

THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

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

SUNDAY 19th July 2020 6th Sunday after Trinity

There is a service at 11am this Sunday in the Minster as well as on Facebook at 10am.

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There has been a lot of gardening going on recently. I have spoken to lots of people in recent weeks and have told me that their gardens have never looked better. I think the same may be true of the rectory garden. There is more gardening in Gospel reading today where after listening to the parable of the sower last week, today we have the parable of the weeds.

It is a bit of a puzzle that Jesus tells a story where the farmer accepts the fact that the weeds grow among the good plants. Sensible gardeners keep on top of the weeds. Workers want to tear them up straight away but they told to leave them be. All will become sorted in the end.

This brings us on to another lockdown pastime: sorting. I doubt there is anyone reading this who hasn't had a bit of a sort out of something in their house, be it a drawer, cupboard, room or the entire upstairs. Sorting is a good discipline. I once read an advent book which instructed readers on the first day to go and sort out a drawer as a spiritual exercise: taking time to work out what was an was not needed.

Throughout our lives we are ever in a process of sorting and refining ourselves. Like the garden or like the untidy drawer. We perpetually need to take stock and see where there is good fruit in our lives and where there is room for improvement by sifting or sorting. It's not all bad and we don't need to throw everything away. Within the purposes of God there is a heart of love which can take and use our messy, cluttered weediness and, in time, it is refined to become something wonderful and fruitful.

With prayers and good wishes to you all,

Fr Simon

Reflective Healing Service - Tuesday at 7pm. A time for quiet reflection and prayer for ourselves and the world.

To phone in, ring 0203 481 5240, When asked for the Meeting ID, enter 841 9142 9076 then the # button.

Skip the next code it asks for by just pressing #

Then when it asks for the password enter 540860 and then #

To join online, go to Zoom and join meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84191429076?pwd=L3BiNHhHUjRNRTQczNab21lLzFFUT09>

The password is Minster.

NOTICES

Barbara Rowe we have Barbara's address at the office if anyone would like to get in touch with her, please contact Tracy.

Minster Open daily from 10am-12noon for private prayer. Please follow distancing guidelines. There will be a Eucharist service today and next Sunday at 11am. The online service will still be available at 10am. If you wish to volunteer to help keep the Minster open, contact the Parish Office.

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 with no weekly collection plate our income is much decreased. 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.

Pathway Volunteers - if anyone is interested in volunteering at Pathway, please contact Fr Simon.

Parish Magazine: The July 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 Chat - every Wednesday 7-8pm for a chatty zoom - no agenda, just a chance for a catch up.

- To phone in, ring [0203 481 5240](tel:02034815240)
- When asked for the Meeting ID, enter 812 4549 6516 then the # button
- Skip the next code it asks for by just pressing #
- Then when it asks for the password enter 566513 and then #
- To join online, go to Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81245496516?pwd=d1FzU3Y3b0J6TnJtN2pPc2pHQjJZz09>
- Meeting ID: 812 4549 6516 Password: Minster

Give Mother Helen a call on [07902 447821](tel:07902447821) if you're having trouble getting in.

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: Wendy, David, Sheila, Brenda, Onyinye. Remember before God the recently departed: Pat Munford, Ed Ellis, Patricia Dean, Rita Long. Pray for local businesses returning to work. Pray for the work of the Pathway Cafe & Support Centre as they seek to appoint a new manager: give thanks for funding for the Pathway.

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above
all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.

FIRST READING

Either **Wisdom of Solomon 12:13. 16-19**
A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is not any god besides you, Lord,
whose care is for all people, to whom you
should prove that you have not judged
unjustly; for your strength is the source
of righteousness, and your sovereignty
over all causes you to spare all. For you
show your strength when people doubt
the completeness of your power, and you
rebuke any insolence among those who
know it. Although you are sovereign in
strength, you judge with mildness, and
with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you
choose. Through such works you have
taught your people that the righteous
must be kind, and you have filled your
children with good hope, because you
give repentance for sins.

Or **Isaiah 44:6-8**

*A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.*

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and
his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the
first and I am the last; besides me there is
no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim
it, let them declare and set it forth before
me. Who has announced from of old the
things to come? Let them tell us what is
yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have
I not told you from of old and declared
it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god
besides me? There is no other rock; I know
not one.

PSALM Psalm 86:11-end

R *All nations you have made shall
come and worship you, O Lord.*

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will
walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your
name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all
my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore; **R**

For great is your steadfast love towards
me,
for you have delivered my soul from the
depths of the grave.
O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life;
they have not set you before their eyes. **R**

But you, Lord, are gracious and full of
compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and
truth.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and
be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and
comforted me. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans.*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors,
not to the flesh, to live according to the
flesh – for if you live according to the
flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you
put to death the deeds of the body, you
will live. For all who are led by the Spirit
of God are children of God. For you did
not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back
into fear, but you have received a spirit of
adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!”
it is that very Spirit bearing witness with
our spirit that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God
and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact,
we suffer with him so that we may also
be glorified with him. I consider that the
sufferings of this present time are not
worth comparing with the glory about to
be revealed to us. For the creation waits
with eager longing for the revealing of
the children of God; for the creation was
subjected to futility, not of its own will
but by the will of the one who subjected
it, in hope that the creation itself will be
set free from its bondage to decay and
will obtain the freedom of the glory of the
children of God. We know that the whole
creation has been groaning in labour
pains until now; and not only the creation,
but we ourselves, who have the first fruits
of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we
wait for adoption, the redemption of our
bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now

hope that is seen is not hope. For who
hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for
what we do not see, we wait for it with
patience.

GOSPEL **Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43**

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

Jesus put before the crowd another
parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to someone who sowed good
seed in his field; but while everybody
was asleep, an enemy came and sowed
weeds among the wheat, and then went
away. So when the plants came up and
bore grain then the weeds appeared as
well. And the slaves of the householder
came and said to him, ‘Master, did you
not sow good seed in your field? Where,
then, did these weeds come from?’ He
answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The
slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us
to go and gather them?’ But he replied,
‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would
uproot the wheat along with them. Let
both of them grow together until the
harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the
reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind
them in bundles to be burned, but gather
the wheat into my barn.’” Then Jesus
left the crowds and went into the house.
And his disciples approached him, saying,
“Explain to us the parable of the weeds
of the field.” He answered, “The one
who sows the good seed is the Son of
Man; the field is the world, and the good
seed are the children of the kingdom; the
weeds are the children of the evil one and
the enemy who sowed them is the devil;
the harvest is the end of the age, and
the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds
are collected and burned up with fire, so
will it be at the end of the age. The Son
of Man will send his angels, and they will
collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin
and all evildoers, and they will throw them
into the furnace of fire, where there will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then
the righteous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with
ears listen!”

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

