



The Churches of
**Legbourne
Woldmarsh**

‘Sharing the good news of the kingdom of God’

WORSHIP AT HOME NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6th September 2020

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Dear friends,

I hope that you are all keeping well. I continue to hold you all in my prayers. We are now into a good rhythm with our new pattern of worship (details below), to which you are all most welcome. For those unable to join us in person I hope that this material helps you to feel closer to one another and to Christ.



Do get in touch with me if you would like a chat, or need a helping hand. Similarly please do keep up with ringing those who are having to spend time in isolation. It is hugely appreciated.

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Collect for the week

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading - Matthew 18.15-20

‘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.’

Thought for the week

By Helen Marsden, Church Reader

Today’s passage outlines how churches should behave. The passage from Matthew uses the term ‘church’ but this does not refer to a building but to a community. Jesus is always teaching us how to live more fully as part of a community. Christianity is not a private hobby or an activity for within the family. Our faith encourages us to reach out in friendship beyond our usual friendship groups. But this of course can be difficult and can bring tension.



This sort of tension would not occur in the community of disciples around Jesus would it? From Jesus’ teaching above it is clear that it had. Do you really think Jesus would have spelt out how to resolve conflict if there was not any? What could have caused this conflict? The beginning of the chapter gives a clue to the reason this time. The disciples had asked Christ which one of them was the greatest. The disciples are trying to impose a worldly hierarchy on the Kingdom of God. Christ has answered their question but is aware of murmurings in the ranks. It can be dangerous for such things to fester so Christ launches into ‘how to resolve conflict’.

Step one ; If you think someone has sinned , talk to them privately. It is your responsibility to quietly point out the error of their ways, not solely their responsibility to decide if they are doing wrong. After all, many of us have good intentions, but still get it wrong. If that does not work, step two; Take along a couple of witnesses so that what was said by both sides can be established. If, even then, the person will not listen the whole church would need to be involved. I hope we do not have anything that requires step one, let alone step three but it can happen, is horrible when it does...and is no surprise to Christ...and He still loves us! The point is that God is aware of our quarrels. He wants us to acknowledge them too. Not to sweep them under the carpet, but to positively do something about them. Because, as St Paul writes, it is hard to be close to God if we are at odds with our neighbour. And, in Jesus' words, if we are at peace with one another then we will feel the presence of God all the more:

‘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.’

For your prayers

Praying for the sick, especially for Keith Brown, who is battling with cancer, for Betty Allen who is unwell, and for Malcolm Boot as he prepares for surgery on his hip.

Please pray for the children and staff of our three parish schools, St Margaret's, Withern, North Cockerington and East Wold, Legbourne, as they return to full provision for the first time since March.

We especially pray for those pupils beginning at a new school or going for the first time – including our very own Jacob King!

Please pray for Anna-Victoria and William Lindley-Nash, who were married at St Vedast's Church, Tathwell yesterday (Saturday 5th September).

Please pray for the workmen who will be attending to the church tower at Legbourne; that they may work safely. We pray for the completion of their work, that our church may flourish into the future.

Notices

Just to say that I am now returned from my summer break. Thank you to those who have been keeping an eye on things (especially Hilary looking after the Rectory livestock and Pat for his labours in the greenhouse).

You may have noticed the scaffolding around All Saints' tower. This is for the long-awaited repair work on the buttresses. The project will also involve repairs to guttering and some internal plastering. It is not expected to impact on our current use of the building, so:

All Saint's, Legbourne will be open for private prayer on Wednesdays, 1-2.30pm.

Services will continue, weekly at Legbourne, alternating between Matins and the Eucharist (11.15, doors open at 11).

DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK...

There are all sorts of ways to participate in prayer and worship from your homes, and below I detail just a few of the locally organised ones via the internet. However the best thing may be to set aside 15-30 minutes a day, morning and evening, to immerse yourself in the scriptures. To join in with the Bible reading that will be happening at morning and evening prayer I include below the readings for the week.

	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY 6 th September 13 th Sunday after Trinity	Jonah 3.10-4.11 Revelation 8.1-5	Ezekiel 12.21-13.16 Acts 19.1-20
MONDAY 7 th September	2 Samuel 18.1-18 Acts 10.34-end	Proverbs 25.1-14 Mark 8.11-21
TUESDAY 8 th September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2 Samuel 18.19-19.8 Acts 11.1-18	Proverbs 25.15-end Mark 8.22-26
WEDNESDAY 9 th Sept	2 Samuel 19.8-23 Acts 11.19-end	Proverbs 26.12-end Mark 8.27-9.1
THURSDAY 10 th Sept	2 Samuel 19.24-end Acts 12.1-17	Proverbs 27.1-22 Mark 9.2-13
FRIDAY 11 st September	2 Samuel 23.1-1 Acts 12.18-end	Proverbs 30.1-9, 24-31 Mark 9.14-29

SATURDAY 12st Sept

2 Samuel 24
Acts 13.1-12

Proverbs 31.10-end
Mark 9.30-37

**NEXT SUNDAY - 11.15 MATINS (MORNING PRAYER)
ALL SAINTS', LEGBOURNE
ALL WELCOME (FACE MASKS REQUIRED)**

ONLINE WORSHIP

We continue to provide regular services and teaching online via the St James, Louth facebook page. All the local clergy take their turn to contribute and wherever you are based you are encouraged to come together 'virtually' in this way.

You do not need to sign up for Facebook (I haven't) – just click 'not now' when asked.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/louthchurch/videos/?ref=page_internal

Monday-Friday

Morning Prayer 9.15am

Compline 7.30pm

Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 11 and Sundays at 10.

Sundays at 6pm Evensong

Two short sermons are also added every week.

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