

FIRST READING**1 Timothy 6: 6-19**

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING**Luke 16: 19 -end**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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, Michael Pritchard, Gemma O'Neil, Brian Richardson, Stan Butler, Josephine Di Leo, Ray Foster, Barrie Blewitt

Please pray for these church members at home:

Joan Hopkins, Chloe Attwell, Eileen Pidgeon

We remember before God those who have died:

Judith Townsend, Eva Askew, Jim Fortune, Gwen Wells, Elsie Lee



Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

**Trinity 18
25th September 2016**

**Leader Steve Wood
Preacher Paul Ingram**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Trinity 18	25 th September	9.30am 11.15am 2.00pm 6.30pm	Parish Communion Parish Centre Service Baptism Youth Club
Tuesday	27 th September	10.15am	Buggy Group
Wednesday	28 th September	10.15am	Parish Centre Communion
Thursday	29 th September	10.00am	MacMillan Coffee morning – Parish Centre
Sunday HARVEST	2 nd October	9.30am 11.15am 2.00pm 6.30pm	Parish Communion Family Harvest in Church Harvest Lunch – Parish Centre Youth Club

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

Future dates for your diary.

29th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning 10.00am – Parish Centre

2nd October - Harvest Lunch 2.00-5.00pm – Parish Centre Adults £8.00 – Child £4.00 (under 12 years) Call 01582 883308

Harvest Church Decoration. Please sign the list in the cross aisle if you are willing to do a flower arrangement to decorate the Church for Harvest. Thank you

15th October – Quiz Night – Parish Centre £8 includes supper. Tickets 01582 508322 – 07836250213

20th November - Fireworks with Barbeque at village hall 5.00 – 6.45pm
Tickets Adults £6.00 Children over 2 years £3.00

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

 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.

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

Hymns Old & New 122 – 128 – 208 – 33 - 186

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy,
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**