



Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton for Trinity 13 on 6 September 2020

Collect, readings & comment on readings

for those unable to attend the 10.30am service in church.

We will be thinking of you all and praying for you
and longing for our future reunion in Church.

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Revd Frances Arnold, Priest-in-Charge

Collect (prayer of the week)

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Romans 13.8-end *Love for One Another, An Urgent Appeal*

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18.15-20 *Reproving Another Who Sins*

15 'If another member of the church* sins against you,* go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.* ¹⁶But if you are not

listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Comment on the gospel

In the last two verses, Jesus tells us that in common prayer, study and in decision-making, however small the group, if we ask God for anything seeking to know his will and do it ('in my name'), he will do it, because Jesus, God the Son, is there in the community.

The sermon for Sunday 6 September will be available in paper copy and online soon after the service takes place.

I encourage you to make a habit of daily prayer, whether *A Way of Daily Prayer* (on website under Useful Information-Service Sheets);
Common Worship *Daily Prayer* <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>;
or *Book of Common Prayer*.

Bible readings for Morning and Evening Prayer:

Sunday 6 September Trinity 13

MP Ecclesiasticus 27.30-28.9, Revelation 8.1-5

EP Ezekiel 12.21-13.16, Acts 19.1-20

Monday 7 September

MP 2 Samuel 18.1-18, Acts 10.34-end

EP Proverbs 25.1-14, Mark 8.11-21

Tuesday 8 September *Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

MP 2 Samuel 18.19-19.8a, Acts 11.1-18

EP Proverbs 25.15-end, Mark 8.22-26

Wednesday 9 September

MP 2 Samuel 19.8b-23, Acts 11.19-end

EP Proverbs 26.12-end, Mark 8.27-9.1

Thursday 10 September

MP 2 Samuel 19.24-end, Acts 12.1-17

EP Proverbs 27.1-22, Mark 9.2-13

Friday 11 September

MP 2 Samuel 23.1-7, Acts 12.18-end

EP Proverbs 30.1-9, 24-31, Mark 9.14-29

Saturday 12 September

MP 2 Samuel 24, Acts 13.1-12

EP Proverbs 31.10-end, Mark 9.30-37