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**Sunday 25 July 2021**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*James the Apostle*

**First Reading**

Acts 11:27-12:2

**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 20: 20-28

**To phone in and listen to this week's 10am Sunday Service please call  
01184 693023**

**Week Commencing 26 July ....**

<b>Mon</b> 26 July	Matthew 13: 31-35
<b>Tues</b> 27 July	Matthew 13 :36-43
<b>Weds</b> 28 July	Matthew 13 :44-46
<b>Thurs</b> 29 July	Matthew 13 :47-53
<b>Fri</b> 30 July	Matthew 13: 54-end
<b>Sat</b> 31 July	Matthew 14: 1-12

Even as the Son of man came not  
to be ministered unto, but to minister,  
and to give his life a ransom for many.

**Matthew 20:28**



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## Notices:



Woodley Foodbank (which covers Earley too) **desperately need your donations as they are running extremely low on stocks and demand is high over the Summer months.**

### **The following items are in extremely short supply:**

Long life milk  
Juice (Orange / Apple) - non fresh  
Biscuits  
Cooking oil  
Meat meals, tinned pies (meat and vegetable)  
Spaghetti  
Noodles  
Rice  
Tinned fish  
Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Tomatoes  
Tinned Potatoes  
Soup - All varieties - including 'Mug Shots'  
Custard - Both tinned and packet  
Deserts - Rice puddings etc  
Bathroom products - Toilet roll, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shower gels, shampoo

They do have plenty of stocks of pasta, pasta sauce and cereals, so would ask that these are avoided if possible. **Please drop donations into the basket in the Church lobby by Thursday morning when Rod will be taking our donations to the foodbank.**

**If you or anyone you know require a food parcel you can:**

**Call 07806 658995 to arrange a delivery or to pick up from Woodley Baptist Church Mon - Fri 10am - 12pm**

## Notices:

**Join us for  
Morning Prayer  
at St Nicolas Earley  
9am Mon-Weds  
Everyone Welcome**



If you would like a chat on the phone or to pray with someone or you need a prescription collecting or essential shopping our Pastoral Care Team will be pleased to hear from you. Please contact Jenny on 0118 926 8561 or email [care@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:care@stnicolas.org.uk) or phone Parish Office 0118 966 9080 and leave a message. Earley Hub [earleyhub@gmail.com](mailto:earleyhub@gmail.com) 07493 784091 is also there to offer help to the community- collection of prescriptions and shopping, prayer, a listening ear and recommending other help.



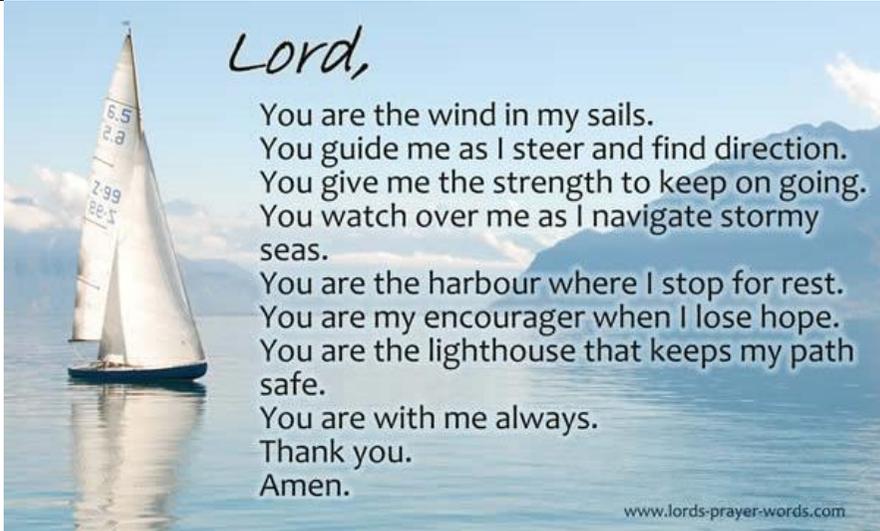
**Let's keep life moving.**

-  FRESH AIR
-  TESTING
-  FACE COVERINGS
-  APP
-  HANDWASHING

# PRAYER

Prayer Chain Requests can be sent to Janice Williams at [office@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolas.org.uk) or 07453 859159

**Collect:** Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## JPEG's Three Things for July

JPEG (St Nicolas Justice, Peace and Environment Group) would love it if you joined us in prayer for the following items. You might like to tie a ribbon to our prayer tree as a symbol of your prayers.

