

# **Safeguarding Sunday**

## **Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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### **Opening responses**

When we are happy, when we are full of joy and laughter

**God welcomes us**

When we are angry, when people let us down and make us sad

**God welcomes us**

When we are tired, when we need to stop and curl up and rest

**God welcomes us**

God of welcome, God whose door is always open

**We are glad to meet you here**

### **Hymn:**

**All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew,  
me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.**

**God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.**

**But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought;  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth the almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all;  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

## **Introduction to the Confession**

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;  
its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and hatreds.  
Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek  
and establish that peace which God wills for all his children.

## **Collect**

Loving God, the embodiment of living and loving community,  
help us to be a church that: loves, welcomes, protects,  
listens, learns, serves, repents, restores,  
transforms, values, cares and believes.

God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

In Jesus name. **Amen.**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Reading    Isaiah 41:10-13**

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my  
victorious right hand.

Yes, all who are incensed against you shall be ashamed and  
disgraced; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and  
shall perish.

You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find  
them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all.

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand;

it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

### **One Body with Many Members**

#### ***A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians***

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Hymn:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise;  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee;  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love!  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace;  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm;  
O still, small voice of calm.

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-31 The First Commandment**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Loving Father, gathered as your sons and daughters, we offer to you our prayers for all who are engaged in the work of safeguarding across our diocese, and in this parish, especially Joanna and Mike.

Bring healing to all who have suffered because of abuse and whose lives continue to be overshadowed by anger, guilt or fear. May the consolation of your Holy Spirit help heal their wounds and encourage them to face the future with renewed hope.

Guide all counsellors, therapists and spiritual directors who work in the field of abuse. May the services they provide enable victims of abuse to recover their self-confidence and inner peace.

Help us to cherish children and young people in our parishes. May they always be treated with respect and encouraged to use their gifts and abilities in the service of their parish and wider community

Fill our hearts with your compassion for the most vulnerable in our society. May parents, teachers and youth workers remain attentive to the needs of children and young people. May we all take better care of those adults among us who are vulnerable.

Create within us a renewed commitment to the ministry of safeguarding in our diocese. May every parish be a welcoming community where everyone's gifts are appreciated and celebrated .

Support us in our efforts to protect and promote the dignity of every person in our care. May Christ your Son inspire us to love one another as he loves us.

We pray for all who are ill....

We remember all who have died.... May they find peace and happiness in the Kingdom of God.

Lord God , deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, enkindle our love, so that all we do may be pleasing in your sight and help build your Kingdom on earth. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen**

## **Hymn:**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**



## Hymn:

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,  
shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church  
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter people are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

## **An Iona Blessing**

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall,  
and in the crossing of the sea, guide your feet as you go.

May God, who is with you when you sit and when you stand,  
enfold you with love and lead you by the hand.

May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest, be  
with you in your waiting be your good news for sharing, and lead  
you in the way that is everlasting. And the blessing of God....**Amen.**

## For our prayers

### Prayers for the Parish:

North Lodge Court; Gilbert Scott Mews; The Courtyard;  
West Villa Lodge; Beeches; Westfield House; Firbank; Mendip House;  
The Gatehouse; Frome Road Cottages (South Horrington)

### Prayers for our link churches in Zambia

Please pray for St Augustine's Church & St Monica's Church,  
Livingstone East and their priest Rev Ackson Kampala

### Prayers for those who are ill:

David and Audrey Parkes; Jean; Robert: Helen; Eva & family;  
Jenny & Geoff; Julie & Ivor Parry; Alethea; Jenny Boocock; Isaac;  
Douglas Duncan; Sheila Stocker

### R.I.P.

### Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Francis Hyatt (24-11-1982)  
Elizabeth Hervey (24-11-1985)

## Thursdays at 11am - Pause to Pray for our legacy and for the redevelopment project

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### This week:

21 <sup>st</sup> Tues	10am-12	<b>Coffee Stop</b>
	2 – 4pm	<i>Choir rehearsals</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	9.30-11am	<b>ABC2</b> parents/carers & tots in the church hall
	11am	<b>Eucharist</b> – a quiet said communion service
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	10-11am	<b>Keep Fit</b> in the church hall
	2 – 4pm	<b>Snack &amp; Chat</b> in the community room
26 <sup>th</sup> Sun	10am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>

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