

## II Timothy 2.8-15

This piece of one of the Pastoral Epistles reminds us the fundamental truth of the Gospel message for which Paul was in prison: Jesus Christ, a descendent of the line of David, was raised from the dead. Paul reminds Timothy of this truth, which of course serves as an anchor for all the faithful today as well. Our faith can sometimes be used as a crutch, and at other times we might think of it as a bit of a ball and chain. Yet Paul demonstrates to us here that it should be on our minds and on our lips at all times, even if it causes us discomfort. Indeed, it is all the more important that we do not lose our faith and our ability to preach it, should we find ourselves in strife. The martyrs remain so important because of their willingness to proclaim Christ until their last breath. Could each of us be doing more to talk about or faith in our everyday lives?

## Saints & Heroes

### St Ignatius of Antioch

This week the church remembers several of her more notable saints among them St Thomas, the evangelist and apostle, St Teresa of Avila, doctor of the church, and St Callistus I, Pope. However, today we focus on the less well-known St Ignatius of Antioch. Ignatius is believed to have been born in 50 AD and to have been martyred c. 98 and 117 AD. He was the third bishop of Antioch succeeding from Euodius and St Peter the apostle. He claims to have received his episcopal consecration at the hands of St Peter himself. Not much is known of Ignatius' early life, or for that matter his life as bishop of Antioch, until the account of the end of his life. What is known is that it was during his time as bishop of Antioch that the emperor Domitian persecuted the Christians in Antioch and Ignatius was a staunch defender and great leader of his people during that time. His martyrdom came about as a result of the persecution of the Christians by the emperor Trajan. Trajan wished to unify his empire and in doing so decreed that Christians should join with pagans in worshipping their Gods. Ignatius used his position to defend the faith from this and his people from punishment for holding to the true faith. As a result of this he was arrested and brought before Trajan in chains where by all accounts he eloquently and bravely gave defence to the people of Christ. This did not impress the emperor who ordered that Ignatius was to be sent from Antioch to Rome and fed to the lions as a spectacle for the people in the Colosseum. His remains were transferred back to Antioch but have since been returned to Rome where they lie in the Basilica di San Clemente. Most of the writings we have from him were written during his travels and are important documents concerning the church's teaching of Christ's two natures, and the theology of the mass.



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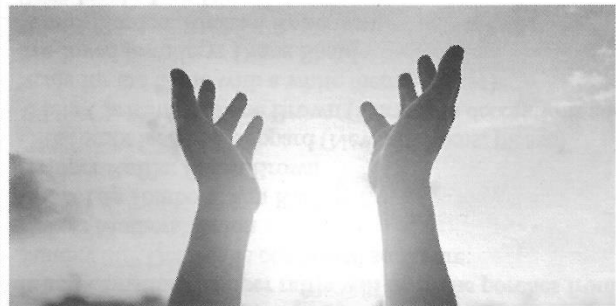
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Seventeenth  
Sunday after Trinity  
Twenty-Eighth  
Sunday of the Year

## Thanksgiving



One tenth of the lepers returned to praise and thank Jesus for being cleansed. About one tenth of the population (according to the last census) attend a church of some kind regularly. It seems to be a fact of life that only a few 'praise him from who all good things flow.' Thanksgiving, according to *Book of Common Prayer* 'is our bounden duty'. Thanksgiving brings the person who is thankful into communion with God, the source of all gifts. Jesus asks 'were not all ten made clean?' In other words, haven't all the lepers been cured of the symptoms? He then tells the thankful individual 'your faith has made you well.' In returning to thank Jesus, and thereby recognizing the giver of the gift of healing, the one has been made well: he experiences well-being for the whole person – body and soul. Thanksgiving has opened up a new and reconciling relationship with God. This man, Jesus remarks, was a foreigner who had no reason to have become accustomed to the benefits of his religion. This is a warning to those of us who may be taking the membership of the church for granted. We should all ask for a 'due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful' (General Thanksgiving from the *Book of Common Prayer*).

### From the Fathers

'O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake.'

