

Reading and Prayer 15th June 2021

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:43-48

Lord God, we thank you that you love us, even though you know us through and through, with all our faults, bad attitudes and thoughts. Our desire is to be like you who loves without restraint, who forgives and understands our failings. May your Holy Spirit so dwell within us that we too can see beyond our own the injury, hurt feeling and need for redress. Let our hearts soften towards those who whose hearts are hard and full of anger and cause us pain; may your spirit of forgiveness and love so become part of us that we too can be the agent of reconciliation, love and peace
Amen

