

Hello everyone,

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday where we give thanks for the divine mystery of the three persons of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit united in one God. As we ponder the relationship between them, let us remember that it is also a relationship which we are invited to be part of.

Why not take some time this week to think about our own relationships and pray for people with whom we share our lives, both those we love and others who we find it harder to get along with.



Services this week:

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday and there will be services of Holy Communion at Normanton, Norton, and Swepstone, Breakfast Church at Measham, Sunday People at Appleby, and lay led Morning Worship at Donisthorpe, all at 10.00am.

Looking ahead:

A busy Wednesday with:

- Midweek Communion is at Packington at 10.00am
- Swepstone Coffee, Cake & Chat at 10.30am to 12.00noon in the Church Hall
- Activeage at 11.00am in Measham Church Hall
- Community Lunch in Appleby Church Hall at 12.30pm

Kids Kingdom Baby & Toddler group is on Thursday morning between 9.00 and 11.00am in Appleby Church Hall.

Woodfield Singers meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in Swepstone Church Hall, all welcome.

Little Fishes meet on Friday in Measham Church Hall at 10.00am

Next Sunday (22nd June) there will be 10.00am services of Holy Communion at Donisthorpe, Measham and Packington, and a Baptism with Holy Communion at Appleby. Kids Kingdom Sunday School also meet at Appleby from 9.45am.

Woodfield Team prayer

God our Father, you long to draw all people into your love.

Increase in number your church throughout the Woodfield Team;

deepen us as followers and learners of Christ;

and give us courage to share the good news of your kingdom.

We pray this in the power of your Spirit,

to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 15th June - Trinity Sunday

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Reading for 15th June - John 16.12-15 New International Version (UK)



¹² 'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'

Prayers for today:

We pray:

Eternal Lord, you are our creator and sustainer. We bring before you the needs of our church, our world, our communities, and ourselves.

- God in three persons, blessed Trinity: you are God, the creator Father, giving us richly all things to enjoy; you are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free; you are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed. One God, eternal Trinity, be near to us, the people formed in your image, and close to the world your love brings to life.
- Father God, we pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them. Give them all a desire to work for international unity seeking to halt the threat of war and terrorism. May they never be tempted to abuse or misuse their power. Let your will for our world be accomplished through the decisions they make and give them a vision of peace and reconciliation.
- Son of God, we pray for our church and for all those who live and work around us. Speak your word of peace in our midst and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. We pray for reconciliation and healing also in our communities, and our families. Create in us a love for peace, not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice, but the peace that makes whole what is now broken.

- Spirit of God we pray for those who do not believe, and for those of hesitant belief. Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to receive you, the very Spirit of life.
- Loving Father, we remember those who are sick, sad, or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.
- We pray also for all those whom we love but see no more, and we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one. May Christ your living Word bring them comfort. May the Holy Spirit, who sustains life and raises the dead, bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of your presence and peace.
- Father God, lead us into the coming week; Son of God, help us to know that you are close to us; Spirit of God, keep us on the path you have set before us. Lord of All, hear our prayers, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

Amen.