



The Sixth Sunday after Trinity, 19th July 2020

Dear Friends,

If one of your hobbies or interests is gardening, then you will be aware of how quickly weeds can become established in an area. In some situations, they can dominate the territory that they have infiltrated, causing damage to the wellbeing of the flowers or vegetables that have been planted. It takes a determined and regular effort to keep the weeds under control.

In today's Gospel reading, we are told the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares and are also given an explanation of its meaning. As we examine that explanation, we are made aware of the presence of both good and evil in the world and the constant struggle between the two. And, just as we need a determined and regular effort to keep the weeds under control in our gardens, a consistent effort is required to challenge evil.

We are charged with being the good seed which grows into wheat by following the teachings and example of Our Lord. It is not an easy task, but at the end of our reading, amidst the rather frightening vision of judgement described by Jesus, there is a message of hope for those who have been the good seed.

After the long weeks of lockdown, we are now receiving messages of hope. Last week, Fr. Tom referred to the good news that the Welsh Government had authorised public worship to recommence in churches from today. On Monday, we received the details of what will be required before this can take place. There will be much that needs to be done before we are able to hold services in church within the Benefice. However, you may be assured that the clergy and wardens are working on this task. As Fr. Tom requested last week, of your grace, please hold them in your prayers as they do this.

With every good wish

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