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Please note that Paula works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Esther's days off are Monday and Saturday. Jon's day off is Friday. Lis & Ian are both off Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon. The Church Office is currently closed. Please contact us by phone or email wherever possible.

THE CHURCH BUILDING IS NOW OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
Mon & Wed 10am-12noon Tues & Thurs 2-4pm

Lis and Ian will be praying for the world, our community and church family from 9-9.30am. You may wish to join us in praying from home or wherever you are at this time.

This week's prayer pointers

Young People Schools; CYFA; Children's Workshops & Leaders; Clubnite; Milk Shake Shack; Crèche. Safe Families for Children.

Mission Focus: Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)

Our Church Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to be a family of Your people who: Are centred on Jesus, reflecting His love, grace and truth in our characters, relationships and witness; Love Your Word (the Bible), recognise its authority and follow its guidance in our lives; Seek Your Holy Spirit's presence, wisdom, fruit and gifts, and welcome Him to move in power; Work out our faith in mission and outreach. For the praise of Your glory. **Amen.**

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*'Loving Jesus
Serving others'*

Sunday 9th August 2020

'Worship Together'
**Recorded service available on the
Holy Trinity website, YouTube and Facebook.**

Join us at 10.30am on Sunday or when you can.

**There will also be short said services which include
Holy Communion in church on Sunday at 6.30pm and
Thursday at 10.30am.**



Parables from the window: The Lost Son

This week's prayer: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may produce the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make us holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Song 1

How deep the Father's love for us
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

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Reading of the week: Luke 15:11-32

¹¹Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Song 2

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

*He said freely freely
You have received
Freely freely give
Go in My name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to

Carol Owens

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²²"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' ²⁸"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' ³¹"My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Thought for the day: Nigel Andrews

Religious people grumbled at Jesus for welcoming 'unsuitable' people coming to listen to him. One son broke all the rules, squandered his inheritance and ended-up destitute, feeding pigs. His father's hired men were better-off, he decides return as one of these – no longer a son. His father is watching for him and welcomes him home with a great celebration – because, despite his sin, he is still his son. He "was dead and is alive again". The dutiful son wouldn't accept him. But he was living as a hired man too – in the field – not like a son. Jesus shows the Father heart of God towards honest repentance and change of heart – whatever happened before. God desires loving children, not resentful religious duty without loving relationship. Coming in open repentance is the only way into relationship.

Song 3

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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