

We have to give up saying things like ~ "I have to put my family first" in a way that means we pay no attention to God. If Christ is in the centre of all we do and we have been blessed with a family ~ they will naturally 'come first' in terms of not being neglected by us because they are given to us by God and we have a responsibility for all we are given.

During the summer give it a go ~ rethink your routine so that you know Christ is in the centre ~ at least say good morning and good night to Him (that is the start of praying) and then add in some thank you's and requests and even the occasional apology (confession) knowing that you will be forgiven!

Note what difference it makes to you ~

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Sunday 23rd July 2017 ~ 6th Sunday after Trinity
10:00am Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

Readings:	Isaiah 44: 6-8	OT page 683
	Romans 8:12-25	NT page 153
	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	NT page 14

Collect

**Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Sunday 30th July 2017 ~ 7th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Holy Communion**

President and preacher: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

Readings: 1 Kings 3: 5-12 OT page 315
Romans 8:26-39 NT page 154
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 NT page 14

Collect

**Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**



**Sunday 6th August 2017
~ Transfiguration ~
10.00 Holy Communion**

President and preacher: Rt Revd Dr Richard Cheetham,
Bishop of Kingston

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 OT page 843
2 Peter 1: 16-19 NT page 234
Luke 9: 28-36 NT page 67



Collect

**Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at
Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer Pointers

**Circle me, Lord. Keep protection near and danger afar.
Circle me, Lord. Keep hope within, keep doubt without.
Circle me, Lord. Keep light near and darkness afar.
Circle me, Lord. Keep peace within, keep evil out. Amen.**

(David Adam)

For all you pray for during the summer remember that the Lord encircles each and every one in His Love. (As you pray try replacing 'me' with 'us' or 'them')

Summer Musings

A lot of our readings throughout Trinity this year encourage us to consider our response and responsibility in faith. You and I have to work out for ourselves the difference between responding to God's outrageous and unconditional love ~ which we accept as a free gift from Him and trying to work to gain or keep that gift as if we are fearful it will be snatched away from us if we don't spend our time doing things for God while telling Him and ourselves that we are doing His work! The two main dangers are that we either overstretch ourselves or don't do anything in response to that love. The key is to place Christ in the centre of all you do, how you live your life and how others see you live it!