

Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers:

Mick, Sallie, Chris Vigars, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Heather, Sally and Jimmy Hubbard, Mark and Kelly and family, Edward Walter, Michael, Jim Friend, Andrew, Lydia and Jo H.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially their families and friends.

Prayers also: "Thank you for the safe arrival of Catherine"

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon- People developing and adjusting to new ways of working.

Tues- Those struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

Wed- Holiday makers respecting their temporary surroundings.

Thurs- Farmers and those working to produce food.

Fri- Those around the world living in fear in the midst of conflicts.

Sat- Church families adapting to accommodate their congregations.

This Evening:

6pm- Evensong at St Michael's with Dr David Harris and Mrs Wendy Roderick.

Next week:

9:45- Christ Church- Holy Communion with the Reverend Tony Vigars

6pm- Evening Prayer at St Michael's with Wendy Roderick



Donations to support the upkeep of the building and the work of the church are welcome. If you would like to make a regular donation, please contact either David or Helen Harris about the Parish Giving Scheme.

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BRENTOR CHURCH

26th July 2020

7th Sunday after Trinity

Family Service

Led by

Mrs Wendy Roderick



**We warmly welcome everyone
joining our service**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:
Though our faith is small as mustard seed,
Make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your Kingdom;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Prayers for Today

We thank you, Lord God, for our world and for those who share it with us. We thank you especially for family and friends and those who are kind to us and work to make this world a better place.

We thank you, Lord.

We thank you, Lord God, that we can enjoy your wonderful world; for walks in the countryside, for birdsong that we enjoy, for those animals we consider friends.

We thank you, Lord.

We thank you, Lord God, for all that we have been given – for the little things in life that mean so much.

We thank you, Lord.

Help us to be your hands in the world and do those little things that mean so much. Amen.

Matthew 13.31 - 32

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

Talk

We say Sorry to God

You called on human beings to care for your gift of creation, to serve you and praise you by loving all you have made. We don't always do it well. Lord, we are sorry.

We ask forgiveness for the ways we fail to love your world with our whole hearts. Christ we are sorry.

Lord, God of all, help us to do better, and to shine as a light in the world to the glory of your name. Lord, we are sorry.

Lord, we are indeed sorry when we don't always behave as we should and thank you for all that you do for us. Help us to listen to you and to follow your word. **Amen.**

Matthew 5. 1-12

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Short Talk

We declare what we believe

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who died and was buried.

On the third day, He rose again. He ascended to Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting. Amen.

Let us go out as People of God

God has given us the citizenship of heaven, with his blessed and beloved, and the whole company of the redeemed.

Amen.

God gives the will to live each day in life eternal and the grace to go forth and bear fruit in the world.

Amen.

God bring us eventually to the home that Christ prepares for all who love him.

Amen.

Final blessing

May almighty God bless *us*, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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