The Virginia Group of Parishes

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Sunday 16th July 2017 – Trinity 5



Welcome to you today if your heart is singing and welcome if your heart is breaking.

Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow and welcome if you don't have a care in the world. Welcome if you conscience is troubling you and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness. Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning and

welcome if you had to drag yourself out. Welcome if this is your first visit, and welcome if you have barely missed a single Sunday since the turn of the century. Whether you are here as a visitor or a pilgrim, a seeker or a doubter, a saint or a sinner, a friend or a stranger: **you are welcome**!

Our service comes from the **Book of Common Prayer** (Morning Prayer P101 and Holy Communion P201). Hymns come from the **Red Church Hymnal (CH).** You will also find the relevant parts and supplementary songs on this sheet. If you need further assistance please feel free to ask one of our 'regulars' and they will be only too happy to help you. Toilets and Baby Changing Facilities are beside the church. We hope you enjoy worshipping here with us this morning.

Welcome/Introduction (Book of Common Prayer - P101)

Hymn CH365: Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Confession/Absolution (Book of Common Prayer – P102)

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Song: The Wise Man Built

1. The wise man built his house upon the rock (x3), And the rains came tumbling down!

Chorus: The rains came down and the floods came up (x3), And the house on the rock stood *FIRM!*

2. The foolish man built his house upon the sand (x3), And the rains came tumbling down!

Chorus: The rains came down and the floods came up (x3), And the house on the sand fell *FLAT*!

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word (Book of Common Prayer – PIO3) O Lord, open our lips: and our mouth will proclaim your praise. O God, make speed to save us: O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen. Praise the Lord: The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. ¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word. ¹⁰⁸ Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. ¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. ¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. ¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. ¹¹² My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

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Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

'That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9Let anyone with ears listen!' 18 'Hear then the parable of the sower. 19When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Hymn CH6o6: As The Deer

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Song: In The Lord's Army

I may never march in the infantry, Ride in the cavalry, Shoot the artillery; I may never zoom o'er the enemy, But I'm in the Lord's army! (Yes sir!) I'm in the Lord's army! (Yes sir!) I'm in the Lord's army! (Yes sir!)

The Apostles' Creed (Book of Common Prayer – P112)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Book of Common Prayer - P112)

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.** Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer (Book of Common Prayer - P113)

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord: and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers: and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness: and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people: and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord: and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us: and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day: The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each prayer: Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers: Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of you Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Grace (Book of Common Prayer - P116)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Announcements

Closing and Offertory Hymn CH643: Be Thou My Vision

Closing Diocesan 20:20 Prayer

Heavenly Father, we want to catch your vision for these dioceses and for our parish. But to catch your vision we first need to listen to you. Too often we leave you out. Forgive us. Help us to catch a sense of where your Spirit is leading. Give us courage to love and serve you. Give us boldness to proclaim Christ faithfully and to build your kingdom. Lord, come to us; our door is open. Amen.

Blessing And Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: in the name of Christ. Amen.

Virginia Group - Weekly Announcements

Hospital Visits

If you or someone you know is in hospital and you would like a visit please let the Rector know.

Services July 2017

Services as normal.

Announcements: Parish General

Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you know someone who might like a shawl (e.g. ill or bereaved) contact Ivy Stewart (049) 8545036 or Vida McCauley (049) 8548465.

Bowling Club: Monday's in Billis Hall at 8pm. Finished Until September.

Girls' Friendly Society: Finished Until September.

Grazers Youth: Finished Until September.

Gigglers & Wrigglers (Baby & Toddler Group): Finished Until September.

Whist Drives: 25th July, 8th and 22nd August 2017 from 9pm in Virginia Hall.

Messy Church BBQ: Sunday 23rd July 2017 in Billis Hall from 3pm to 5.30pm.

Car Boot Sale: Saturday 19th August 2017. Cars €10, Cars and Trailers/Vans €15. Gates open 8am.

JOY (Just Older Youth): Our next monthly Joy meeting takes place on **Wednesday 6th September 2017** in Virginia Parish Hall from **2.30pm to 4pm**. A time to catch up, chat, enjoy a cuppa...

Killinkere 200th Anniversary Service: 10th September 2017 at 3pm.

Date of Confirmation: This year's confirmation service will be in Virginia Church on Sunday 26th November 2017 at 10.45am. Date of confirmation classes to be confirmed.

Announcements: Diocesan/Community

Virginia Ramblers twice weekly walks for July include Murmod, Munterconnaught, Deerpark Forest, Lislea Bog, Canal walk on the Ramparts, Navan and Cavan Geopark near Blacklion.

Monthly Prayer Focus

Anglican Communion: Bermuda, The Lusitanian Church, The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, Falkland Islands. Church of Ireland Diocese: Tuam, Killala and Achonry: Bishop Patrick Rooke. Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese: Bishop Ferran Glenfield KEA Children's and Youth Co-Ordinators: Hannah O'Neill and Marion Edwards. Drung Group: Revd Nick Jones (Drung, Castleterra (Ballyhaise), Larah, Lavey and Killoughter. Roscommon Group: Revd Alastair Donaldson (Roscommon, Donamon, Rathcline, Kilkeevin, Kiltullagh, Tybohine). Other Local Churches: Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. Parish/Townlands: Pollintemple, Pottleduff, Raffony, Rahardrum, Ryefield, Stramaquerty, Stramatt, Termon, Tievenaman, Togher, Virgina.

This Weekly Sheet and the Sunday Sermon can be downloaded from the Parish Website or Facebook:

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