

Reflection :- Trinity 2

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few”. Those words of Jesus emphasise the great need for Ministry, but then they highlight the fact that we need more individuals to augment the team of individuals who already volunteer in so many roles within St Thomas Parish and Church. It prompts us to reflect on our role in spreading that message of hope and healing to those around us. I firmly believe that through prayer and action we can build up our team of more workers in the Harvest field.

Do you believe that God is calling us to a mission of love and restoration? Imagine what we could achieve if we take today's Gospel as an inspiration to actively share hope with those around us.

Fr Terry

Please join us
for refreshments
and fellowship
after the service
in the church hall



NEXT SUNDAY 21.06.26 Trinity 3
10.30am in the Church



OT Jeremiah 20: 7-13
NT Romans 6: 1b-11
GOSPEL Matthew 10: 24-39

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St Thomas, Exeter

14th June 2026

Second Sunday after Trinity

10.30am in the Church

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

532 *We have a gospel to proclaim*
195 *Happy are they, they that love God*
464 *Take my life, and let it be*
518 *Thy hand, O God, has guided*

Tuesday 16th June

7.30pm House Group at Helen's house.

Wednesday 17th June

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 18th June

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter at Jenny
Tuckett's house

Friday 19th June

9.30am Morning Prayers

10am Staff Meeting



Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Exodus 19: 2-8a

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.' So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

Romans 5: 1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in

that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9: 35-10: 21

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. 'Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your

Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

Post Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notices

Today Fr Terry will preach and preside at our service of Sunday worship. We are very grateful to Fr Terry for stepping-up to take many extra services during the interregnum.

On **Tuesday 30th June**, between 3:30 and 5pm in the church, we will hold a **Summer Crafternoon** session, making a display for the Summer Festival (on Saturday 4th July). Come along and develop your creative talents!

At the **Summer Festival** (on July 4th) we will be serving inexpensive refreshments in the hall, and selling homemade cakes, jams, etc. We are looking for volunteers to run this stall at various times between noon and 5pm—and you will also have an opportunity to join in the general activities. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hall on Sundays.

Ian, your Churchwarden, has completed his Hospicare 100 Miles in May Challenge this year, and thanks everyone who has generously sponsored him. His online page will remain open for several weeks. <https://justgiving.com/page/ian-totterdell-4>

Rev Hannah Alderson, our new Rector, will be licensed to our parish on the evening of **Monday 7th September**. Please continue to pray for Hannah and her family as they prepare to move into our community.