



Sunday 20th July 2025

Ordinary 16



Sentence of the Day

¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
(*Colossians 1: 19 – 20*)

Collect of the Day

**Generous and loving God, in you lies all that is wonderful and good. Help us today to focus on Jesus, our Lord, that he might become central to all that we think and are.
This we ask in his Name. Amen.**

A Word from Jonathan:

Our short Gospel reading this morning only makes one point. We should put first in our lives the contemplation of Christ, before any duty or sentiment.

Jesus says to Martha that she is distracted by many things. Perhaps some of these were more than the domestic tasks she wishes Mary would assist with. Mary, whom Jesus describes as having 'chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

The time we live in today has been described as the 'Age of Distraction.' We spend an inordinate amount of time on the internet. Many of us find the internet indispensable when it comes to work. When we get home, we jump on social media or watch You Tube clips or Netflix. The internet is our great necessity and drug, all in one. It teaches us to hop from one sound bite to another. We have the attention spans of gnats.

We are provided with instant (and very short-sighted) solutions to complex problems that render us open to poor thought patterns, and poor decisions. Is it any wonder that American politics has become what it is?

But there is a solution. It is in spending time in God's Word in contemplative prayer. Not rushing but learning to listen to God. It takes effort, discipline and patience; and it is our life blood as Christians.

Readings

Genesis 18: 1 – 10a

Colossians 1: 15 - 28

Psalm 52 *Pg 257 ANZPB*

Luke 10: 38 - 42

This morning's 8am service begins on page 476 ANZPB
and the 9:30am service will be on the screens



All are welcome to join us after the service for a cuppa and fellowship over morning tea in The Gathering Place.

Flu /Covid Season: The 'flu season/Covid is well under way so let's all keep safe. A reminder that if we are coughing or sneezing, we should not come to church.

DIARY: July

Tuesday	22	Vestry meeting 7pm in The Gathering Place
Wednesday	23	Morning service 10am morning tea afterwards either in the hall or The Garden Room

New Kitchen in The Gathering Place The new kitchen will be installed this coming week on Tuesday through Friday (22-25 July). If you are coming to the church for the Wednesday morning service, please be careful coming up the driveway as there may well be the tradesmen's vehicles parked there. We ask that you delay your desire to see the kitchen until Sunday 27 July so the installers may work without interruptions.

Spring Sale will be on Saturday 18th October from 10am. Please mark this date in your diary and calendar.

This is Jonathan's last Sunday with us 'til Sunday 31st August. Jonathan and Faith are travelling to Canada to spend time with family. God, we ask you to bless Jonathan and Faith with travelling mercies on the journey they're about to start. Enable them to travel safely, knowing that you are always near them, and to reach their destination peacefully. May your Holy Spirit surround them as they reunite with family and on their return home. In your name we pray. Amen.

A Prayer Request from Elena's Ukrainian Pastor

Friends, please stand with us in prayer for this one family 🙏 (members of our church.) We came to pray tonight, and the news came right to the prayer meeting that another young man, a husband of a young woman from our church and a son-in-law of another church member was just killed in the war)! Last week I had two funerals of close to us families - it's just too much.) Thanks for your 🙏

Regular Parish Activities

Monday 10am Home Group - in members' homes.
(1st & 3rd Mondays) Ring Ursula 094798036.

Tuesday 10am Women's Fellowship – Hall (1st Tuesday)
Ring Jenny Shaw 021 953 940

Tuesday Vestry 7pm - The Gathering Place (4th Tuesday)

Wednesday 10:00am - Holy Communion Service

Friday Contemplative Prayer Group 1pm - Church (2nd Friday)
Stephen Warnes

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Feedback welcome

If you have feedback on any aspect of parish activities,
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