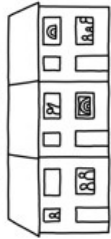


# BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



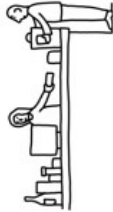
FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS, THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



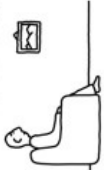
FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS,



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY- THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS; ALL WHO ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

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*The Vicar writes.....*

It has been a very busy month which has seen our church building reopen for public worship alongside the online ministry that is on offer. It has been a huge encouragement to see healthy congregations gather in safety. Perhaps none of us ever thought we would be so grateful for such a big well-ventilated building! Our unusual combination of congregation and building size has meant the task of allowing people to come back together for worship has been made a little easier than in other places.

I would like to thank those who have made this safe opening possible, and also the attendants on Sundays, in a time when we seem to have been regularly updated with new guidance and changes. I cannot stress highly enough the need for continued good practice both in church and in our own day to day lives in order to stay safe. I would also like to thank the whole of the ministry team and others for their support on the sound recordings which will continue.

It will be a sometime before things return to how life was with the vibrant social life of the church family, but this first step of re-opening for worship has brought joy in being able to see one another again. We must remain ever mindful of those who cannot for whatever reason attend our services and ensure our pastoral care continues, in which we

can all play a part. The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Galatia, 'Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.' (Galatians 6.2)

That is a message for all of us in our times too.

On that note, I am aware that some of you may wish to attend a service of Holy Communion at St. Cross, but not within the context of a larger gathering. I am looking to offer a weekday service (day to be decided) in the Lady Chapel for a maximum of four communicants. This would be under an arrangement of pre-booked attendance and the social distancing remains at two metres. If this is of interest, please could you let me know?

I would like to sign off with a picture I took during July when I visited Lynda at a time when it should have been 'Open Gardens'. Let's hope and pray that in 2021 our gardens may well and truly be open for everyone!

Yours, in Christ

Paul



## Readings for Services - Sundays and Wednesdays

<b>MP</b> = Morning Prayer <b>SE</b> = Said Eucharist <i>(in church 10am)</i> <b>CE</b> = Celtic Evening Prayer	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Sunday 2 August</b> <b>Trinity 8</b>	<b>MP/SE</b> Matthew 14.13-21 <b>SE plus</b> Isaiah 55.1-5	<b>CE</b> John 6.24-35 Psalm 80
<b>Wednesday 5 August</b> <b>Oswald, King of</b> <b>Northumbria</b>	<b>MP</b> John 16.29-end	
<b>Sunday 9 August</b> <b>Trinity 9</b>	<b>MP/SE</b> Matthew 14.22-33 <b>SE plus</b> 1 Kings 19.9-18	
<b>Wednesday 12 August</b>	<b>MP</b> Matthew 18.15-20	
<b>Sunday 16 August</b> <b>Trinity 10</b>	<b>MP/SE</b> Matthew 15.10-28 <b>SE plus</b> Isaiah 56.1,6-8 <b>Young Church video service</b> Matthew 15.26-27	
<b>Wednesday 19 August</b>	<b>MP</b> Matthew 20.1-16	
<b>Sunday 23 August</b> <b>Trinity 11</b>	<b>MP/SE</b> Matthew 16.13-20 <b>SE plus</b> Romans 12.1-8	
<b>Wednesday 26 August</b>	<b>MP</b> Matthew 23.27-32	
<b>Sunday 30 August</b> <b>Trinity 12</b>	<b>MP/SE</b> Matthew 16.21-end <b>SE plus</b> Romans 12.9-end	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>2 September</b>	<b>MP</b> Matthew 23.27-32	

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