Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas, Eastlands A place of worship and welcome, sharing Christ's love

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

13th September 2020

NOTICES

Electoral Roll Revision: The Electoral Roll is currently being revised until 19th September, ahead of the APCM on 4th October. It is important to notify the Roll Officer of any changes to your personal details (name, address or email address).

If you have recently joined the parish and not yet signed up to the Electoral Roll please go to our church website

https://resurrectionstbarnabas.org.uk/latestnews/latest-news-5360.php,

download the form and send it to the Roll Officer. The Electoral Roll Officer Claudia can be contacted via Rev Maria: revmariaonuigbo@outlook.com.

Adam's Ordination: Adam is ordained as a Deacon on Wed 23rd September at the Manchester Cathedral. Please keep Adam and his family in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination.

Time to Replace the Carpet Pledge:

If you are able to, please consider making us a donation. Just click this picture below to make your pledge



Date for the Dairy

APCM:

Sunday 4^{th} October 2020 after 10 am service

Recently Deceased: Sandra Black RIP

Years In Mind:

Birthdays:

Reflection:

This week we will be asked to listen to the tough, but life-giving Gospel message of forgiveness. The readings call us to reexamine how we view God, through the eyes of Christ as a non-violent peacemaker. How we view other people of faith by refusing to impose our practices and conscience on others, but giving them the freedom to find and follow God according to their own conscience – or, perhaps, even religion. Also, how we view ourselves - not just as those who are hurt - like the indebted servant but as those who are capable of hurting others - as the servant did to his debtor; not just as those who must give forgiveness, but also as those who must receive it. This call for forgiveness goes against our angry, human quest for "justice" and "retribution", it does not satisfy or heal us of the deep wounds that enemies have inflicted on us. But it does ensure that we do not make the hurt worse, for ourselves or others or for our world. It does ensure that healing can come. And it does challenge us to take the difficult, but transforming call of the Gospel seriously. Once again, this week, we are faced with the shocking but unrelenting call of the crucified one to follow his example, and offer forgiveness even to those whom we may feel don't deserve it.

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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