

FIRST READING**Genesis 18: 20-32**

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Please pray for these church members at home: Gwen Wells,

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Trinity 9	24 th July	9.30am 11.15am	Parish Communion Parish Centre Service
Wednesday	27 th July	10.15am	Parish Centre Communion
Thursday	28 th July	10.00am	Coffee morning – Parish Centre
Sunday Trinity 10	31 st July	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 12.30pm 2.00pm 3.30pm	BCP Communion Parish Communion Parish Centre Service Burial of Ashes Baptism Baptism

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.

Wednesday 10th August – 2-5pm – Garden Party (Afternoon Tea)

Adults £5 – Child under 5 £2.50 under 5 free. Contact 883308 or 575620

Vicar – Steve Wood 01525 876197 Mob 07704922984 (Day off Monday)

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Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

Trinity 9
24th July 2016

Leader **Teresa Dales**
Preacher **Paul Ingram**

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.

Hymns Old & New – 155 – 316 – 442 – 26 – 10

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church,
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,
in love and joy and peace;
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**