



Sunday Service

Sunday 15th November 2020

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity Wisdom for living in a mixed up world (7) Getting through life

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father whose Son came into the world to defeat sin and to show us the way to eternal life: grant that we who praise your name may live in faith and hope so that all may see that you are the Saviour of the world. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Bible reading

- ¹Ship your grain across the sea;
after many days you may receive a return.
- ²Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight;
you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.
- ³If clouds are full of water,
they pour rain on the earth.
Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where it falls, there it will lie.
- ⁴Whoever watches the wind will not plant;
whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.
- ⁵As you do not know the path of the wind,
or how the body is formed in a mother's womb,
so you cannot understand the work of God,
the Maker of all things.
- ⁶Sow your seed in the morning,
and at evening let your hands not be idle,
for you do not know which will succeed,
whether this or that,
or whether both will do equally well.

Ecclesiastes 11 : 1 - 6

Reflection : Getting through life

- Staying on track
- Wisdom – The Word of God
- A series of Proverbs of guidance (Chapter 10 – 11 : 6)
- Seeing the world as it is
 - Wisdom is more than information and knowledge
 - Wisdom doesn't mean we have all the answers
 - A topsy-turvy world (10 : 5 – 7)
- Beware of popularism
- Watch your step – Keep keeping on with God at the centre
- Be bold in faith, no matter what the worldly situation looks like (11 : 1 – 6)
- There is more to life than what is under the sun, trust the Son :
"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10 : 10b

Prayers for the nation

Loving God,

at this time of crisis when so many are suffering; we pray for our nation and our world.

Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.

Lead us through these parched and difficult days to the fresh springs of joy and comfort that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God,

your Son Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly;

pour out your blessing upon our nation;

where there is illness, bring your healing touch;

where there is fear, strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence;

where there is uncertainty, build us up in faith;

where there is dishonesty, lead us into truth;

where there is discord, may we know the harmony of your love;

this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Final Blessing

Lord God, hold us firm in our mixed-up world, and help us to know your peace and your presence, no matter what life throws at us.

And now may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, now and for ever more. Amen.