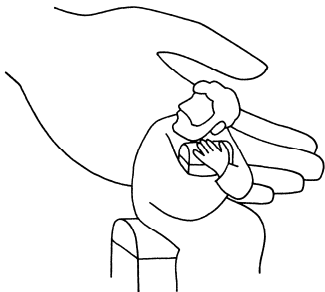


Here's a text if you've only a minute

Let me pray to the Father whose kindness never fails.
[Opening Prayer]

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts [Psalm]

"..you have been brought back to true life with Christ.."
[2nd Rdg - Colossians]

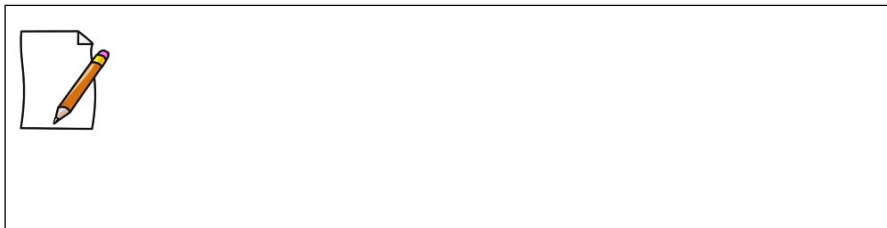


"Let your thoughts be in heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth.."
[2nd Rdg - Colossians]

"Your word is truth, O Lord.."
[Gospel Acclamation]

Looking towards next week

**What does next week hold for me, and how do I feel God may be calling me?
And so, what do I want to ask of God for myself & others?**



SAINT BEUNO'S OUTREACH IN THE DIOCESE OF WREXHAM

**What are the real lasting values in life?
Why is our self-worth so often measured on success, positions and - above all possessions?
Our hold on life is fragile. Material things come and go; they never fully satisfy the longings of our restless hearts.
"There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything."
[2nd Reading]**



Opening Prayer [2nd Version]

Let us pray to the Father whose kindness never fails.
God our Father, gifts without measure flow from your goodness to bring us your peace.
Our life is your gift.
Guide our life's journey, for only your love make us whole.
Keep us strong in your love.

- = I may be unsettled by the comments at the top of this page.
- = So slowly I try to allow the Spirit of my God of unending kindness to give me the wisdom to open myself to what he wants to show me in my prayer this week
- = In the evening I may like to reflect on a gift, a blessing, I have been given today
- = Over my life, what gifts from God have brought me peace?
- = ". . for only your love make us (me) whole." What questions and desires does this evoke in me . . . ?
- = What do I find myself saying to the Lord as I end my prayer?

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Psalm 94

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God
and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
“Harden not your hearts at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your father put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.”

This familiar comforting - perhaps challenging - psalm could be used this week to pick up on many of the feelings and desires which may rise up within me as I pray some of the other scripture texts of this Sunday's liturgy.

I may like to draw strength from the fact that many other people all over our world will be using this same “Prego”

= Which word or phrase 'touches' me now as I pray . . . ?

2nd Reading - Colossians 3:1-4 & 11b

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be in heavenly things not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. . . .

. . . There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

An appeal by Paul to the new converts [and so, to us] to live the values of Christ. Through baptism, we are all parts of his body - the Church

The Gospel - Luke 12: 13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, “Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance .” “My friend,” he replied “who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?”

Then Jesus said to them, “Watch and be in your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.”

Then Jesus told them a parable: “There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, ‘What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.’

Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: my soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.’

But God said to him, ‘Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?’

So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.”

Jesus does not answer the question of the wronged man. Instead, by means of a parable, he warns against greed. A rich man is never satisfied - he always wants more. With greed there are no winners: people become driven; relationships fracture; the greedy harm themselves and others. In today's world: the culture of greed (the imbalance of wealth) is destroying the earth's populations - even the earth itself.

Jesus gives the answer: the wise man is the (alms)giver.

= I may like to try to enter this gospel scene. Do I recognise this man? Is he a neighbour, a member of my family, or myself?

= Or maybe I am alone with Jesus: what happens between us...?

= How do I feel in his presence and what do I say to him.

= I end my prayer as always giving thanks - for what this time?