

A MONTH OF CARE...

Sunday October 15th 2023

Caring for One Another

**Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description,
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us, abolish faction
God, through us, your love make known.**

The Prayer for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Holy One,
you breathe the word of love
and the promise of new creation
into the secret places of the soul,
opening heart to heart:
in the wildness of your Spirit,
uncaptured in the wide world,
teach us the costly way
of fearless love
and priceless peace;
through Jesus Christ, through whom God dwells with us.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

The Value of a Friend

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**For I'm building a people of power
and I'm making a people of praise,
that will move through this land by my Spirit,
and will glorify my precious name.
Build your Church, Lord,
make us strong, Lord.
join our hearts, Lord, through your Son.
Make us one, Lord, in your body,
in the kingdom of your Son.**

Gospel Reading

John 13.31-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

The New Commandment

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

**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.**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

**But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the scope of human mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our hearts would find assurance
in the promise of the Lord.**

HARVEST COLLECTION

The amount of money collected for the Wells Foodbank was
£584.04. Many thanks to all.

DON'T FORGET.....

Clean Up Day on Saturday 4th November 10.30am – 12noon

Please come along to help tidy the church and churchyard

***Also:* we will continue working on our Bug Hotel – please bring along
more stuffing at any time. For example – pinecones, teasels, hollow
bamboo canes, old roof tiles/guttering, pebbles, bricks (especially
with holes), straw, terracotta pots, wood, bark etc.**

Cake & Coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome

Churchwardens

For our prayers

Prayers for the Parish:

Upper Breach; Knapp Hill Close; New Square; Hillside; The Orchards; Mendip View; The Chapel; Nettlecombe View (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:

Simon Brook; David and Audrey Parkes; Jean; Robert: Helen; Eva & family; Jenny & Geoff; Julie & Ivor Parry; Alethea; Jenny Boocock; Isaac; Peter Bowers; Marian Purnell

R.I.P. Ann Thomas; Julian Rendell

Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Lindsay Bridgens	(15-10-1995)	Lucy Jones	(18-10-2021)
Peter Elford	(19-10-2015)	Maurice Coote	(19-10-2020)
Florence Seddon	(20-10-1966)		

Baptism: Please pray for Harriet Weaver and her family

A LIGHT PARTY!

Tuesday 31st October 5.00 - 6.30pm in the Church Hall
For families with toddlers and primary aged children

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Wells Cathedral 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October

**THREADS THROUGH CREATION** spectacular scenes in silk  
**Half term Holiday Activities**

Creative workshops for children inspired by the 'Threads through Creation' exhibition

*See posters for full details*

St Thomas, Wells with the Horringtons

# Healing Eucharist



Rembrandt's 'The Return of the Prodigal Son'

**St Luke's Day**  
**Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**7.30pm**

*A sung Eucharist with contemporary worship.  
There will be the opportunity to receive prayers for healing and/or  
anointing.*

**ALL WELCOME...IT WOULD BE LOVELY TO SEE YOU.**