



WEEKLY LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAINCY

Sunday August 30th 2020 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME to the latest weekly letter on this Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, as the Church continues its journey through 'Ordinary Time'.



In our Gospel Reading for this Sunday, we read the second part of the story of Jesus' conversation with his disciples in the northern village of Caesarea Philippi. Last week Peter was the hero – this week, Jesus calls him Satan – what can have possibly gone wrong? As ever, I will try to make sense of it in our Zoom service on Sunday morning and the Epilogue on Sunday evening.



Don't forget to keep in touch if there is any way in which I can help you – chaplain@scilly.church / 423911.

SUNDAY WORSHIP



Our Parish Morning Service via Zoom on Sunday at 11.00 a.m. As for every Sunday, the code is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477892334?pwd=aWVpWXVidksralpVZm1yUjN6VDg0dz09>. You will be able to join from 10.30 a.m. and chat to others before we start properly at 11.00 a.m.

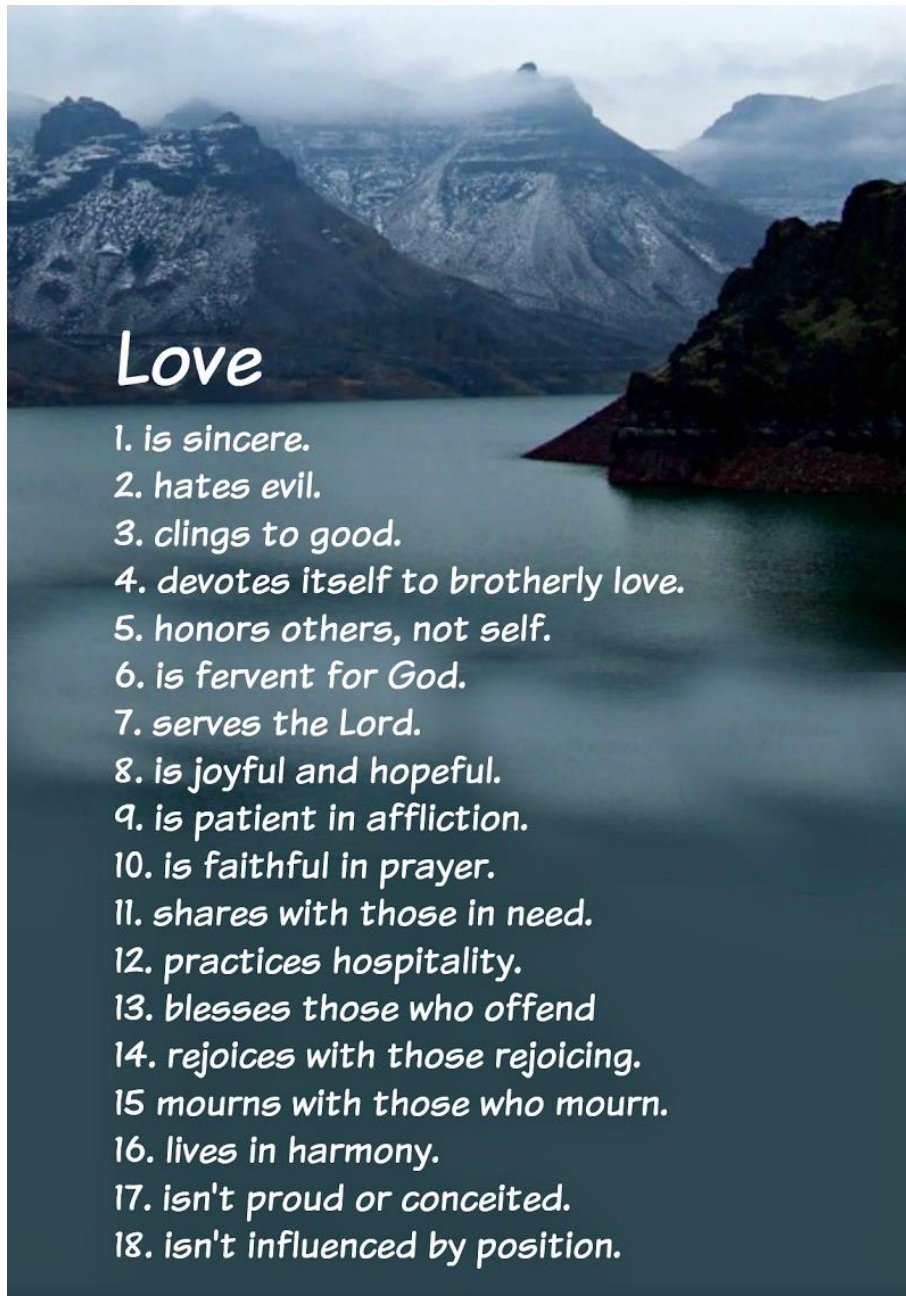
It is also possible to join our Zoom service by telephone, and I have sent details of how to do that to some of our regular worshippers across the islands who cannot presently access the service on their computers or smartphones. There are also instructions on how to use the telephone access attached to the email message sent with this weekly letter. If you know of anyone who might like to join in this way, please pass on the relevant information or ask them to contact me.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

You can find the Sunday readings and prayers on one of the other attachments or enclosures that I have sent to you. In our Zoom service and Epilogue we will be considering Jesus's prediction of his coming suffering and the reactions of this friends from **Matthew 16.21-28**. In the Old Testament reading from **Jeremiah 15.15-21**, we hear Jeremiah's complaint to God about the insults and persecution he suffers because of his loyalty to God,



and God's promise to deliver him. As we read this passage, we might like to think about some of the Christians throughout the world who are suffering persecution because of their faith – I will be showing some images of some of them following the sermon in our Sunday Zoom service. In our reading from Romans, **Romans 12.9-21**, Paul



Love

1. *is sincere.*
2. *hates evil.*
3. *clings to good.*
4. *devotes itself to brotherly love.*
5. *honors others, not self.*
6. *is fervent for God.*
7. *serves the Lord.*
8. *is joyful and hopeful.*
9. *is patient in affliction.*
10. *is faithful in prayer.*
11. *shares with those in need.*
12. *practices hospitality.*
13. *blesses those who offend*
14. *rejoices with those rejoicing.*
15. *mourns with those who mourn.*
16. *lives in harmony.*
17. *isn't proud or conceited.*
18. *isn't influenced by position.*

continues to set out the ethical and spiritual implications for Christian living in the light of the Gospel. It is a passage worth reading through slowly phrase by phrase, as we examine God's call to us to live the new life in the Spirit. Perhaps at this time one sentence in particular may speak to many of us: 'Rejoice in hope, be

patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.' And one that is always true: 'Do not claim to be wiser than you are' – now there's a challenge to any Christian leader!

THINKING IT THROUGH



I'm attaching/including my sermon from last Sunday for those who may want to read it. It is based upon the story of Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi – when Jesus asked his friends about their view of who he was,

and Peter in a moment of insight declares Jesus to be 'the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Who do you think that Jesus is?

WORSHIP – A REMINDER

Just to remind you that we intend to continue with Zoom worship on Sunday at 11.00 in the morning and the Epilogue at 8.15 in the evening up to and including the first Sunday of October. On September 20th we look forward to welcoming Bishop Philip as our guest preacher to the Sunday Zoom service. There will be transitional arrangements (probably by Zoom) for the mornings of October 11th and 18th which will be led by Canon Lynda Barley; on October 25th I hope that we will be able to meet in the Parish Church for a final Service of the Word; on November 1st we are intending to resume our Eucharistic worship. Please do get in touch with any comments or questions about this.

