

COVID-19 prayer

Sovereign Lord, you know all things and through all circumstances of life you accompany your people. Prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus. Protect and strengthen those who are treating the sick. Comfort the sick and those who mourn the loss of loved ones or are living in fear of this disease.

Give to the governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and grant to your people patience, compliance and peace, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory. Turn the hearts of many experiencing fear and anxiety to you that they may find that peace which only you can give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Giving

A helpful way to give regularly is by direct debit.

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Sunday 20th September 2020

25th Ordinary Sunday

Welcome



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A fresh start with God

Welcome!

Welcome to Church! Welcome also to those listening in from home. Thank you for joining in to this week's service and Bible Teaching. If you are new, or visiting us today, a special welcome to you.

A sentence from the Bible to prepare us for hearing God's word...

"In my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Romans 7:22-25

Trevor Young – Senior Minister

Today's Sermon

'How, when I am always struggling with sin?' – Romans 7:1-25

Sermon Series:

"Righteousness Revealed"

from the New Testament book of Romans

TODAY

Service of Word and Prayer

Form 3

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RECORDED and available off the website from 12noon Sunday

After the service time is available to meet and greet. But please remain in your seats or move outside to the playground to do so, and comply with social distancing.

Welcome

Drawing near to God

Hearing God's Word

Romans 7:1-25

Affirming our faith

Bible Teaching

'How, when I am always struggling with sin?'

Song on Screen (*Listen in*)

Praying for God's world

Announcements

Going out to serve

Prayers

A prayer of confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A set prayer for the day

Almighty and eternal God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: receive our prayer which we offer before you for the many different members of your holy church; that every one of them in his vocation and ministry may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.** *AAPB page 254*

September mission focus

Please remember to pray this month for the Thomas family serving in Thailand with Interserve, and for Police Chaplaincy.

Notices

What's happening with Holy Communion?

It's been unfortunate that with our COVID 19 Safe Plan restrictions, Holy Communion, as we used to share in it, has needed to be suspended. Parish Council is assessing this every month as guided by the Diocese. Wherever possible, Holy Communion is encouraged to be held when the congregation can meet together - sharing in, remembering and celebrating God's love towards us in Christ Jesus together. However, the permission is there for Holy Communion to be also shared in with those who can't be present due to illness or the need to be isolated. So if in these uncertain times you are well, and you would like Trevor to celebrate Holy Communion with you in your home, please don't hesitate to give him a call.

Sunday night Bible study with Trevor

Sunday nights, from 5pm to 6pm in the back of the church. Come, think about, ask questions and share together what we learn of God from Romans. No need to let Trevor know you are coming - just turn up.

Parish Council meeting minutes

We like you to know what's going on at church, and about the decisions and plans that are made at Parish Council meetings. In the past we have posted minutes of these meetings on the noticeboard in the foyer. From now on we will make them available by email to anyone who is interested. Please let Janice know if you would like to receive them – details overleaf.

Next Parish Prayer Meeting

Monday 5th October 7pm to 8pm in the lounge area at the back of church. All are welcome. Let Trevor know if you wish to join via zoom.

Sermon Series over September, October

"Righteousness Revealed" from the New Testament book of Romans.

Next week's sermon: 'You have a helper – the Holy Spirit.' Romans 8:1-27