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Sunday 19th July 2026

7th Sunday after Trinity

COMING UP AT ST PETERS'

Sunday 19 th July 7 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6pm	Youth Group
Wednesday 22 nd July	10am	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 26 th July 8 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist

Notices.

St Peter's Summer Party — will be held in the vicarage on Sunday August 23rd, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church for dietary requirements or email the office. All welcome & please bring your family & friends.

Parish Mission weekend will be held 11th -13th September. More details to follow. Save the dates.

Birthday Song (sung to tune: Innocents, 625 orange hymn book).

Comes a birthday once again, happy day, O happy day,
through the sunshine, through the rain, God has brought us
on our way.

BLACKBURN DIOCESAN CENTENARY PRAYER Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you. Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness, generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours, that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, and all places affected by warfare, violence or state oppression.

Those who have asked for our prayers:

the Rev'd Mo Baldwin, Pam McLoughlin, Beryl Diggles, Dot Bolan, Debbie Cope, Cassie Wilson, Dorothy Treadwell, Joan Baxendale, Joe Warburton, Kim Leighton & family, Paul Bleasdale.

All recently departed: Dorothy Holt, Phillipa Lancaster, Marjorie Ridby.

those who we remember at this time: Fred Howarth, Neil Makinson, James William Forrest, Eileen Pickup, Geoffrey Blouet, Kenneth Singleton, Nellie Harling, Hilda Heyes, Jack Whittle, William Clifford Gaskell, Gerald Diggles, Graham Derbyshire, Edna Wignall, Kenneth Jolly.

To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested and permission from the person named is given.

To add a name onto our prayer or memorial lists, please email

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Collect.

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

We sit to attend to the scriptures

Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: Romans 8.12-25

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

All stand for the Gospel

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Alleluia, alleluia,

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see
what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia,

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?"

"An enemy did this," he replied.

'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"

"No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.'

He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post-communion prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.