

St. Mary the Virgin week beginning 5th July 2020.

Please Pray for the following: 

Paul Allen, Alan Bailey, Diane Talling, Michael Callaghan, Chris Lawson, Noelle, Michael Baxter, Bertie, Eileen Wiltcher, John Tomsett, Julie Dow, Boy and Marion, Angela Bailey, Gillian T, Stuart, Ruth Dykes, Colin Winstone, Amara, Avril, Rachel, Victoria Nobes, Alan Wiltcher, Stephen North, Rhian, John Almond, Ann Carnie, Ross, Jamie-Lynn Port, Jean Glover, Ros Collins, Julian, Shanti, Anne Cobbold, Julie-Ann and family, Jeremy D, Maddie and her family, Lindsay Wyatt, Raymond Henn, Big Barb, Irene Fielding, Maureen Gallon, Wilma Macdonald, baby Esme, Jon, Tony Gostick, Mervyn Smith, R.I.P. Denis Crane. **Years mind for week beginning 5th July none on my list.**

Readings for Trinity 5. {July 12th}

Genesis 25. 19 – end. Romans 8. 1 – 11

Matthew 13. 1 – 9, 18 – 23

This Week's Services

Fr Neil will be saying prayers for the parish at 1.00pm. The C of E have also suggested we put a lighted candle in a window as the light of Christ taking our prayers 7.00pm each day. Fr Neil's sermons and Jamie's jokes are on the website.

Birthdays This Week

Sun: Samantha Franklin, **Wed:** Lucy Allen, Adam Dykes. **Thurs:** Pete Spall. **Fri:** Tilly George. **Sat:** Dorothy Simmons.

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Intercessions for Fourth Sunday after Trinity Year A – July 5th 2020 sourced by Pam.

Holy God, and Lord of the Dance, we raise our prayers to you in the power of the Spirit which unites us with Christ Jesus trusting that you will hear our prayers and use them to accomplish your will for the world and for the church.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, we pray for all people who seek to follow your way in their lives. Let your church speak your word of truth with confidence and in unity so that those who are searching and listening will be able to see and hear clearly your message of love and peace.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for people and nations whose troubles, brought about by the global pandemic, drown out your music of harmony and where the violent heat of anger seeks to destroy your word of peace.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Father God, we pray for the people around us in our neighbourhoods and our places of work. Give us sensitivity and insight into their needs and vulnerabilities so that we may learn truly to love our neighbours as ourselves. Help us to be responsible and sensible in all our interaction with those around us so that we do not increase the chance of infecting, or being infected by, those we meet.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Gracious God, we pray for people we know who are ill, anxious or bereaved, and for those that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens. We pray that you will lead them, and us, in peace towards healing and wholeness of mind and spirit.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Merciful God, many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly for these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Loving God, we offer ourselves to you in faith and confidence. Show us as we go out into the world how we can best prepare ourselves to be part of your response to our prayers. Fill us with the Spirit of life which was in Christ Jesus, your Son and our Saviour.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Readings for Trinity 2 Year A

FIRST READING Genesis 24.34–38, 42–49, 58–67

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The servant whom Abraham had sent said to Laban:

'I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." I came today to the spring,

and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son." Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming.

And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her.

So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

SECOND READING Romans 7.15–25a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions.

For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

For I know that nothing good dwells within me,

that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want,

it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,

but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am!

Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

GOSPEL Matthew 11.16–19, 25–30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus said,

"To what will I compare this generation?

It is like children sitting in the market-places

and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking,

and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!"

Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

because you have hidden these things

from the wise and the intelligent

and have revealed them to infants;

yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father;
and no one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'