

Collect for Today

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift
of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead
before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Readings for This Week

Monday: Jeremiah 28.5-9
Tuesday: Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18*
Wednesday: Romans 6.12-23
Thursday: Matthew 10.40-42
Friday: 1 Samuel 28.3-19
Saturday: Luke 17.20-37

Verse for the Week

But now that you have been set free from sin and have
become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to
holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages
of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6: 22 -23**

Prayer Diary

Monday

Quaker Prayer for inner peace and strength

O Father, Your life in me brings stillness to my
turmoil.
Your life in me brings clarity to my confusion.
Your life in me brings wisdom to my worry.
Your life in me brings contentment to my striving.
Your life in me brings gentleness to my anger.
Your life in me brings patience to my panic.
Your life in me brings hope to my suffering.
Your life in me brings faith to my frustration.
Your life in me brings such heavenly treasure into my
heart and enables me to navigate a peaceful path.
In you I find strength for my journey. **Amen**

Tuesday

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

God of Peace let us your people know, that at the
heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes
from faith in you. Keep us from being content with
things as they are, that from this central peace there
may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice,
and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of
Christ. **Amen**

Wednesday

From Christian Aid

God of heaven and earth may your love that never
fails continue to be shared through the kindness of
strangers looking out for each other, for neighbours
near and far all recognising our shared vulnerability,
each of us grateful for every breath, and willing
everyone to know the gift of a full and healthy life.
Keep us all in your care. **Amen.**

Prayer Diary

Thursday

For the Children's Society

God of compassion we pray especially for vulnerable
children and young people who are at greater risk
during this time: those who are not safe at home; those
who may be plunged into even greater poverty; those
whose fragile mental health may worsen; those who
feel abandoned and alone. We pray for staff of The
Children's Society as they find new ways to support
these young people in challenging circumstances.
Please bless their efforts and keep all who they work
with safe from harm. We ask this in the precious name
of Jesus. **Amen**

Friday

Prayer Corrymeela Community: Northern Ireland

God of each moment, God of all time: years from now
2020 will still be present in our collective memory;
not just for ourselves or our families or this town,
or this nation, but for all people, everywhere.
May this shared experience, with its sorrow, its
anxiety, its lessons and revelations be the beginning of
a new 'we,' the us you've been with from the start.
Amen.

Saturday

God, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in
you may your hopes and desires be ours, and we your
expectant people.
Amen, so be it.

Notices:



• You may be aware that the government is allowing church buildings to be opened for private prayer from Monday 15th June. It should be stressed that because churches CAN be opened does not mean that they HAVE to be and each church will need to consider carefully what is possible having read the extensive government and church guidelines. Churches might only be opened on certain days and parts of the building may be roped off. We will try to keep you fully informed about what is happening in the churches in the team area.

• Stephen is on holiday from the 15th June for two weeks. This means there will be no video service on 21st or 28th June. However we will publish other links you may like to follow to see what others have been doing. “Normal service” will resume on 5th July.

• People who have been enjoying taking part in church from home have been asking what will happen when we are allowed to meet in church again. The answer is we don't know yet. It takes a lot of time to put together the services in their present form but it may be possible to continue in a simpler way to enable those unable to get to church to still take part.



Church Services:

Please note all Church services are currently cancelled.

On-line Sunday Services:

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Grapevine Plus:

Thank you to all those who have contributed to Grapevine Plus. Please keep your contributions coming in, no matter how mundane. Share what you have been doing, things you have found helpful, little acts of kindness you have come across. Let's stay connected!

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The recent discussion about statues has led to us thinking again about our past. Something which seemed perfectly reasonable to people 200 years ago, like erecting a statue to a slave trader, or naming streets after him, now strikes a discordant note to say the least. I for one won't be sorry to see those memorials to powerful men of the past put where they belong, in museums. We don't hang our criminals, we don't cane our children and we don't honour slavers: it might have been who we were but it isn't who we are.

In the letter to the Romans chapter 6 Paul wants to say something similar about personal behaviour. If we are Christians, he says, we have been buried with Christ in his death and resurrection. A radical change has taken place which affects us at the deepest level: it is as if we have died and begun again. Those old habits might have been part of the old self but they have no claim on who we are now: the old has gone, the new has come.

I find this a powerful idea. Of course temptation to do wrong and not to do right remains but instead of simply steeling myself to resist I can recognise this is not part of who I am in Christ Jesus. . I am better than this: it's history as far as I am concerned. It might be what I was, but it isn't who I am.

Stephen