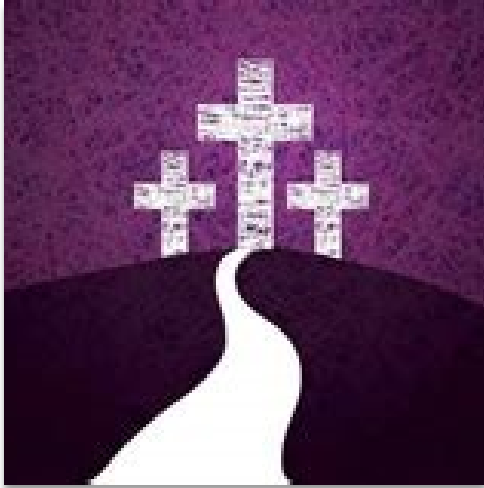


Thoughts and Prayers for the Week

Sunday 13th March 2022



2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Readings for the Week:

Psalm 31: 19-24
Matthew 5: 1-12

Thought for the Week

Our reading this week is Matthew chapter 5. As usual, a vast number of people had come to hear Jesus preach. Why was He so successful and so popular as a teacher and preacher? It was, I believe, because he spoke of simple things, every day things about life and how to live life. His talks were about the ordinary things. He told stories of a lost son, of seeds choked by weeds, and stories of lost sheep.

But this time Jesus did not tell a story. He looked at his disciples and began the now famous Sermon on the Mount.

Today, two thousand years after Jesus taught those people about a new way of life, we hear the same words. Could what Jesus said to those people sitting on the hillside two thousand years ago have anything to say to you and me today! Of course, they do! We need Jesus more than ever in this troubled and greedy world, and through the wickedness and greed his voice still says to us listen.

Let us just together now think of his words and their meaning.

“Blessed or happy are the poor in spirit.”

I believe he means the humble.

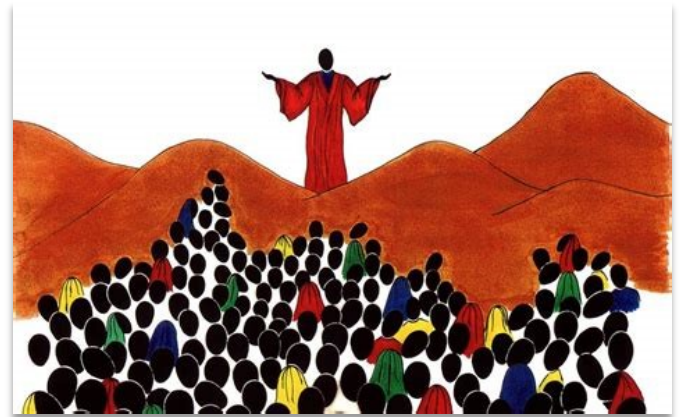
“Blessed are those who mourn.”

He means those who sorrow for their sins and know their short comings.

“Blessed are the meek.”

He means those who are patient and not ready to take quick offence.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.”



He means those who desire above all things to do the will of God. They do not long to be rich or wealthy to possess the things that the world holds dear.

“Blessed are the merciful.”

He means those who are full of compassion towards others. They pity all those who are suffering.

“Blessed who are the pure in heart.”

He means those who try to do his will and long to be holy in their hearts.

“Blessed are the peacemakers.”

He means those who work for peace and love on earth.

Last of all in our reading, Jesus calls all those blessed who are persecuted for the cause of right, those who have the courage to stand up for justice.

If only people of the world today would live by these words our lives and our world would be transformed.

To hear is not enough, to agree with his words is not enough. The world has to act, we have to act.

~June Cutting~

Let us continue to support and strengthen each other

- ◇ Daily, by saying The Lord's Prayer together, morning and evening
- ◇ Lighting a candle at home 10.00am on Sunday if we are unable to come to church

Our Services:

13th Mar 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent	10:00am Group Eucharist with Dr Jan Sheldon, St Martins Housing	Hempnall Church
	6:00pm Lent Evening Service Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84480050005? pwd=OXh5eU1JS3UrbnkrUjRCZGRTVjJoQT0 9 Meeting ID: 844 8005 0005 Passcode: 429043	Via Zoom
20th Mar 2022 3rd Sunday of Lent	10:00am Group Eucharist with Tim Turner, The Future of Foodbanks	Topcroft Church
	6:00pm Lent Evening Service	Via Zoom

This week we pray for:

- ◇ In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- ◇ Those preparing for baptism and confirmation
- ◇ Those serving through leadership
- ◇ Those looking for forgiveness
- ◇ Those misled by the false gods of this present age
- ◇ All who are hungry
- ◇ In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

Food Bank

Items for our Food Bank are still needed; we are very grateful to all who continue to contribute during this difficult time.

Our next collections will be on:

Sunday 3rd April 2022

Any items can be left at

Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thu, 9am-12:30pm.

Please phone before arrival - 498157

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

FRUIT JUICE ***URGENT***

TINNED TOMATOES

LONG LIFE MICROWAVEABLE SPONGE PUDDINGS

SMALL JAR COFFEE

PASTA SAUCE

COOKING SAUCE TO GO WITH RICE

WE REMEMBER:

Martin, Molly, Dennis, Ian

Hempnall: Lesley and family,
Phillip, Sophie

Bedingham/Woodton:
Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Chris

LONG TERM CARE:

Bedingham /Woodton:
Dennis, Shirley, Jacob
Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl



RECENTLY DIED:

John Wall, Kathleen Waddington,
Jo Fleming, Quinton Ford

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