

## DIOCESAN STRATEGY PRAYER

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

**Renew** us as we make your love known;

**Release** us to share freely together in mission;

**Rejuvenate** us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,

That strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit,

We may, as the Diocese of Sheffield,

Both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Anyone wishing to book weddings and baptisms, please contact the Vicar.

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If you would like to speak to someone or for someone to pray with you, please speak to the Clergy.

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Please join us for refreshments after the 10.30a.m. service.

### **COLLECT for 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*

### **New Testament Reading Romans 5 v 1 - 5**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we<sup>[b]</sup> boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we<sup>[c]</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because

All are welcome to share bread and wine at Communion or a blessing at the altar rail.

For the toilets, go through the Lady Chapel, across the vestry and into the St James' Room corridor

God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

### **Gospel Reading John 16 v 12 - 15**

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> 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."

### **Psalm 61**

This short Psalm (just 8 verses!) speaks of Assurance, and in particular of assurance of God's protection. The word Assurance brings to mind the Hymn 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, O what a foretaste of glory Divine'. There is something precious, immovable and solid about assurance of faith which is a gift of God as we grow, and learn to trust Him through thick and thin.

Verse 1 says: '*Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.*' Assurance in prayer is knowing that wherever, whenever; God hears us, knows us and loves us. It doesn't have to be in words outspoken, but it can be the cry of the heart, our thoughts, sighs and

mutterings guided by the Holy Spirit which God hears and listens to.

Verse 3 states: '*for you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy*'. Assurance is also knowing that God is our refuge and help. He doesn't just shield and protect us, but He also helps us and wants to prosper us.

Verse 4 says: '*Let me abide in your tent for ever*' Assurance is knowing that nothing can take us away from His love: may we abide and know for sure that God's presence is with us today in and through the love of Jesus-'*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine*'.

Lord, we thank you for the lives of those who have died in faith and whose loss we feel at this time. We pray Lord Jesus that you would be near to our loved ones near and far. May we grow in Assurance of faith as we trust in you.

Amen.