

# The Parish Church of St. James, Briercliffe

## Worship at Home

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**



### **Services This Week**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - 9.30am.**

Readings: Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12    Matthew 11: 25-27

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July - 6.30pm.**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July - 9.00am & 10.15am.**

Please wear a face mask and observe social distancing while in church.

## The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Reading

### **Ephesians 1: 3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ <sup>4</sup>before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

## The Gospel Reading

### **Mark 6: 14-29**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup>But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and

danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**Prayers of Intercession**

**In our Parish, we pray for:**

Those who are ill at this time and all those who have the care of them, including: Dave, Diana, Samantha, Sheila, Craig, Casper, Jeff, David, Stephanie

For all the recently departed, and all those who mourn them.  
and for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time, including:  
Bill Holsgrove, John Hornby, Kathleen Wilson



And in our cycle of prayer, we pray for the residents and businesses on Simpson Lane, Blackhouse Lane, Hansons Tenement, Batty Hole, Walverden Road

**The Rainbow Prayer**

Father God, the rainbow you created is a sign of hope at this time of uncertainty. Like its colours we pray that we, in all shades of difference, may come together as one family of faith to love and support each other through these times of anxiety and distress. Stay by our side and bring us safely to the beginning of each new day. **Amen.**

**Vision 2026 Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders and inspire children and young people. Give us the eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of Your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we pray:  
Our Father, who art in heaven . . . . . **Amen.**

## The Grace

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Notices

### Advance Notices

On the **Patronal Festival**, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July, there will only be one service at 3.00pm. No 9.00am. & 10.15am services on that day.

The next **PCC meeting** will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm.

The **Harvest Sunday Eucharist** will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.00am. There will be one service only on that day.

### Burnley Food Bank

Donations can be left at  
The Spar Shop, 146 Burnley Road, Harle Syke



### Mothers' Union Meetings

Forthcoming dates for meetings in the Church/Vestry at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August

### Church Cleaning

Church cleaning this month will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 6.00pm.  
If you would like to help just come along or contact  
Andrea Bettany on 07796616961 for further details.



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