

FIRST READING**Hebrews 11: 29-12.2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING**Luke 12: 49-56****All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
 and son against father,
 mother against daughter
 and daughter against mother,
 mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
 and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ**All: Praise to Christ our Lord****INTERCESSION*****Please continue to pray for all who are sick and in our hearts especially:***

Jackie Morley, Logan Matthews, Sheila Gilbert, Louise Osborne,
 Peggy O'Neill, Dawn Tavener, Shirley Foster, Sue Vaness, Iris White,
 Valerie Pratt, Cathy Cox, Alan Gaywood, Susan Gaywood, Joyce Dyson,
 Elsie Lee, Michael Pritchard, Gemma O'Neil, Brian Richardson, Stan Butler,
 Tony Baines, Josephine Di Leo

Please pray for these church members at home:

Joan Hopkins, Chloe Attwell, Eileen Pidgeon

We remember before God those who have died:

Anne Rolls, Chris McGrath, David Burr, Philip Spragg, Peggy Goggins, Paul Davies, Betty Workman, Jeff Reynolds, George Cooper, Roland Brown, Sheila Irons, Stephen Dillingham, Gordon Bedingfield, Judith Townsend, Eva Askew, Jim Fortune, Gwen Wells

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Trinity 12	14 th August	9.30am	Parish Communion
Wednesday	17 th August	10.15 am	Service of the Word Parish Centre
Thursday	12 th August	10.00am	Coffee morning –Parish Centre
Sunday Trinity 13	21 st August Austen Smith	9.30am	Parish Communion

NOTICES

Church Coffee during July, August and September will support Plan International's appeal to help end violence against girls in Cambodia. Thank you for your support

Furture dates for your diary.

14th September – Way Wardens service and speaker – Church 7pm

24th September – Crafty Church in Church 3-5pm

20th November – Fireworks with Barbeque at Village Hall 5-6.45pm.

More details later.

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Welcome to St Margaret’s Church, Streatley

**Trinity 12
14th August 2016**

**Leader Teresa Dales
Preacher Janet McKenzie**

We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors and those new to the Church. Please make yourselves known to the vicar Steve Wood, assistant Curate Paolo Di Leo, reader Teresa Dales or our Churchwardens Dorothy Iszatt and John Farrent.

After the service we serve coffee and we invite you to join us. We welcome all ages and for the very young there is also a children’s area.

 There is a loop system and large print hymn books are available from the sidesmen.

You are all invited to come to the altar at the time of the Communion. Members of other churches who would receive at their own church are welcome to take the bread and wine with us. If you do not receive communion, please come up to receive a blessing keeping your hands down. If you would like communion brought to you please tell one of the sidesmen.

Welcome to Revd. Janet McKenzie who is celebrating communion today

Hymns Old and New – 422 – 128 – 392 – 457 - 516

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve;
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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**