**Sunday 21st June is the
Second Sunday after Trinity**

*This week’s service from St Giles’ Church can be accessed at* <https://youtu.be/un--Hr-40Xc>

**Collect:**Lord, you have taught us that all 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. **Amen**.

**Readings:** Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Romans 6:1b-11

**Gospel:**

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. *(Matthew 10:24-39)*

***IMPORTANT NEWS:***

*Both our churches are now re-opened for the purposes of* ***Individual private prayer*** *and organ practice:****Shipbourne*** *– daily except Mondays: 9am-5pm;****Plaxtol*** *– daily: 9am-5pm.*

*Thanks to all those who have worked hard to make this possible.*

***SAD NEWS:***

*On Wednesday evening,* ***Andy Gemmell*** *died peace-fully at home, after a long battle with a complex set of conditions. Please pray for Margaret and the extended family in their loss. The funeral and burial are being arranged to take place at Plaxtol, but numbers will be restricted because of the pandemic.*

*Give thanks for Andy’s life, and for all he gave as a member of our church community and of the village.*

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory!*