

Thoughts and Prayers for the Week

Sunday 14th August 2022



9th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen



Readings for the Week:
Jeremiah 23: 23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11: 29 to Hebrews 12: 2
Luke 12: 49-56

Reflection.....

The news is nothing but bad these days and the world seems full of problems. I looked at each of our readings for this week hopeful for something cheerful or joyful even. What did I find when I looked? Well, quite a lot of anger.

There was a time in my life when I was bombarded by anger every day and I hated it. Is anger ever, right? Can there ever be justice in anger?

Why is God angry in our reading in Jeremiah? God is angry with the prophets whose job it was to tell the people of the good news of God's love for them. To tell the people how God wanted them to live, surely a great privilege. But instead, they are telling the people lies. They are making the people forget God's very name and he is angry.

In Luke again there is more anger. Jesus predicts families falling out with each other and no peace. I found this all very difficult to understand and asked myself why?

As I said at the beginning, I hate anger but I do get angry sometimes myself. I get angry at cruelty. When I see the news and see people weeping over their burnt homes and lost loved ones because of one man's greed for power, I feel angry and helpless. Is there nothing we can do? Maybe not in Ukraine or China but here we can live our lives kindly, helping where we can make peace among our friends and family. Sharing what we have. Thank you everyone for your generosity to the food bank.



I suppose the most well-known story of Jesus being angry is in Mark when he turns over the tables of the money lenders and those selling doves for sacrifice. He came into his Father's house and saw the people who have come to worship being cheated. What should be a place of prayer and blessing had become a noisy market place.

So much of the news is about injustice and cruelty but the other day I saw an item which made me glad. A giant tortoise had strayed onto the railway line and been injured. A train was held up and the tortoise was rescued and is making a good recovery.

Let us live our lives in a way that makes God smile and, in the words of Jesus, "Love one another as I have loved you".

~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:

Sunday 14th Aug 2022 9th Sunday after Trinity	11:00am Eucharist (Service conducted by the Revd Lynn Chapman, The Rural Dean, Priest in Charge of the Brooke Benefice)	Shelton Church
Sunday 21st Aug 2022 10th Sunday after Trinity	10:00am Group Eucharist (Service conducted by the Right Revd. Bishop David Gillett, retired Bishop of Bradford)	Bedingham Church

This week we pray for:

- ◇ In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- ◇ The universal Church
- ◇ Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
- ◇ The leaders of the nations
- ◇ The natural world and the resources of the earth
- ◇ All who are in any kind of need
- ◇ 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 4th September 2022. Any items can be left at Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thu, 9am-12:30pm.

Please phone before arrival - 498157

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

SUGAR, UHT FRUIT JUICE, INSTANT MASH

NO PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE

HYGIENE—MALE & FEMALE DEODORANT

ANIMALS—DOG, RABBIT & GUINEA PIG FOOD (NOT CAT)

WE REMEMBER:

Martin, Molly, Dennis, Ian

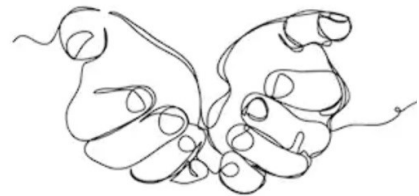
Hempnall: Lesley and family,
Phillip, Sophie

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

Topcroft: Gerald

LONG TERM CARE:

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



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