

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

JULY 2018

This month begins with ordinations. The Ember Lists can be found on the Diocesan website. Please hold the ordinands, their families and churches in your prayers.

The Rector writes:

In July we will be thinking about faith and healing, about the sending out of the disciples, and about Mary Magdalene, the first witness, all themes which invite our attention towards the future. Also this month the PCC will start a process of thinking about how we might wish to shape our future as a church. It is good to be thinking about such things at a time when our spirits have been lifted by a wonderful baptism service and also new people joining us. God is good to us, so much more than we dare to hope and in ways which surprise us!

Richard Young

The group which meets to support our members who are refugees and asylum seekers would ask in particular for the prayer and support of the congregation. This month sees several scheduled hearings. As you know, we try to keep people's situations private: they have the right to be who they are in church, known to us as fellow congregants and worshippers,

but some of them are going through particularly stressful times. Having mistakes from years ago held against them, being asked stupid and personal questions, and being forced to go through a humiliating and stressful hearing is not something we would wish on anyone, least of all people who we count as our friends and valued members of our community. There will be letters to sign!

The lovely people at BGAA have handed over a little parcel of land to Asghar and Ahmad - it is blessed with a very high wall (espalier peaches?) and a shed (alternative accommodation?) and some potential good growing space for fruit and veg. It is late to plant some things, but if anyone has any spare seeds...

SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS IN JULY

Sunday July 1st Trinity 5, Proper 8

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

Readings: Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Hymns: *New every morning is the love; Gospel Acclamation; Lord you give the great commission; Immortal love, for ever full*

Other music: *Morning glory, starlit sky*

Sunday July 8th Trinity 6, Proper 9

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Hymns: *Thou whose almighty word; Spirit of God, unseen as the wind;
Lord of all hopefulness; Thy hand, O God, has guided*

Other music: *Come, my way, my truth, my life*

Sunday July 15th Trinity 7, Proper 10

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-end; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Hymns: *Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us; Father of mercy; God is
working his purpose out; Give me the wings of faith to rise*

Other music: *Come thou fount of every blessing*

Monday July 16th: Leavers' Eucharist for St James' School at 9.15am

Sunday July 22nd St Mary Magdalene, Trinity 8, Proper 11

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Jeremiah 26:1-3; Psalm 23; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John
20:1-2,11-18

Hymns: *Love divine, all loves excelling; Gospel Acclamation; O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray; Thine be the glory*

Other music: *As the deer yearns for running streams; Faithful vigil ended*

Sunday July 29th St James the Apostle, Trinity 9, Proper 12

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Jeremiah 45:1-5; Psalm 126; Acts 11:12-12:2; Matthew 20:20-28

Hymns: *Father we praise thee; Lord, who shall sit beside thee; We hail thy presence glorious; Fight the good fight*

Other music: *I the Lord of sea and sky*

The Psalm for July 1st is Psalm 30, for which a new metrical (but non-rhyming) setting was found. There aren't a huge number of tunes to that particular metre, but a new one by the late Malcolm Williamson is in one of the latest hymn collections. Harmonised by Paul Leddington Wright, it has a touch of the minuet about it.

However, in this particular collection the tune is set to a Charles Wesley classic - a hymn that in two short verses sums up the Christian journey of faith:

**Jesus, the first and last, on thee my soul is cast:
Thou didst thy work begin by blotting out my sin;
Thou wilt the root remove, and perfect me in love.**

**Yet when the work is done, the work is but begun:
Partaker of thy grace, I long to see thy face;
The first I prove below, the last I die to know.**

Eric Baker called the opening couplet of the second stanza 'sheer religious genius'. The Christian life is dynamic and cannot be static. The work of Christ for us and the work of Christ in us is 'for ever beginning what never shall end'.