

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday, 9th October 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

‘Jesus, Master, have pity on us!’ (Luke 17: 13)

Next Monday marks World Homelessness Day. Goodness knows who decides the dates of such events – or even what we as a world will mark in this way, but as Christians, and for all humankind, this is an important issue and one not to be overlooked. For centuries, Christians have been at the forefront of working for the poor, the marginalised and the rejected. In doing so, we are following the teaching and example of Christ, who spent much of his time with people who were despised and rejected by society. As with the 10 lepers, Jesus made a point of showing them love.

Winchester Cathedral will be dedicating Evensong to World Homelessness Day this coming Monday evening, 10th October at 5.30pm. Do go along and support the work of The Beacon (formerly called Winchester Nightshelter).



Social commentator, Michael Josephson, writes: 'Kindness is not a random act: Kindness, as a radical way of living, goes beyond doing little favours for people here and there. It asks us to be willing to show kindness to those who may not be kind to us, to have the courage of being authentically who we are and to make meaningful connections with others. That is not random at all – it is acting with purpose.' As we reflect on the cause and effect of homelessness in the lives of people on our own streets as well as all over the world, we must surely conclude we have got our world values terribly wrong. We need to pay greater attention to the gifts and blessings of God and learn to share them, not hoard them. When we think of the homeless, we often say *'There but for the grace of God go I.'* Never a truer word. I've had the privilege of volunteering at The Beacon, and realise how life events cause good people to spiral into poverty and homelessness, often through no fault of their own. God bless the work of The Beacon and the Trinity Centre and all of you who, through our churches or individually, support them in radical acts of kindness in Christ's name.



Source: Bing

I leave you with this prayer of gratitude, written by Christine Sine:

Thank you God
For the many gifts of life.
For love and laughter, for beauty and abundance,
For joy and delight.
Thank you God for the gift of your presence,
Always steadfast in an ever changing world.
Thank you for the gift of love, heard in soft words,
Whispered on the wind. Seen in sunset beauty and bright shining flowers.
Touched in soft caresses, and warm embraces.
Thank you God for the gift of you.

Yours, in thanksgiving for the blessing of Christ,

Jax
Rector, The Downs Benefice

Collect Prayer for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.
Amen.



Luke 17:11-19 - Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, ‘Jesus, Master, have pity on us!’

When he saw them, he said, ‘Go, show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, ‘Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well.’

Schedule of Services

Now that all national Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted, it is no longer necessary to book seats in our parishes for services. Neither is it mandatory for you to wear masks in church. However, Coronavirus is still very much with us. There are a number of people in our villages with it at present, so we are encouraging people to observe social distancing measures.

Date	Ch	Cr	Li	Sp	Wh
9 th October			Holy Communion	Harvest Festival	Harvest Festival
16 th October	Holy Communion with REME	Morning Worship	6pm – Peace & Wholeness Service	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)	
23 rd October			Morning Worship with Ben & Esther Brown (MAF)	Morning Worship	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
26 th October			Mid-week Holy Communion		
30 th October	3pm – All Souls Service (<i>with Wherwell</i>)	Holy Communion		6pm - All Souls Service	6pm - Autumn Meditations
2 nd November			6pm - All Souls Service		
6 th November	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion with All Souls	4pm - Café Church – <i>in the Church Room</i>		
11 th November			10.55 am – Act of Remembrance – <i>at the War Memorial</i>		10.55 am – Act of Remembrance – <i>at the War Memorial</i>
13 th November	(<i>with Wherwell</i>)	10.55am – Remembrance Sunday Service – <i>at the War Memorial</i>	<i>Remembrance Service at the Barracks (to be confirmed)</i>	10.55am – Remembrance Sunday Service	10.55am – Remembrance Sunday Service – <i>at the War Memorial (with Chilbolton)</i>
20 th November	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	6pm – Peace & Wholeness Service	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)	6pm - Autumn Meditations
23 rd November			Mid-week Holy Communion		

27 th November	5pm – Advent Meditation		11.15am - Patronal Festival with Commissioning of the Anna Chaplain	Morning Worship	8am – Holy Communion (BCP) PLUS 5.30pm – Advent Carol Service
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