**1)** Please pray for the pilgrims of Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) reaching Reading on 29<sup>th</sup> July and for the organisers of all the events: for the service with Bishop Olivia and Alok Sharma in the Minster on 31<sup>st</sup> July and for Emma's role with the artwork on display and with her poetry on 30<sup>th</sup> July

Please see poster in this sheet.

**2)** For the people of the West Bank and Gaza as they face ongoing daily oppression and injustice from the occupation of their lands.

**3)** For the Christian Aid Global Hunger Appeal.

*May we be reminded to pray for all these situations and also be prepared to be part of the solution.*

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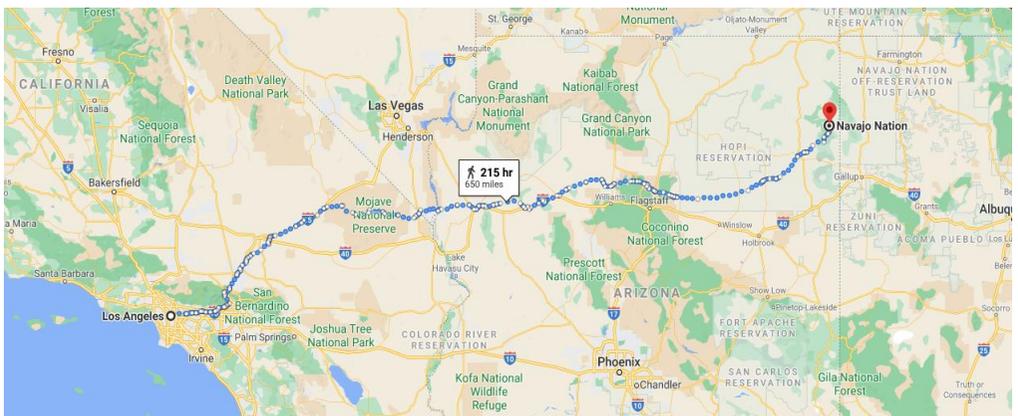
**Thought for the week: “We must remember we are stewards of what God has provided for us, not owners.”— Joyce Meyer**

## Our Virtual Journey Back Home now through the USA.

Climate scientists have been predicting weather changes due to climate crises but the extreme weather “jolts” such as two months rain bucketing down on the Rhine Basin in two days, the flooding of cities along the Yangtze river, wildfires in Siberia with toxic smoke in Yakutsk causing terrible problems of air pollution for people and the fear that the peat banks exposed by melting permafrost will burn, and the record temperatures with fires in Canada and the US; may already be more extreme than the scientists had predicted. In Canada we saw the effects of a ‘heat dome’ as the circulation of air becomes stagnated through high pressure blockage which seems to have been created by altered jet streams. This is thought in turn to have been created by factors causing climate change.

We are moving from Los Angeles to the centre of the Navajo Nation a distance of 650 miles, and since starting this section of our journey we have done a whopper 436.9 miles, amazing in this heat! Thank you so much – however, If you are reading this and are not part of the virtual journey please consider joining in – every kilometre counts! It’s fun to count up your walks on holiday!

The Navajo Nation is a territory covering about 17,544,500 acres, occupying portions of north-eastern Arizona, south-eastern Utah, and north western New Mexico in the United States. It is about 650 miles from Los Angeles.

