

THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, ST PAUL'S, ST MARY'S

SUNDAY 6th September 2020 13th Sunday after Trinity

During Sunday in August there will be Services as follows:

Facebook at 10am and 11am in the Minster.

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Across the parish, one thing I know that everyone is missing most of all through these times is meetings. The PCC has not met for some time and we even skipped the Annual Meeting (as directed by the diocese). All kinds of business meetings across the town have gone into abeyance or have been taking place online; often in ways we never imagined as being possible. Diocesan Synod took place in the summer via Zoom and there was a general feeling that we saved an awful lot of time and mileage by meeting online: it seemed to work! But there is something we miss about being in the same room. Of course, it's not just meetings we are missing but all kinds of ways in which we join together as the people of God.

We all know that when the people of God join together, our dealings should run within the paths love and godly peace. That is what is supposed to happen but it is not always the case and this is something which Jesus foresees: he knows the human frailty and weakness of his followers and that this will be the way of the church as we read in the gospel this week (Mt 18:15-20). We should be laying aside the works of darkness and putting on the armour of light as we strive to live honourably with all people.

Our behaviour with and dealings toward each other should be Christ like, whether this is in a full-scale PCC meeting or simple moments with one or two others. After all, whenever two or three are gathered then Jesus is in our midst.

With prayers and good wishes to you all,

Fr Simon

Harvest Time

We are looking at doing something a bit different this harvest time. Do you have pictures/videos of your garden/allotment you would like to share with us? If so, please email to lynch.helen@outlook.com

Donations for Pathway

We need donations of packed lunch 'extras' like crisps, individually wrapped cake bars and biscuits etc. Items may be left in the Minster Near the cafe area during opening times.

NOTICES

Footprints is back Monday 6th September, still online (details below)

Film Club Ever watched a film that really made you think? Starting this month, join our film club, we will watch films (available on dvd), and then discuss them together – either in person or online/phone depending on circumstances and participants. If you're interested email or ring Helen lynch.helen@outlook.com 07902 447821

Yearly Sponsored Cycle Ride September 12th 2020. This year Tony Harris is representing for St. Paul's and James Bishop is representing St. Mary's. If anyone would like to sponsor them please get in touch with the office, or alternatively speak to Tony and James.

Churches Cycle Ride: If anyone can help staff the Minster please let Simon know. Just an hour or two would be very welcome on Saturday 12th September.

Minster Open daily from 10am-12noon for private prayer and visitors. There will be a Eucharist service every Sunday at 11am, until further notice. The online service will still be available at 10am. If you wish to volunteer to help keep the Minster open, contact the Parish Office. It is mandatory to wear masks in the church, unless you are exempt.

Online: If you're online you can find the "Parish of Great Yarmouth" on YouTube. We'll also do live streaming on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GtYarMinster. You don't have to be signed up to Facebook to view these.

Regular Giving Our finances are under great strain at the moment. If you wish to set up a regular payment or make a one-off gift, account name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Yarmouth, sort code 20-99-21 and account number 60425850. Thank you.

Parish Magazine: The September magazine is out now, if you have any articles for the magazine please contact Pat Stringer, email: pat.stringer1@sky.com

Weekly Bulletin: This bulletin is emailed every Saturday. Contact Parish Office to be added to our circulation.

PARISH PRAYER LIST If anyone wants someone prayed for, ask any of the Ministry Team or the parish office. Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit or in need of God's loving care: David, Sheila, Brenda, Pam, Stuart, Stephen, John. Remember before God the recently departed: Mary Weldon. Pray for the work of the Pathway Cafe & Support Centre. Pray for schools across the parish as they begin a new term.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear
witness
that you were in Christ reconciling
the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news
of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn
to you;
through him who was lifted up on
the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM Psalm 119:33-40

R *My delight shall be in your commandments.*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes
and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with my whole heart. **R**

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for therein is my delight.
Incline my heart to your testimonies
and not to unjust gain.
Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities;
O give me life in your ways. **R**

Confirm to your servant your promise,
which stands for all who fear you.
Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgements are good.
Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness give me life. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside

the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples. "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us
through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

