

**Parishes of Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield**  
**28th February, 2nd Sunday Of Lent**

**Welcome to worship at home**

**Thought for the day**

A commitment of faith has far-reaching implications .

**Collect** Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**The book of Genesis. ch17.1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.'  
Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you

and to your offspring after you.' God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

**Psalm 22. v22-30**

**R All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live for ever!'

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done. **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**

**The letter of Paul to the Romans.**

Ch 4.13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his

sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. ch8.31-38**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord – Praise to you, O Christ**

**Prayers**

Loving God as we hear of the faithfulness of Abraham we ask that you will help us to become faithful people ready to believe your promises and follow you wherever you will lead us.  
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

During this period of Lent Lord give us a new awareness of your presence in our Church and in our lives; teach us the humility to accept that all our gifts come from you to be used in the service of your people and in the spreading of the Gospel  
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Lord God you created the earth and all that is in it; teach us to see the beauty and wonders of your creative power in earth and sea and sky.. and now in Springtime ,let us rejoice and give thanks for new growth, lambs in the fields, flowers in gardens and hedgerows and bird song. We so easily forget that all this belongs to you. Help us to use more wisely the resources of the earth.  
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We give you thanks for our neighbours, for our friends and for the people around us who share our daily lives. We pray for those who are lonely, isolated because of ill-health or finding lockdown difficult to bear. Show us all that we can do to help those around us and teach us to be good neighbours and true friends.  
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for all who care for the sick and infirm; for those working in our local health centres and hospitals; for those working in care homes and those who

daily give help at home; for all of our local charities and Help organisations. We pray for all involved in the Emergency Services, Public health workers, and for all who offer front line public services of many kinds.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God be near to all those who are grieving today over the loss of a loved one. We raise before you those who have died in the faith of Christ and for those whose belief is known only to you. Lord, we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence.  
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father , give us thankful hearts to bless your name knowing that you are always beside us; accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen

**A LENTEN PRAYER**

Faithful God as we go out into the world today help us to remember that your Son was tempted by the Devil but chose faithfulness before popularity, service before fame and sacrifice before power. Give us the strength to reject temptation through our Lenten journey and beyond it throughout the rest of our lives.

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