

Reading and prayer 25th September 2021

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. **9**For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Lord God, you created us in love and you have never forsaken us because of that love. You have made us for love; to love you and each other. When our hearts grow dim and our love diminishes, fill us again by the power of the Holy Spirit with the joy and faith that bring us back to be the loving people you want us to be. May your implanted love in us go out into the world that other might see that you are indeed the God of love. Amen