From 'Prayer to God the Father', Ambrose of Milan (337-397, bishop, theologian)

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### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome to our services today

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

### WEEKDAY MASS (28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time)

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.30am Mass at Holy Trinity

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Feria**

7.30pm Mass at Holy Trinity

(7pm Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament)

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> S. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

9.30am Mass at Holy Trinity

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feria**

6.30pm at Holy Trinity – Walsingham Cell – All Welcome

### NEXT SUNDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity with Baptisms

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

### Psalm Response:

AS: "The lord has shown his salvation to the nations."

HT: "The Lord has shown the nations his salvation"

### Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantor: Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life..

**People:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Alleluia is repeated after the Gospel reading.)

**ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY** - we hope you will give generously to this charity which helps to support priests in deprived parishes and those thinking of joining the priesthood. Envelopes, which are provided today, when completed can be handed to our Treasurer John Chapman or put in the collection. We have an excellent and long-standing record of giving to ACS so please continue to be generous. Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION** - If you would like to know more, or would like to be confirmed, please have a word with Fr William or the Churchwardens, Rita or Roy. Once we have an idea of numbers we can make the necessary arrangements.

**MOTHERS' UNION** - Will meet on Monday October 21st. in Holy Trinity Hall at 8 pm.

We look forward to an amusing evening with our guest speaker Lizzie Osel.

**FOOD BANK** - a list of desperately needed essential items is on the notice board in the porch. St John's have thanked us for our contributions which are helping the community.

**TEA AT TWO AT ALL SAINTS'** - 2pm - 4pm on Friday. Come and join us for great cake, tea and conversation. We look forward to seeing you

**WALSINGHAM CELL** - meet on Saturday October 19th, Mass 6.30pm at Holy Trinity followed by a bring and share supper at the home of Pauline and John Rook, everyone is welcome, it'll be lovely to see you.

**HAMS** - next meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 8.15pm in Trinity Hall, an all age meeting. An evening of model railways with Keith Blanchard, David Powers, perhaps another and to a lesser degree Derek Bangs. We look forward to seeing you.

**HGPCC SECRETARY URGENTLY NEEDED** - the PCC needs a secretary by the end of September. The main tasks are: Sending out calling notice and agenda items for PCC meetings: Taking PCC minutes: Distributing minutes: Do the same for the APCM: Liaise with Vicar and Churchwardens as required. For more information please contact Cathy Mansel. Tel: 01276 469086

### **TRADCRAFT**

A limited stock of **THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR** and **CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now available from the Traidcraft Table in Holy Trinity.

Buy early to avoid disappointment.

**ALPHA & OMEGA** - a celebration of the goodness of God throughout history, in music, dance and readings.

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Our Lady & St Dominic, Farnborough

**Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Oct:** St John's Hartley Wintney, Fleet Road Hook, RG27 8ED

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Christ Church in Cove (Formerly St Christopher's)

Doors 7pm to start at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 / £6 from [l.ruskell@ntlworld.com](mailto:l.ruskell@ntlworld.com) or 01252 545808

### **Holly Fair, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Trinity Hall, 11.30am-2.00pm**

Please support this year's Holly Fair with your donations for the various stalls. Collection boxes for our chocolate tombola and Christmas hamper raffle will be in the porches from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. Stalls confirmed so far are:

Cakes: Mothers' Union

Chocolate Tombola: Jim Rapley

Hamper Raffle: Susan Brown

Gift Tombola: Anne Leppard (New gift items, please)

White Christmas: Diane Brown (Christmas decorations and items for the home with a white theme, please)

Pre-loved jewellery: Diana Shaul

Winter Garden: Rachael Robertson

Soup lunch: Joan Dimmick & helpers

Guess the weight of the Christmas cake: helper needed (cake will be provided).

It would be nice to have some more stalls this year, so please speak to Rachael Robertson or Diane Brown if you can help.

**WEEKLY SHEET** - items for inclusion in the weekly sheet should be sent **by Wednesday morning** to [pauline\\_scott@icloud.com](mailto:pauline_scott@icloud.com)

