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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

The Holland Deanery; Churches Together in Boston; Healing on the Streets; Street Pastors; Soup Kitchen. For vision and opportunities.
Mission Focus: Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

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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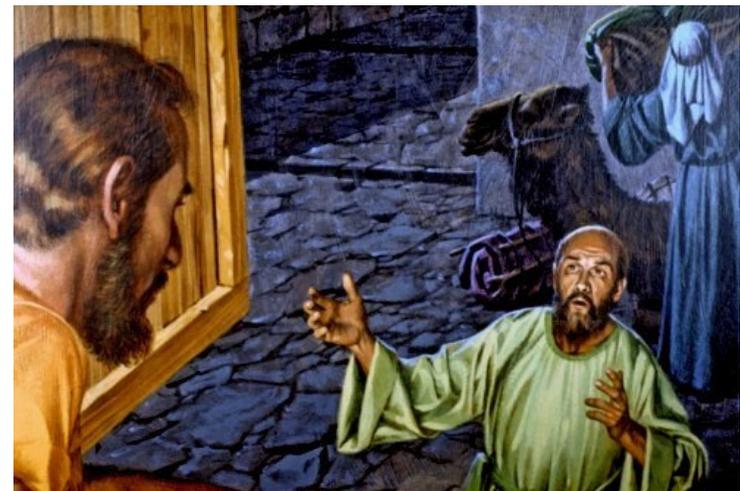
*'Loving Jesus
Serving others'*

Sunday 23rd 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. Please note masks must now
be worn during church services.**



**Parables from the window:
The Friend at Midnight**

This week's prayer:

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Song 1

Come, now is the time to worship,
come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
come, just as you are before your God,
come.
*One day every tongue will confess
You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for
those
Who gladly choose you now.*

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Song 2

Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God
and He holds us in His hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper
and He's deeper than a submarine
He's is wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams.
And He's known me and He's loved me
since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
of God's amazing plan!

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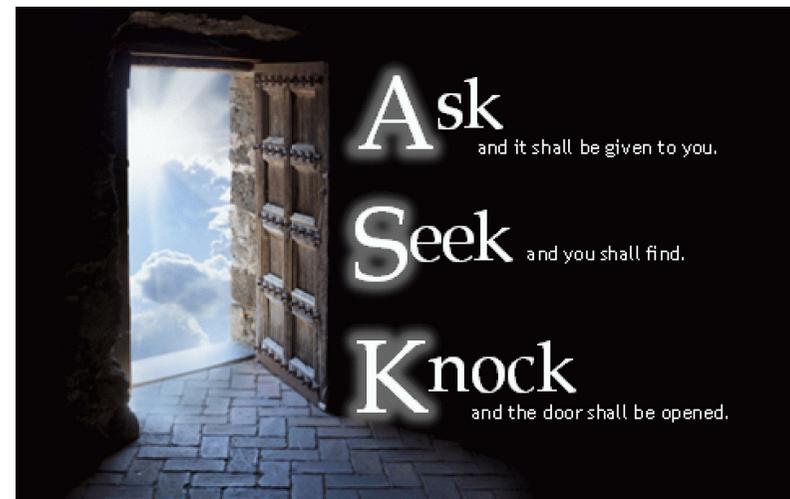
Reading of the week: Luke 11: 5-10

⁵Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity[®] he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. ⁹"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.



Thought for the day: Lis Ward

Jesus taught his disciples to pray using the words of the Lord's prayer, and immediately afterwards he tells them the story in today's reading to encourage them when they pray. Jesus says that the person in the story is given the bread that he needs by the friend he wakes up at midnight not because of their friendship but because of his shameless audacity. The story is an encouragement for us as we pray, reminding us that we can come to God our Father and ask boldly, ask repeatedly and ask with expectancy. Jesus' words at the end of the story remind us that when we ask we **will** get an answer, when we seek we **will** find, when we **knock** the door will be opened; the verbs used are continuous and remind us to keep on praying. The story challenges us to think whether we are praying boldly, with big vision, expecting God to answer, or whether we give up when our prayers seem to go unanswered.



Song 3

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Allelu alleluia*

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

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