



The Parishes of Hannington, Old, Scaldwell and Walgrave

This is Second Sunday of Trinity - 25th June 2017

Prayer is the foundation of our existence, and encouraged by our Lord Jesus, who gave us a template for our prayers '**Our Father**

' Over the next few weeks I am asking you all to hold the Benefice in prayer. You may be aware that some of us recently met together with Rev Miles Baker to think about 'Where we are going as a Church ...and as a Benefice?' Following our discussions we agreed to set aside a day to think about our Vision as individual churches and to prepare five-year plans for our Benefice. The day is entitled '**Going for Growth**' and your presence on the **7th October** is important. I am asking you to please seek God's guidance and in prayer be open to His leading in your busy life to set this day aside, to come and offer your ideas and thoughts. So that together we can face the next year with some clear goals for our churches. This is not primarily about the buildings, although that may be a priority for some. This is much more about the life of 'Church' its role in community, bringing all of us into the knowledge of God and to continue his work through our churches here on earth.

The venue will be within the Benefice.

You might like to use this Collect as a prayer during the week .

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth; send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Today's Readings

- Jeremiah 20:7-13 Jeremiah accuses God of filling him with prophecies he is compelled to utter but which cause him strife. In voicing his complaint, however, he feels the strength to remain faithful.
- Romans 6:1b-11 A commitment to following Christ involves dying to the self and its worldly demands, but this is a matter of solemn celebration, not lament.
- Matthew 10:24-39 Openly, explicitly witnessing to the Gospel will bring profound costs, but Jesus assures us that a deepening relationship with God will provide greater compassion.

Prayers

We pray today for all those who will be visiting the Fete at Old and those who have been making preparations for today.

We give thanks for Paul and Kimberley Suter, married yesterday and pray for them, together with those recently married or preparing for marriage.

We hold in our prayers this week all those who are preparing for Ordination next weekend at Peterborough Cathedral, their families, friends, training incumbents and parishes in the diocese.

Services and Events for this Coming Week

Date	Time	What	Where
Tuesday 27th June	10.30am	Bible Study	Scaldwell
	3.15pm	Good News Club	Primary School Walgrave
Thursday 29th June	11.00am	Coffee Morning	Community Centre Old
	7.30pm	Youth Club	Community Centre Old
Sunday 2nd July	10.00am	Family Service	Hannington
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Scaldwell
	11.00am	Family Service	Old

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