



Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton for Trinity 14 on 13 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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Collect (prayer of the week)

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Romans 14.1-12 *Do Not Judge Another*

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18.21-35 *Forgiveness; The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

21 Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ ²²Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Comment on the gospel

Jesus tells Peter not to limit the number of times he forgives someone. Forgiveness can set us free, as well as those we forgive. It can be difficult, but the parable can help us to understand how fully and freely we have been forgiven by God as a first step .

The sermon for Sunday 13 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](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 13 September Trinity 14

MP Isaiah 44.24-45.8, Revelation 12.1-12

EP Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44, Acts 20.17-end

Monday 14 September Holy Cross Day

MP Genesis 3.1-15, John 12.27-36a

EP Isaiah 63.1-16, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Tuesday 15 September *Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258*

MP 1 Kings 1.32-2.4; 2.10-12, Acts 13.44-14.7

EP Wisdom 2, Mark 10.1-16

Wednesday 16 September *Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c.432*

MP 1 Kings 3, Acts 14.8-end

EP Wisdom 3.1-9, Mark 10.17-31

Thursday 17 September *Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179*

MP 1 Kings 4.29-5.12, Acts 15.1-21

EP Wisdom 4.7-end, Mark 10.32-34

Friday 18 September

MP 1 Kings 6.1, 11-28, Acts 15.22-35

EP Wisdom 5.1-16, Mark 10.35-45

Saturday 19 September *Theodore, archbishop, 690*

MP 1 Kings 8.1-30, Acts 15.36-16.5

EP Wisdom 5.17-6.11, Mark 10.46-end