

United Benefice of Aston-cum-Aughton with Swallownest & Ulley

NEWSLETTER FOR 8TH OCTOBER 2017

We welcome everyone, especially if you are here for the first time.

TRINITY 17

SERVICES TODAY

Collect & Readings are over the page.

- 9am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Rev. Frances Eccleston & Rev. Dagmar Wilkinson
- 10.30am Holy Communion at All Saints
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- 10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church
Canon Judith Trickett
- 12.30pm Baptism at All Saints
- 1.30pm Baptism at All Saints

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES

Trinity 18

- 10.30am Holy Communion at All Saints
- 10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church (Joint with Holy Trinity)
- 12.30pm Baptism at All Saints
- 1.30pm Baptism at All Saints

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Monday 9th: 1.30pm Praise and Play at All Saints
- Tuesday 10th: 9am Morning Prayer at Christ Church
- Wednesday 11th: 9.30am Midweek Communion at All Saints
10am Judith's Bible Study
7pm PCC at All Saints
- Thursday 12th: 9.30am Toybox Toddlers at Christ Church
- Friday 13th: 6.30pm Boys Brigade at All Saints

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Giving in Grace. At the season of Harvest, we thank God for His goodness to us and for the grace and blessings that we receive from His hands. As a church community we will reflect together on what we give and how we give financially for the growth of God's kingdom. Individual letters with more information will be available from mid-October.

Deanery Quiet Morning. Please come to Todwick Church Hall on Saturday 21st October, 9am - 1pm if you are involved with the life of your church, and would simply like to rest awhile and be with God. The quiet morning will use the space of the Church Hall, Church and Churchyard - the time is for you, with some gentle guidance to begin with, and a gathering at the end, finishing with a shared lunch. Please contact Vicky Camber if you are interested and would like to come along, please contact Vicky Camber (01909 771101) or vicky_camber@yahoo.co.uk to book

All Souls Memorial Service. All are welcome to join us this service at 4 p.m. on Sunday October 29th, when we pray by name and light a candle for those who have died over the past year, and whose funerals have been held at All Saints, and for others whom we want to remember. A list will be available in church from next week for names for prayer.

The Start Course is a short, six week course, perfect for those who want to explore the Christian faith in a supportive small group – no questions off limits! Each session lasts one hour. This is ideal if you're thinking of being confirmed or if you just want to find out more. Next course starting soon. For more details speak to Frances.

Contact details

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Sunday 8th October – 17th Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

**Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Psalm 19.7–end

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, re/viving the / soul;*

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives / wisdom / to the / simple.

⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right and re/joyce the / heart; *

the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives / light / to the / eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and en/dures for / ever; *

the judgements of the Lord are true and / righteous / alto/gether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than / much fine / gold, *

sweeter also than honey, / dripping / from the / honeycomb.

‡ ¹¹ By them also is your / servant / taught * and in keeping them / there is / great re/ward.

¹² Who can tell how often / they of/fend? *
O cleanse me / from my / secret / faults!

¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get do/minion / over me; *
so shall I be undefiled, and / innocent of / great of/fence.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable / in your / sight, *

O Lord, my / strength and / my re/deemer.

The First Reading: Philippians 3.4–14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not

having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.33–end

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected as become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.