



# “Good Morning”

The weekly newsletter for St. Nicholas' Church, Elm Park  
for the week beginning Sunday, 13th September 2020

*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**St Nicholas is open for services, looking forward to see you back in the Church**

**Alternatively, you can also join our service online via our dedicated YouTube channel @**

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*(Note underscore between Nr6 and Yel)*

	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
Sun 13-Sep Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30 AM	6:30 PM
Mon 14-Sep		
Tue 15-Sep		
Wed 16-Sep		
Thu 17-Sep Hildegard of Bingen	9:30 AM	
Fri 18-Sep		
Sat 19-Sep		
20/09/2020 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30 AM	6:30 PM

## **Collect:**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

## **Post Communion:**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **General Data Protection Regulation**

This is to remind you that all of our services are being screened via internet platforms (currently YouTube and Facebook). While not pointed directly at the congregation, the cameras may from time-to-time pick up your face. Your attendance at the service, in the knowledge of this, is taken as permission for this to happen.

Rev'd Amanda Keighley, Parish Priest

## **A Reading from the Book of Genesis:**

*Genesis 50.15-21*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Response: Thanks be to God**

*Verses from Psalm 103 will be read –*

*Please join in the response:*

***"The Lord is full of compassion and mercy"***

## **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:**

*Romans 14. 1-12*

<sup>14</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Response: Thanks be to God**

## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew:

*Matthew 18.21-35*

*Response: Glory to you, O Lord*

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>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.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart. ’

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

*Response: Praise to you, O Christ.*

*An ancient prayer to return to at this time of emergency...*

*O gracious and Holy Father,  
give us wisdom to discern you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
and a life to proclaim you.*

*Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*St Benedict of Nursia*

## Prayer Diary

“In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to God” for:

<i>Sun</i>	All preachers and teachers of the faith
<i>Mon</i>	Thankfulness for what Christ achieved on the cross
<i>Tue</i>	The persecuted church in North Africa
<i>Wed</i>	The Church of Scotland
<i>Thu</i>	An experience of God’s presence
<i>Fri</i>	Those trapped in abusive or loveless relationships
<i>Sat</i>	The work of the Samaritans

### Churches together in Elm Park:

In your prayers,  
this week we pray for the congregation  
at St Johns, South Hornchurch

*The Annual Parochial Church meeting and election of  
Church Wardens is now on  
Sunday 4th October after Holy Communion.  
Please see the church noticeboards  
Further to the above,  
nomination / application forms for the APCM elections  
are now available for the  
Churchwardens posts,  
Deanery Synod and PCC.  
There are still vacancies!  
More information in September’s Parish Magazine*

### From our cycle of prayer for the parish, we pray for those who live and work in:

Singleton Close    Skeales Court    Solar Court

### Please remember those who are ill in your prayers

Ashley Pangborn	Len Tranter	Leanne Bright
Julie Stainer	Barbara Buckley	Ann Corbett
Stella Gordon	June Edwards	Gary Jackson
Susan Lyman	Sally Mack	Len Blow
Bob Walsh	Liz Search	Wilbur Francis

### At our service on Thursday we pray for those who have long-term illness and those who care for them:

Revd Rita Morton	Jean Franklin	Brenda & Dave Jones
Jill & Brian Matthews	Olive Fisher	Kathy Kettle
Brenda Turner	Jenny Durston	George Brown
Janet Thew	John Hawlet	

### From our Book of Remembrance:

Bill McGovern  
Richard Charles Auger  
Herbert Jarrett

### Those who have recently died:

Enid Wren  
*May she rest in peace and rise in glory*