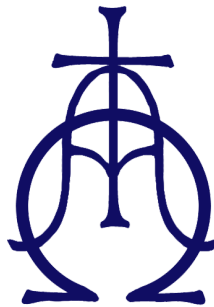# Christ Church News Note

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A note from Reverend Jennifer

When I started looking at commentaries for this week's Gospel, I discovered that there is not agreement on the proper title of this familiar parable. Some bibles call it "The Parable of the Seeds," some bibles call it "The Parable of the Sower." I have had a good time thinking through the difference in meaning that we might see when we start from two different names for the same parable. I'm looking forward to more thinking and reading--and to sharing my thoughts with you on Sunday. --J+

WORSHIP JULY 12th 2020

July 12, we will worship on line via YouTube link sent by email and on FaceBook.

Scripture Readings for July 12

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-23

On July 19th, Fr. Elaine will offer a real-time Zoom service at 9.30. It's easy! Please consider participating--we will need lectionary readers and an intercessor for the Prayers of the People

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Returning to worship at 63 East Church Street

We will WAIT until August for our return to communal worship.

Vestry tonight agreed that we will plan to return to communal worship on Sunday, August 9th. We'll have to keep our eyes on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System's COVID-19 chart that the state of Ohio puts out. So long as we are a level 1 or 2 we are good to go. Rev. Jen is working with Brad and Jim about the particulars and we will keep you informed.

Baptism!
We also plan to have the Rite of Baptism folded into our worship on August 16th in our sanctuary.

When can we celebrate the Eucharist again?

The bishop has tentatively designated October 18th as the day that we can return to celebrating Eucharist. Until then we will use Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Table, and Spiritual Communion liturgies. It's a good time to experiment!

Bible Study

Some of you were inspired by the articles "How to Read Romans." We will start a Zoom Bible study when Rev. Jennifer gets back from vacation in August. This is inspired by an article that describes how Romans is written--you can connect with that article here:

https://www.patheos.com/blogs/keithgiles/2020/04/youre-reading-romans-all-wrong/

Prayer List

We will have a prayer list each week that you will receive by email or snail mail. The names that will be spoken at Prayers of the People are posted for one month, and then moved to the devotional prayer list. If you have a person or need or thanksgiving for community prayers, please let Becky know.

Prayer List for July 12, 2020

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:
Pray for the people of St. Margaret, Trotwood
St. Mark, Riverside
St. Paul, Oakwood

Parishioners of the Week:
Debbie, Jim, Bradley

We give thanks for the birthday of Rev. Steve Cuff

We lift prayers for a safe and healthy pregnancy
Cynthia and Brock

We ask God's blessing and healing:
Trisha, David, Connie, Laura, Carolyn, Mike, Shayna, Karen, Kathy, Steve, Dorothy, Gordon and Claris, Marcia, Shirley, Claris D, Roxanne, Matt, Terry, Arlene, Kim, Cynda and Nigel, Jill, Marilyn and Tommy, Lynne, Cynthia, Tiffany, Heidi, Peter, Diana, the Bolton family, Jennie and Chris and family, Jason, Shelly, Madysun, Ken, Lamar, Laura and Avis, John, Grandma Ann, Baby Amelia, Dr. Mukul, Tim, Angela, Laura, Jason, Katrin, and Lisa, John N., the Dia family, John G., Heather S. Barbara, Karen.
For all who suffer because of COVID-19.

We give thanks for our many blessings:
For all medical professionals, and those serving as essential staff.

In God's Nearer Presence:
Officer Anthony Dia
For all who have died from COVID-19
All the victims of racial unrest around the world.