



Kingshill Parish Church – Service Sheet

Monday 10th June 2024

Thank you to everyone who gave to Christian Aid. The total raised this year so far is £5,450.41. Christian Aid will be able to claim Gift Aid where the envelope contained a

declaration and we believe that when this is added it will bring the total to close to £6,000. This includes £747 raised through the Orpheus Choir concert.

Opening Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever ... Amen.

Call to Worship (Psalm 138)

I will give you thanks with all my heart;
 I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.
 I will bow down toward your holy temple
 and give thanks to your name
 for your constant love and truth.

Monday 10 th	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th	Thursday 13 th	Friday 14 th
485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind	483 Father of heaven	493 It's me, it's me, O Lord	552 O for a closer walk with God	482 Come, let us to the Lord our God
There is a day by Lou Fellingham - https://youtu.be/CNcGbZ5r4hw?si=6Rsq6cib50TnJi-K Is he worthy? by Chris Tomlin - https://youtu.be/-c6pl6CaiD0?si=fKogIUUbuPoxcfX0				

God's Word

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2 Samuel 12:1-13	Psalm 51:1-9	Psalm 51:10-19	2 Samuel 12:14-31	Psalm 52

Reflection by Rev Stella

Noone would have envied Nathan his task. As a prophet, he was sent by the Lord to confront King David regarding his actions. David had taken Bathsheba, Uriah's wife, for himself and arranged for Uriah to die in battle against the Ammonites. Instead of leading his troops into battle, David is busy committing adultery and murder. David – the man after God's own heart – has wandered far off the path. Instead of honouring the God who had given him everything (and would have given him more), he dishonours Him and all those impacted by his thoughtless behaviour.

I suspect Nathan took his time in deciding how to approach the subject. And in the end, he draws David in with the story of one neighbour stealing another neighbour's pet lamb. As David grows angry at the thief, Nathan turns it around – 'you are that man!' and he proceeds to deliver God's message to the sorrowful king. There is great wisdom in how Nathan speaks truth to power. And as the penny drops, we hear David acknowledge his wrongdoing. It is a moment of repentance, which is expressed in David's own words in Psalm 51. As David is confronted with the truth of his machinations, his heart is broken at his own duplicity and sinfulness. The consequences are

brutal. A child dies. And David's household is plagued with conflict. His remaining days have a shadow cast over them, which he could have avoided.

Few people find themselves in David's position. But we all can echo the words of Psalm 51. Our sins are always before us. The things we've done wrong. The harsh words spoken in haste. The attitude that stinks. The stuff we've ignored. We miss the mark.

And yet, like David, we can be sure of God's unfailing love and great compassion.

He will wash away all our iniquities and cleanse us from all our sins. If, like David, we come with a contrite heart, we will, like David, experience God's mercy and grace. He will create in us a pure heart, by his Spirit. He will renew a steadfast spirit within us. He will restore joy to us and teach us how to live in more fruitful and holy ways.

But we need to be honest.

Perhaps as we read the story of Nathan and David, we should take stock of where we've gone astray and take time to bring ourselves before God, acknowledging our failings and asking for his forgiveness. All the while remembering the words of Jesus from Matthew 26:

"Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Prayer adopted from a prayer by Rev Richard J. Fairchild

Lord God, we come before you now in repentance and sorrow, asking for your mercy upon us.

In a moment of silence, bring before God those things which are getting in the way of you honouring Him in your life. The thoughts, the words and the deeds.

Lord God, take our sins from us and lead us in the path of righteousness.

Lord God, you are the one who forgives us and teaches us what is right and shows us the way we should go.

You are the one who provides us with all that we need and protects all those who call upon your name.

Help us O God to remember your unfailing love, to give thanks for your forgiveness and your mercy, and to rely upon your saving and healing power.

We remember this week fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers and father like figures in our families, in our church and in our community. We gave thanks for them and for the ways in which they love us and nurture us. Strengthen those who are struggling with being a dad and comfort those estranged from their children. We pray for those who wish they knew their father. And we remember those whose relationship with their father is a source of grief. We thank you that you are our heavenly father, and your love for us knows no bounds.

*For these and all our blessings, help us now to praise you with thankful and contrite hearts, we ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen***

Benediction

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this week and forevermore. Amen.



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