



heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel **Matthew 13.24-30,36-43**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
The Sick: Kate Booth, Mark Brown, Yvonne Heron, Margaret Frater, Alastair and Diana MacNaughton, Dave Pope, Andrew Parker
R I P: Doreen Marley, Lilian Cousins, Erica Kim

TODAY: Sunday 23rd July –6th after Trinity

4.00pm St Aidan Tea Time Church
No Evening Service

NEXT WEEK:

SUNDAY 30th July—7th after Trinity

8am St James Holy Communion
10.00 am St Mary Joint Parish Communion
No Evening Service

Collect for Today

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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament **Genesis 28.10-19a**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

New Testament **Romans 8.12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then

Thought for Today

Jesus' parable makes clear that any attempt to root out the weeds will only do more damage to the crop. This has played out far too many times in congregations and denominations, with some determined to root out anyone who does not agree with the "right" interpretation of Scripture, liturgical practice, or stand on a particular issue. There are also those who pronounce judgment on people outside the church -- on people of other faiths, for instance -- declaring them to be destined for eternal damnation. Whether judgment is focused within the church or without, it does serious damage to the church and its mission. Jesus makes clear that we simply cannot be certain who is "in" or who is "out." In fact, God's judgment about these matters will take many by surprise. Thank God it is not up to us! We can leave the weeding to the angels, and get on with the mission Jesus has given us, which is proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God drawing near.

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THIS WEEK:

Monday and Tuesday

Morning prayer at St James from 9am to 9.30am.

Wednesday Morning prayer at St Aidans at 9.00am.

"Journey" Group meets in St James Vestry - 7pm contact Emily Gibson 07713474443 for details

Wednesday Home Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Next meeting July 26th at 7pm at 15 Bankside .Contact Jeremy or Harriet.

Thursday Holy Communion- St Aidans— 9.15 am

Friday Celtic Prayer breakfast, 8am 11 Nursery Mews,

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FROM GENA FLEMING "Would you like to meet up for a coffee and a chat?" Don't feel lonely. If you are interested in meeting people for a coffee and a chat instead of sitting in the house on your own, then please ring me—Gena Fleming, on 515741

and hopefully we can compile a list of names and contact numbers to share.

THE NEXT WEDNESDAY HOME GROUP is on JULY 26th at 7pm at 15 Bankside after which the group will break for the summer during August.

HOLIDAY CLUB GUARDIANS of ANCORA TREASURE

SEEKERS Monday—Friday 24th-28th July 10am-noon at St Aidan's. Cost £1.00 per day for children aged 5+. Contact Fliss Tunnard to book and why not join the **FAMILY CELEBRATION** afterwards on Sunday 30th July at 4 pm? Food orders (chips/pie/sausage) need to be sent to Fliss with payment BEFORE the event. Contact number at the bottom of the left hand column. All welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM BETH & BARNEY -For two weeks in September we will be joining a missions team serving in Cambodia. If you would like to be part of our prayer team please let us know. We are also collecting children's superhero capes, bunting and finances for other resources. If you can help please drop us an email

revbethrookwood@gmail.com.

OXFAM SHOP in MORPETH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Oxfam shop in Morpeth is now opening on Sundays . If you could spare some time to volunteer please contact oxfamshopf0229@oxfam.org.uk (01670 511997) for more details. Full training given.

HOLIDAY HUNGER—families with children in receipt of free school meals get no extra help in school holidays. Please consider increasing your donations to the Wansbeck Food Bank over the next few weeks.

INFORMATION FOR PEWNOTES—The weekly pew notes are compiled by Val Pope val@litnotes.co.uk 01670 515806. If you have notices for the sheet, please send them directly to Val by Wednesday each week, before they are printed on Friday. Don't forget you can read them online or have them sent to you by email. **The Newcastle Diocesan E bulletin** can be found at :

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PRAYER MINISTRY is available at every service in the parish. If you would like someone to pray with you, either after Communion or at the end of the service, please approach one of the prayer team (look for their prayer team badges)