

10th October 2021

WELCOME

Trinity 19

to

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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.

9.45 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST

Hymns

- Rejoice! The Lord is King (563)
- Teach me, my God and King (583)
- Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided (81)
- Immortal Love for ever full (475)
- I, the Lord of sea and sky (470)

Psalm **90 vv 12-end** (Page 463 in the red prayer book)

Readings

Amos 5 vv 6, 7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Hebrews 4 vv 12-end

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing

until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10 vv 17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Reflection – Keep the Fire Burning

Let the fire be kindled in you, let the fire burn.

Yes, you can become all fire, and all your desire and darkness light.

Let it be kindled, let it grow within you, let the Christ-life flow.

Give him your yes, become a light, a flame, another Christ for others, a light to light their darkness, to catch all souls on fire.

Let the Spirit's gift fan into flame to spread the fire of Christ's love, to find our peace there, to trust in God alone.

So keep the fire ever burning, hand on the sacred flame.

David Hodges

Saturday, 16th October 3 p.m.- 4 p.m. Derwent Singers Concert

The Derwent Singers return with a selection of choral favourites. Admission £10.

Sunday 17th October

9.45 a.m. Family Eucharist

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Stewards for Concerts/Events in St. John's

Following the necessity to close St. John's to choirs and other organisations due to the Coronavirus the church is now available for them to resume their activities here whether it is for rehearsals and/or concerts.

There are a number of concerts on Saturdays as from 16th October leading up to the Christmas Festival. In the past we have asked for volunteers to act as stewards at these events and once again we are asking for people's help. Training will be given as to the role of stewards but for now we just need to know who and how many people are willing to help in this regard so that we can draw up a rota for the forthcoming concerts. If you are interested would you please let Maralyn or Brenda know either at church or by 'phone or email. (Maralyn 07917 312281 or kevlyn@uwclub.net / Brenda 07375 311514 or brendagreen1@sky.com)

Children's Society Boxes

Would those who have Children's Society boxes please return them to Alan Jenkins so that the donations can be sent to the charity. Thank you.

200 Club Draw for 3rd October 2021

The winners are : £15 Ken Parker; £10 Edward Marshall; £5 Patricia Gregory.

Mission of St. John's Church

To be a caring community striving to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ;
sharing in the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
and to love our neighbour, having the Eucharist at the centre of our worship