

First Reading for 8am

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in ^a hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

A Reading for ATC Service at 10am

A Reading from St Paul's first Letter to the Christians in Corinth The Body of Christ.

¹² A person's body is one thing, but it has many parts. Yes, there are many parts to a body, but all those parts make only one body. Christ is like that too. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, and some of us are Greeks. Some of us are slaves, and some of us are free. But we were all baptized into one body through one Spirit. And we were all made to share in the one Spirit. ¹⁴ And a person's body has more than one part. It has many parts. ¹⁵ The foot might say, "I am not a hand. So I am not part of the body." But saying this would not stop the foot from being a part of the body. ¹⁶ The ear might say, "I am not an eye. So I am not part of the body." But saying this would not make the ear stop being a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, the body would not be able to hear. If the whole body were an ear, the body would not be able to smell anything. ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ If each part of the body were the same part, there would be no body. But truly God put the parts in the body as he wanted them. He made a place for each one of them. ²⁰ And so there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the foot, "I don't need you!" ²² No! Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are really very important. ²³ And the parts of the body that we think are not worth much are the parts that we give the most care to. And we give special care to the parts of the body that we want to hide. ²⁴ The more beautiful parts of our body need no special care. But God put the body together and gave more honour to the parts that need it. ²⁵ God did this so that our body would not be divided. God wanted the different parts to care the same for

each other. ²⁶ If one part of the body suffers, then all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honoured, then all the other parts share its honour. ²⁷ All of you together are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of that body.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia** .

Rejoice and be glad, your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew

Glory to You O Lord

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Hymns for 10am Today
584 All my hope on God is founded
28 Come and see the shining hope
571 We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise

The Prayers

The prayers are led by

Those for who prayers have been asked:

For those on active service in places of danger

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugees Crisis

Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First

3. Linda Best, Eileen, Becki and Denis Cook, Tanya, Jeanette Budinger, Joan Moon, Sue Doe, June Abbott.
2. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, Malcolm Starsmoore, Gwen Wall, Kara Perrio.
1. Sheila Page, Jats Gosal, Julie Eves.

Those who have died recently

Richard Adams
Kay Clifford
Bernard Plant

We remember the anniversary of death of

Joan Bellamy February 11 2017

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your-
Church: may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth be transformed by the glory of the
Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our
Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time.
Vera Emeny, Rita Appleton. Veronica Clarke.