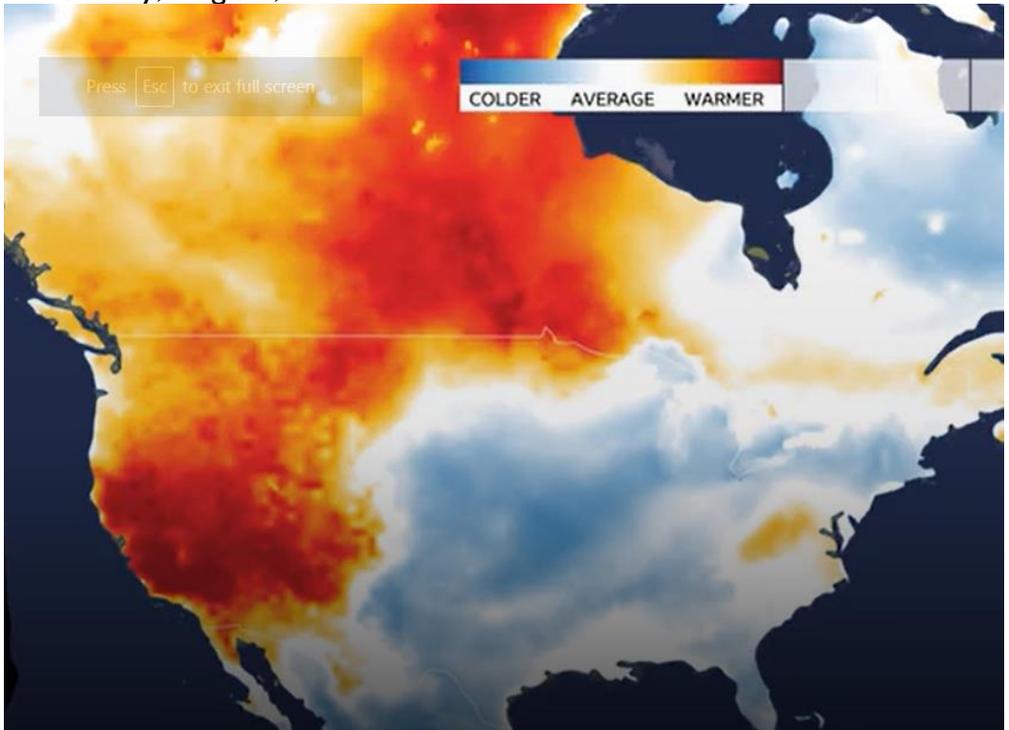


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For several years the weather has created conditions in this area for wild fires by having very high air temperatures drying land and creating fire fuel from vegetation. Several areas in Nevada and California have matched or passed temperature records, including 54.4C (130F) registered in California's Death Valley which may have been the highest land temperature recorded in the world.

This year the fires are intense, creating effects such as fire storms – a pyrocumulonimbus – a giant plume of smoke and hot air rising many miles upwards creating its own micro climate of lightning storms and fierce stormy winds. When it reaches a certain height, and usually at night, it collapses to the earth sending a sudden 'bomb' of fire spreading tongues of flames and sparks in all directions with fierce winds. These are extremely dangerous and not something that can be controlled. I am glad we are only virtually going through this area!

Please pray for our world especially these physical manifestations caused by climate changes: the fires in the Western USA and Siberian Forest, the floods in Germany, Belgium, and China.



*BBC image of heated areas in North America in early July 2021.*



# G7 to COP26 Relay

## Reading Climate Justice Events

All are welcome

### Walker's Welcome

Wednesday 28th July  
Wesley Methodist Church  
4.30pm

### The Pilgrim's Picnic and Procession

Friday 30th July  
Meet at Wesley Methodist  
Church at 12pm

### Blessing of the Boots with the Bishop of Reading

Saturday 31st July  
Reading Minster 10am



### Creative Climate Workshop

including speakers from the  
University of Reading.  
Thursday 29th July  
Abbey Baptist 7pm

### Sanctuary with Emma Major and YCCN



Friday 30th July  
Reading Minster 8pm

### Sung Eucharist with Canon Brian Davis 'Care for Creation'

Sunday 1st August  
Reading Minster 10am



**Young Christian  
Climate Network**

**yccn.uk | @YCCNetwork**

# Flower Stall

Beautiful bouquets created and sold by Addington Sixth formers.

Thursday 29th July

11.00 am to 1.00 p.m.



Centre Stage Woodley Precinct

All profits for ...



Flower designs MJ Hooley



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