

18th July 2021

WELCOME

Trinity 7

to

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

- Dear Lord and Father of mankind (411)
- Loving Shepherd of thy sheep (517)
- Christ is our corner-stone (395)
- Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin? (553)
- The church's one foundation vv 1, 3, 5 (585)

Psalm 23 (Page 372 in the red prayer book)

Readings

Jeremiah 23 vv 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Ephesians 2 vv 11-end

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by

those who are called 'the circumcision' – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Mark 6 vv 30-34, 53-end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

6.30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 73 vv 21-end (Page 437 in the red prayer book)

Ecclesiasticus 18 vv 1-14

He who lives for ever created the whole universe; the Lord alone is just. To none has he given power to proclaim his works; and who can search out his mighty deeds? Who can measure his majestic power? And who can fully recount his mercies? It is not possible to diminish or increase them, nor is it possible to fathom the wonders of the Lord. When human beings have finished, they are just beginning, and when they stop, they are still perplexed. What are human beings,

and of what use are they? What is good in them, and what is evil? The number of days in their life is great if they reach one hundred years. Like a drop of water from the sea and a grain of sand, so are a few years among the days of eternity. That is why the Lord is patient with them and pours out his mercy upon them. He sees and recognises that their end is miserable; therefore he grants them forgiveness all the more. The compassion of human beings is for their neighbours, but the compassion of the Lord is for every living thing. He rebukes and trains and teaches them, and turns them back, as a shepherd his flock. He has compassion on those who accept his discipline and who are eager for his precepts.

Hebrews 2 vv 5-end

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour; subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It is fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reflection – Where Joy and Sorrow kiss

All our lives pick up the threads of joy and sorrow, matching silks entwined.

The more of one, the more the other, but joy eclipses sorrow.

Far, far better then to suffer than to not have loved.

Grief is the price of love, and in our grief we can reach out to others' pain.

If in this we see the hand of God, then all our lives of interwoven joy and sorrow make a tapestry of love.

David Hodges

Monday, 26th July 6.30 p.m. St. Anne's Patronal Festival

We are invited to share in celebration of St. Anne's Patronal Festival Sung Mass. The preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Malcolm MacNaughton, Bishop of Repton and the organist Tom Corfield. It is hoped that Covid regulations will, by then, be allowing all the congregation to be singing again and to be able to join the choir in some rousing hymns. Liquid refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome – especially friends and neighbours from St. John's.

We have an artist in our midst....

You may have noticed last week that the Leatherlands were not with us, well that is because they had gone to London to visit the Royal Academy... Why? Because James has a painting on display there. He entered the competition via school and the school sent the chosen ones off. There were 33,000 entries in total with 260 displayed at the academy and then an additional 340 in the online exhibition. Think we should all like to say well done James! If you would like to have a look at his picture then the exhibition can also be seen online at <https://youngartist.royalacademy.org.uk?s=09> Just put James' name in and you will see his work 'Horse in a storm'.

Competition Time

So we have not had a competition for a while. We hope soon that the new kitchen area will be completely finished and it can be dedicated to Gwen Jones. ...and we can start using it as well hopefully! So what are we going to call it? The kitchenette or servery seem a bit bland ... and servery actually makes one think of a school canteen!

So can we come up with something - there will be a box at the back of church for suggestions or they can be emailed to Claire Warsop on clairewarsop69@gmail.com – please include your name on your entry.

We will then list them and ask everyone to vote for their preferred choice. The chosen name - well the person who thought it will win a prize. Entries to be in by **TODAY 18th July** please. Claire

200 Club Draw for 11th July 2021

The winners are : £15 Margaret Green; £10 Jayne Deane-Robson;
£5 Neil Fletcher.

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