed by all in order to have any real effect.

I have never come across a Rule of Life better than the one Paul offers to the Romans in today's Epistle. It's the clearest possible illustration of what life among Christians should be like, starting with the request *Let love be sincere*.

Take it with you, cut it out, put it on the wall or in your Bible or Prayer Book, and go back to it again and again, for you may be certain that those who live like this will be recognised as God's people not only by the world around us but also by God when the time comes for us to give an account of our lives.



Trinity XII (30th August 2020)

10.30 am

Sung Mass

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 31st August

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 1st September

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 2nd September

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 3rd September

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Lunchtime Recital

17.00 Evening Prayer

17.30 Mass

Friday 4th September

09.00 Morning Prayer

12.15 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 5th September

09.00 Morning Prayer

09.30 Mass

16.00 Evening Prayer

Mass on Wednesdays and Sundays is live-streamed on Facebook, and also uploaded to the Crooked Spire YouTube channel.

TRINITY XII - SUNG MASS

Collect Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things

which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 12.9-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Matthew 16.21-end

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'

But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 30th August - Trinity XII

- Retired clergy continuing to serve the church
- ◇ The united Church of South India
- ✦ Joyce Newman

Monday 31st August - Aidan of Lindisfarne

- Safety on our roads this Bank Holiday
- ◇ Kimberley & Kuruman (Sn Africa);
Kindu (Congo); Kinkiizi (Uganda)
- ✦ Leonard Shipley

Tuesday 1st September - Giles of Provence

- St John, Tupton
- ◇ Ondo (Nigeria); Calabar (Nigeria);
Kinshasa (Congo)
- ✦ Edward James Wass, Priest;
Ida Winifred Oldfield; Mary Louisa McKenna

Wednesday 2nd September - The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea

- St Lawrence, North Wingfield
- ◇ Ontario (Canada); Calcutta (N India)
- ✦ Winifred Mary Jones

Thursday 3rd September - Gregory the Great

- St Bartholomew, Clay Cross
- ◇ Ogbomoso (Nigeria); Caledonia (Canada);
Calgary (Canada)

Friday 4th September - Birinus

- St Barnabas, Danesmoor
- ◇ Oregon (TEC); California (TEC)
- ✦ Paul Cutts; Marjorie Phipps; Louis de Cas, Priest

Saturday 5th September

- St Mary the Virgin, Pilsley
- ◇ Orlu (Nigeria); Cameroon (W Africa);
Kirinyaga (Kenya)
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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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; Margaret; Colin Parnell; Glynis Hallett

✦ Charles Briggs, priest RIP

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

The next organ recital is on Thursday 3rd September with Nigel Gotteri.

COVID-safe measures are in place, and those attending are required by law to wear face coverings unless exempt.

As usual, entry is free, with a retiring collection for the Music Fund. Contactless donation is possible (and preferred).

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (COVID-19 PERMITTING):

Well Dressing: 29th August-6th September

Christmas Tree Festival: 14th-29th November

The church building is currently open for visitors from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Mondays to Saturdays.

The Gift Shop is open from 10.00 am to 4.00pm, Mondays to Saturdays.

The Coffee Shop is open Tuesdays to Saturdays.

COVID19 HAS DEFINITELY 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.

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

Next Sunday - 6th September - Trinity XIII

10.30 am Sung Mass

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