

Wednesday Word

In reflection on the message for Sunday 4th June 2023.

Call to Worship for Trinity Sunday:

Extracts from *The Soft Petals of Grace* by Thom M Shuman, 2013-2016.

Called:

To sing to the One who has created all that is good.

To follow the One who meets us every moment of our lives.

To be taught by the Spirit, who moves in us.

Extracts from 2, Corinthians Ch 13. V11-14, **Final Greetings.**

v11: **Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!**

Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.

And the God of love and peace will be with you.

v12f: **Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greeting,**

v14: **May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,**

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Extracts from Matthew, Ch. 28, v 16-20. **The Great Commission.**

v18f: Jesus said, " **All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them

in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

v20: **and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.**

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Sermon: "Are You With Us?"

God the creator is with us always – not just when we are in the church – but every moment of each day and night. ("You have searched me, Lord, and you know me..." : Psalm 139)

God is in Jesus who came from God for three decades 2000 years ago, and through the cross meets us in our lives ever since, bringing love and peace.

God is in the Holy Spirit who is in us as our guardian and teacher.

Our Almighty God is awesome and is with us always.

**A Certificate for Golden Ordination was presented,
by Rev Geoffrey Clarke, The Moderator of the East Midlands Synod,
to Rev Malcolm Clarke,**

who was previously minister of this church for many years.