

Prayers

Paul described himself as the worst sinner of all. If God can change Paul's life, he can change anyone's. Many people today feel lost, and many more don't even realise how lost they are. We pray, Lord God, that we will recognize your loving and almighty power to reach out to all in need. Lord, we pray for all who are lost, **That they may be found by you.**

We pray for places facing unrest, conflict, or disasters. For those people who have risked all to flee danger. We pray for our own nation during difficult times. For our government as it wrestles with change and difficult decisions. Lord, we pray for all who are lost, **That they may be found by you.**

We pray for all people who feel hurt and scared in their daily lives. May we show mercy to those who act in ignorance and unbelief. May we not be guilty of casting the first stone. Lord, we pray for all who are lost, **That they may be found by you.**

Wars don't take account of the value of human life. How hard that is for us to witness. We pray for countries at war, that their leaders and allies will be instrumental in negotiating and bringing them back to peace. Lord, we pray for all who are lost, **That they may be found by you.**

We pray for people you have considered worthy of your trust and appointed to your service. They give up much for you. We pray for the church worldwide: So many expressions, so many traditions, but all trying to be faithful to you. We pray for our clergy, not forgetting their families, as they seek to live out your gospel, meeting people at their hour of need. Lord, we pray for all who are lost, **That they may be found by you.**

We remember the times we have felt lost, and you found us, Lord. As you were patient with Paul, teach us to be patient whatever the situation. Paul writes to Timothy to encourage him. We think of people we may have lost touch with, and hold them in our prayers. Lord, there is so much sadness in the world today, so much loss. With you we can find our hope again. Lord, we pray for all who are lost, **That they may be found by you.**

We pray for those who are lost in illness. That healing will find them, in whatever shape that is. We pray for those who tread the path of sorrow, mourning those they have loved and lost. We pray for those who have died: the famous and well loved, our own loved ones, and those who have died alone.

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Weekly Notices

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Services for September 14th
13th Sunday after Trinity
8am Holy Communion BCP

10 00am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 235, 120, 490, 293,

Readings:
Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28
1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Luke 15: 1-10

6pm Evening Prayer
Psalm 124, 125
Isaiah 60
John 6: 51-69

Services for September 21st
14th. Sunday after Trinity
8am Holy Communion BCP

10am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 99, 175, 296, 228

Readings
Jeremiah 8: 18-9.1
1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Luke 16: 1-13

6pm Evening Prayer
Psalm 128, 129
Ezra 1
John 7: 14-36

Prayer for today

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer for Peace

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

To Make you smile (I love these)

The Rectory
St James the Least
My dear Nephew Darren

I was interested to hear that from this academic year, your vicar has asked you to take his place as a school governor. A whole new world of exciting meetings is about to open up to you.

Naturally, you will have been told that the governors only meet three times a year. You will probably not have been told that you will also be expected to be on at least two sub-committees, where you will be immediately asked to become secretary, as a way of getting to know the job.

Add on training days, parents' evenings, sports days, school socials, end of term services, charity events and accompanying classes on days out and you will begin to realise that your vicar's suggestion was not as innocent as you may have thought.

Remember, too, that all meetings require you sit on chairs designed for five-year-olds. You will then spend countless hours going through a 40-item agenda, trying to look dignified with your knees somewhere round your ears while drawing up school plans as if they were the Normandy landing.

Be prepared to receive paperwork measured by the hundredweight; entire rainforests have been obliterated by your education authority sending what they seem to think is vital information; it does, however, make good cat litter.

Most meetings will be so full of acronyms that for the first few years you will have the feeling that conversation is taking place in a language that may bear a passing resemblance to English, but isn't. There is little point in trying to learn what they all mean because before too long, they will all be replaced by another set anyway, which will be equally incomprehensible.

Your computer abilities will be expected to be far beyond what anyone over the age of 30 could ever be expected to achieve; if you sink without trace, ask a seven-year-old, who will soon put you right.

You will also be encouraged to attend training days; I strongly suggest you select all-day events, as at least you will get a lunch out of it. You needn't bother to arrive on time, since the first hour will be spent with everyone introducing themselves and you can leave early, as the final hour will go on filling in evaluation forms.

Just keep reminding yourself that your term of office is a mere five years; you may even get remission for good behaviour.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Harvest lunch

We are holding our Harvest Lunch again on **Sunday 19th. October from 12 midday to 2pm** in the church room. **This is a bring and share Ploughmans lunch** and a list is on the piano if you would like to be with us

St. Barts Book Swap and Library

IS OPEN for swapping books. Please feel free to borrow books from the library or bring books in for others to share.

Weekly Updates to the Notices

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