

to

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

- Thy hand, O God, has guided vv 1, 2 & 4 (606)
- Lord, thy word abideth (515)
- Brother, sister, let me serve you (393)
- And now, O Father, mindful of the love (279)
- Teach me, my God and King (583)

Psalm **54** (Page 412 in the red prayer book)

Readings

Jeremiah 11 vv 18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!' But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

James 3 vv 13 – 4 vv 3, 7, 8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable,

gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9 vv 30-37

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Reflection

Today saw the birthday of George Cadbury in 1839, renowned for starting to produce the Cadbury's chocolate that we know now.

He moved the factory from Birmingham itself to a new site outside the city, which he called 'Bourneville'. He is well-remembered for building there a 250-acre village of good, spacious houses for all his workers. Each house had a garden, and the village had wide open spaces – remarkable conditions for workers of the 1800s, George Cadbury sold the houses to the workers at cost price on very reasonable loans.

The money spent on such excellent facilities reflected the value that George Cadbury placed in each of his workers and their families. He was a committed Christian, and a member of the 'Society of Friends', more generally known as 'Quakers'.

Sunday, 3rd October Harvest Festival

9.45 a.m. Family Eucharist

6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong

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.

Mile of Pennies

During the lockdown period and subsequently, it may be that people have not had as much small change as previously. This, it is thought, has had an effect on the amount raised through our Mile of Pennies. If you can still collect your pennies and donate them through the Mile of Pennies scheme this would be very much appreciated. Maralyn has jars you can use to collect the money if you do not have one already. Thank you.

Appeal for Children arriving from Afghanistan

Broadway Baptist Church are appealing for donations of children's winter coats for children 11 years and under arriving from Afghanistan. I know not many of you have children that age but may have grandchildren, great grandchildren or friends with the same. Some Mums might be seeing if last year's coat fits, discovering it doesn't so it certainly can be used by another child. I am happy to take them to the church if you bring them to me. Claire W.

200 Club Draw for 12th September 2021

The winners are : £15 John Bucknell; £10 Charlotte Beer; £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