

# Seventh Sunday after Trinity

## 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Giving in Grace Campaign:** Our **Giving in Grace** Appeal is now on full wing to encourage our financial giving to our church, which will culminate on **Gift Day, Saturday 31 July** and **Giving in Grace Thanksgiving, Sunday 1 August 2021**. You have now received the leaflet, a letter, a response form and envelope. Please send or bring your response no later than Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August. If you want to set up standing order, please use bank account details in this pew sheet. Thank you.

**Church Life Post July 19<sup>th</sup>:** With the Government removing the final set of restrictions this coming week and Church of England only Friday giving their guidance to parishes, I shall further consult the PCC what I see fit for our church community. However, I would like to assure you that the first priority will always be to protect the safety of every soul in our parish. In the same way that we pray each day for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, we have to do our utmost to safeguard the same.

As a community in Christ we now need to move forward without set legal restrictions and churches decide how best to manage the risk ourselves and others. I would like to remind us that any place where multiple people can gather is still going to be an area of risk. The virus isn't going away, and even those who have had both doses of the vaccine may still be at risk from contracting or spreading it. Those still waiting for a second dose, or who -for whatever reason – have not been vaccinated (and we are here to love not to judge) are at greater risk. God calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves, to protect the widow and the orphan, and to love one another as God loves us. Surely no one would willingly put a loved one at any kind of risk or in any danger.

Whilst we recognise the law has changed, I feel important that right now as the cases are high in Manchester, we continue to wear face coverings inside the church, we keep social distancing, and hand sanitising will remain in place, and you are asked to continue to follow these precautions as you are in the church building. We also continue to offer communion in one kind for now and singing will remain for now only outside.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, we must be personally responsible and consider the obvious and hidden risks to both ourselves and others.

Philippians 2:3 reminds us, ***'But in humility consider others as more important than yourselves'***.

### Regular Giving by Standing Order:

**Account name:** Parish of the Good Shepherd & St Barnabas

**Sort code:** 77-19-46

**Account number:** 00034309

**Branch:** TSB Longsight

### Dates for the Diary:

**Gift Day Saturday 31 July** – church open between 11 am and 1 pm

**Giving in Grace Thanksgiving Service** – Sunday 1 August at 10 am

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