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Please note that Paula works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Esther's days off are Monday and Saturday. Lis and Ian are usually both off Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon at the moment. The Church Office is currently closed.

Lis and Ian will be praying for the world, our community and our church family in the church building 9.00-9.30am every morning that they are in the parish. Please join us by praying at home at this time if you are able to.

This week's prayer pointers

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Outreach Worker; Pastoral Team; Bereavement & Life Crisis Support. Those who have had weddings and baptisms postponed.

Mission Focus: George & Anne Todorov

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 17th May 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.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the **whole body, joined** and held **together** by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work



GATHER



GROW



GIVE



GO

This week's prayers: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

Risen Jesus, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your us your family to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Song 1

Blessèd be Your name

in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessèd be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

*Every blessing You pour out I'll turn
back to praise.
and when the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say:*

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your name.*

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your glorious name.*

Blessèd be Your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be,
Blessèd be Your name.
Blessèd be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
Blessèd be Your name.

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
'Lord, blessèd be Your name'.

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Today's reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Thought for the day: Paula Sargeant

Having reflected in recent weeks on our call to 'gather,' we now turn our attention to our call to 'grow.' Just as a new born baby is equipped with everything it needs for successful living but needs to develop and grow in preparation for adult life, so believers, equipped with the Holy Spirit, need still to develop and grow into mature disciples in order to meet life's challenges.

Paul says that we need to develop our character and '*live a life worthy of the call we have received*' by imitating Jesus and that we should all, as unique, significant and gifted members of the family, engage in works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up. Finally, Paul tells us why we need this growth; so that, strong in our faith, we are able to share it, both lovingly and without being distracted by false teaching.

Song 2

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

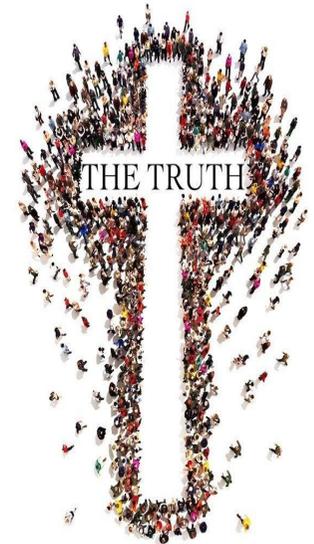
Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for my fight,
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower.
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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I am the Way



and the Life