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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

Church Publications: Trinity News; Bookstall; Church Website and Email Updates. Recorded Services and Facebook posts

Mission Focus: RoadHog

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 26th July 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 12th at
6.30pm and Thursday 16th at 10.30am.**

Please note we are not allowed to gather before or after services in churchyard or carpark.



Parables from the window: The Bags of Gold

This week's prayer:

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song 1

The splendour of the King

Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide.
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God (Sing with me)
How great is our God and all will see
How great, how great is our God!*

And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end.
Beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

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Reading of the week: Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'
²¹'His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
²²'The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'
²³'His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

Song 2

This is my desire, to honour You.

Lord, with all my heart, I worship You.
All I have within me I give You praise.
All that I adore is in You.

*Lord, I give You my heart,
I give You my soul;
I live for You alone.*

*Every breath that I take,
every moment I'm awake;
Lord, have Your way in me.*

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You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²⁴'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶'His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Thought for the day: Lis Ward

This is a parable about investment, about giving, growing and guarding the treasure of the kingdom of heaven. The master expects the same faithful and wise stewardship from all three servants, whether they are given much or less. The first two receive the same affirmation however many bags of gold they were given. The third guards his treasure so it fails to grow and despite his excuses he has even the little he was given taken from him. We are all given the free gift of God's love through Jesus, whose death on the cross opens up the treasure of the kingdom of heaven for us all. We can choose to be guarders or growers—what we do with what we are given can make a difference to the lives of others as we share our faith and serve our community. Are we making excuses for not growing what we are given? Are we guarding it and holding onto what we have rather than using it for God's purposes? If you are not sure how to grow what you have been given, ask God to show you today.

Song 2

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness;
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand has provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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