

## An Introduction to books in the Old Testament. Jeremiah

Jeremiah is described as *'a true, honest, and God-revealing companion for the worst of times.'* (Eugene Peterson). He was a priest from the village of Anathoth, near Jerusalem. His ministry to Judah began in 626 B.C. and continued until after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. Jeremiah brought a message of judgment and hope: *'See, I have set you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.'* (1:10).

During Jeremiah's ministry, Judah had rejected the Lord for idols (2:13). They claimed to be God's people, yet they refused to heed God's word by refusing to be corrected and following false prophets who spoke what the people wanted to hear. Therefore, Jeremiah was the prophet of judgement. He called Judah to repent, but they refused (6:16-17). However, he also brought a message of hope. He preached that they should trust God (9:23-24) and that a faithful remnant would be restored to the land (23:3; 31:7-9).

Jeremiah was a reluctant prophet, who felt compelled to speak God's word (20:9). His life was characterised by sorrow, *'O my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me.'* (8: 18). His people continually refused to listen to him, rewarding his labour with rejection and persecution.

Much of Jeremiah's message remains relevant today, because we still fall into idolatry, whether it is wealth, talents or social standing. Sin requires repentance and restoration; obedience brings blessings and joy with it. However, Jeremiah also points to Christ, as the one who makes this possible. He showed great compassion for His people and shed tears for them. He suffered their ingratitude but still forgave them.

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### Sunday June 7th First Sunday after Trinity

**8am** Holy Communion BCP  
**10am** Parish Eucharist  
**Hymns:** 235, 53, 62, 321

#### Readings

Genesis 12: 1-9  
Psalm 33: 1-9  
Romans 4: 13-end  
Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

**6pm** Evening Prayer  
Psalm 41  
1 Samuel 18: 1-16  
Luke 8: 41-end

### Sunday June 14th Second Sunday after Trinity

**8am** Holy Communion BCP  
**10am** Parish Eucharist  
**Hymns:** 76, 63, 427, 553

#### Readings

Genesis 18: 1-15  
Psalm 116:1,10-17  
Romans 5: 1-8  
Matthew 9: 35-10.8

**6pm** Evening Prayer  
Psalm 45  
Deuteronomy 10: 12-11.1  
Acts 23: 12-end

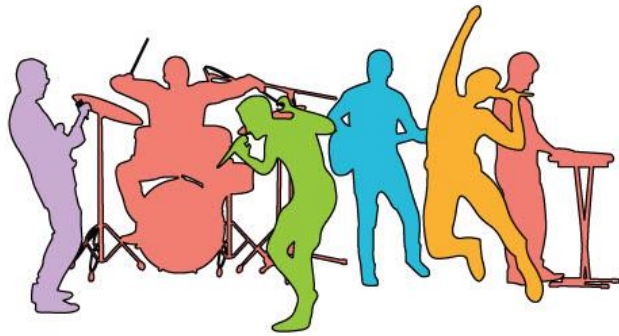
### Volunteers Week

This week is Volunteers Week (1-7 June) and it gives us a great opportunity to give that extra thanks for the massive contribution that volunteers provide within the church, not only here but the rest of the Diocese. So, a huge thanks for your weekly contribution goes to, Churchwardens, Sacristans, Servers, Sidespeople, Readers, the cleaning team, the ladies who make the teas and bake the cakes, the maintenance teams who look after the churchyard and the fabric of the church.

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## **Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God, we bring to you in prayer those places in the world where regimes rule harshly and brutally. and pray especially for those condemned to death for protesting, for seeking justice, for speaking truth.

We pray for those in the public eye whose struggles and mistakes are shared around the world. We pray too for journalists and broadcasters with all the responsibilities and opportunities those professions bring.

We pray for those in places of continuing and escalating violence, for children caught up in violence for families divided by war, for refugees facing hostility and hardship.

With the continuing warm weather (in some parts of the country), we pray for safety for all those visiting the coasts and places of beauty, for resilience for those in the emergency services, for consideration for everyone who is out, for safety on the roads and railways, and for comfort for all those who have lost loved ones in accidents on land or sea or in the air.

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we would take light and hope to the places of conflict, of darkness, of indifference, of despondency. We pray for ourselves as we seek to offer a welcome to those in our communities and to reach out to all in need.

And we pray for our families and friends and all with whom we share our life's journey, for those we are close to and those from whom we are estranged, for those who are celebrating and those who are low, for those who carers and those for who are cared, for those in the early days of their lives and for those taking their last steps.

Amen

