## Thought for the Week

Is the world good enough for you?

Jesus has many deeply challenging sayings that we'd often rather prefer to ignore. This is one of his most challenging, especially in the present politically correct world of inclusivity, inclusion, tolerance for different views and tendencies.

The technical term for the age we're in is the age of relativism, where anything goes, anything can be true, if it's true for you, that's lovely.

There's a major problem with this approach, however. What if the truth you believe in so sincerely isn't true at all, but is a delicious, desirable, juicy, dirty great evil deceptive lie?

The designers, builders, owners, crew and passengers of the SS Titanic were all utterly convinced of the truth of the claim that Titanic was unsinkable.

But this claim was a delicious, desirable, juicy, dirty great evil deceptive lie? Hundreds of innocent people lost their lives because they believed it

What if were to lose our eternity because we believe a lie?

How can we know what is true truth? How about if a man should predict that he would be executed, but on the third day, he would be raised from the dead. Would you believe him? How about if the impossible he claimed came true?

SO, why don't we believe him? Why do we persist in believing human fashions and human inventions and human emotion based appeals to change the understanding of millenia?

David Cameron, called for the intolerance of intolerance. Doesn't that mean we should be intolerant of intolerance of intolerance? Shouldn't we rather be intolerant of untruth, deception, of people claiming to speak for God when they speak for their election prospects?

#### Intercessions

# In the name of Jesus we pray for healing for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and for those who care for them

Barbara Shearman, Graham Tripp, Jo,
Camilla Walton, Ivy Webb, Loretta,
Betty Wilson, Don Knott,
Nigel Brown, Jill Windle, Paul Hanscombe, Ann,
Stan and Gill Gibbons,
Keith, Jill, Tim Selwood; Isabelle,
Alison, Michael, Jasmin, John Jacobs,
Felicia and her family, Bill Spiller, Miles,
Crawford, and Zara Toop.

# We remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends especially

Charles Macnabb, Rae Bolton, her daughter Valerie, son in law James and their family, Donny Pink, Vera Stride, Juliette Spiller, Fr Jacques Hamel.

### The Week Ahead

<b>Mon 15</b>	7.30 pm	<b>Band Practice St M</b>
Tues 16	12 noon	Midday Prayers AS
	7.30 pm	<b>Copythorne History</b>
	-	Society visiting AS
Weds 17	10.30 am	Holy Communion and
coffee in Nondies		londies
	11.00 am	Bellringing AS
Thurs 18	7.00 pm	<b>Wedding Rehearsal St M</b>
	7.30 pm	<b>Bellringing St M and AS</b>
Fri 19	10.30 am	Coffee, chat, cleaning St
	M	_
	3.00 pm	The Kneeler Group AS
<b>Sat 20</b>	10.00 am	<b>Putin Society visiting St</b>
	M	
	10.30 am	<b>Burial of Ashes of Peter</b>
	Bell AS	
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Gareth
Ainsworth and Zoe Davies St M		
Next Sunday Trinity 13		
21st August 2016		

9.30 am Holy Communion AS
11.00 am Holy Communion, Young Church and coffee St M
6.00 pm Sunday at Six CC

 Isaiah 58. 9b-14
 GNB OT 709

 Hebrews 12. 18-29
 GNB NT 275

 Luke 13. 10-17
 GNB NT 93

### Sundays in August / September

28<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 14

9.30 am Holy Communion CC

10.30 am Coffee then Altogether Worship

St M

10.30 am Hymn Praise AS

4<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15

9.30 am Holy Communion AS

10.30 am YouChurch CC

11.00 am Holy Communion, Young Church

and Coffee St M

11<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 16

8.00 am Holy Communion St M 9.30 am Holy Communion CC

10.30 am Coffee then Morning Worship and

Young Church St M

4.15 pm Discussion Group and Tea AS

6.00 pm Evensong with Holy

Communion AS

**18<sup>th</sup> September** Trinity 17

9.30 am Holy Communion AS11.00 am Holy Communion, Young

Church and coffee St M

6.00 pm Sunday at Six CC

Harvest



St Michaels Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

8.00 am Holy Communion
Coffee at 10.30 am then
11.00 am Morning Worship for Harvest
followed by a
Bring and Share Lunch

All Saints Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October **9.30 am Harvest Festival** 

Christ Church Sunday16th October Sunday at Six

**Harvest Festival** 

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Trinity 12

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Welcome to our gathering today!
We especially welcome Holy Spirit!!
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Today's Gatherings

8.00 am
9.30 am
Holy Communion St M
Holy Communion CC
10.30 am
Coffee then Morning Worship and Young Church St M
4.15 pm
Discussion Group and Tea AS
6.00 pm
Evensong with Holy Communion AS

Today's Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,□ you are always more ready to hear than we to pray□

and to give more than either we desire or deserve:□

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,□

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid□

and giving us those good things which
we are not worthy to ask□
but through the merits and mediation□
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,□
who is alive and reigns with you,□
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,□
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 23. 23-29

GNB OT 743

People speaking their own ideas in God's name have long been a problem for God

Hebrews 11. 29 – 12.2

GNB NT 274

The world, good though much of it is, is not enough for true followers of Jesus, who keep their eyes fixed on him.

Luke 12. 49-56

GNB NT 93

Jesus warns that his coming will lead to people having to choose, either to follow him, or not...