

4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

WELCOME

Trinity 5

to

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

- The hand, O God, has guided (vv 1, 2, 6) (606)
- Father, hear the prayer we offer (416)
- Glorious things of thee are spoken (omit\*) (435)
- Just as I am, without one plea (308)
- Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us (505)

**Psalm 123** (Page 514 in the red prayer book)

#### Readings

Ezekiel 2 vv 1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

2 Corinthians 12 vv 2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I

will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6 vv 1-13

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

### **6.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG**

Responses: *Barnard*

**Psalm 64** (Page 422 in the red prayer book)

Jeremiah 20 vv 1-11a

Now the priest Pashhur son of Immer, who was the chief officer in the house of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. Then Pashhur struck the prophet Jeremiah, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper Benjamin Gate of the house of the Lord. The next morning when Pashhur released Jeremiah from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, The Lord has named you not Pashhur but 'Terror-all-around'. For thus says the Lord: I am making you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies while you look on. And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon; he shall carry

them captive to Babylon, and shall kill them with the sword. I will give all the wealth of this city, all its gains, all its prized belongings, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah into the hand of their enemies, who shall plunder them, and seize them, and carry them to Babylon. And you, Pashhur, and all who live in your house, shall go into captivity, and to Babylon, you shall go; there you shall die, and there you shall be buried, you and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied falsely.

O Lord you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' 'All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.

**Office Hymn**      Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured (16)

Canticles: *Moeran in D*

Romans 14 vv 1-17

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God. Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another; but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of

one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Anthem: *Grant us Thy Peace – F. Mendelssohn Bartoldy*

**Final Hymn** The kingdom of God is justice and joy (591)

### **Reflection - Kingfisher**

Was it our watching, our waiting, or the catch and the catcher that counted?

The mesmerising flash of green that was seen, the streak of electric blue, as the speed of it flew, swift as a spear, before the sound hit the ear of a bird through the water, less of a bird than a fisher, king of this river.

*David Hodges*

### **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](mailto: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 in by 18th July please. Claire

### **Thanks from Maurice**

I want to thank you all for the presentation I received a week last Sunday

It was a complete surprise and left me speechless, which is unusual for me. I was only sorry that Hilda was unable to share the occasion. Her help and support over many years has been tremendous.

### **200 Club Draw for 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The winners are : £15 Maralyn Wilkinson; £10 Maureen Jenkins; £5 Natalie Hopka.

### **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

## ADDENDUM

### Some Financial Housekeeping matters.....

#### Gift Aid envelopes

The white Gift Aid envelopes found in the pews or back of church are now virtually depleted and have been replaced by green ones. The white ones can still be used until they run out. If you wish to Gift Aid your donations please fill in the details on the envelopes, full name, house number or name, and Post Code, and date. Sometimes, it can be a rush to fill in all the details. If you forget the date or don't manage to fill in the complete address, don't worry....the envelope will be dated the day it is received; and the house number/name + post code is sufficient. If you are not a taxpayer or do not wish to Gift Aid, you can still use the envelope (left blank) simply to make your donation tidily and anonymously.

#### Share Plan envelopes

The new Share Plan Year starts today (4<sup>th</sup> July). All those taking part should by now have received the new booklets of envelopes, coloured yellow. If you haven't received yours (or would like to join the Scheme) please have a word with Pat Hanson. Can you please not use any of the old envelopes coloured blue, if you have some left over; simply dispose of them. The letters that you received from Pat with your new booklets will have included the total amount you gave for last year. Just to clarify, don't worry if there appears to be a discrepancy between that figure and what you thought the total should be; the total in the letter did not include what you gave in the last 3 weeks 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

#### Gift Aid and Tax Payers

As we are aware, St John's can claim 25p for every £1 donated to St John's if you are paying income tax; whether PAYE from wages or pension or Self Assessed. This provides a substantial financial benefit to St John's each year. Those donating by Standing Order or Share Plan who wish to Gift Aid their donations will now need to sign a new Declaration Form, even if you have signed one already. The majority of you will have signed your last one in 2013. If you occasionally make "one-off" donations by cheque or Bank Transfer and wish St John's to benefit from Gift Aid, again it is important that a Gift Aid Declaration is signed. Those of you who have previously signed a Declaration will be receiving either today or in the next few days a letter and form for you to complete and return to the Acting Treasurer. If you want to make use of the Gift Aid scheme and either want a form or have any queries please contact Nick Green (07399 451818). Even if you sign a Declaration Form, you can still fill in the details on a Gift Aid envelope if you decide to use one....we can't claim twice but it is a useful way of keeping details up to date! Please note that if you undertake your giving through the Stewardship Scheme, St John's will not be able to claim Gift Aid via this method of giving.

#### For everyone...

Whether or not you are a tax payer, if you have any loose change or notes, please

put them on the collection plate as we can claim a payment of 25p for every £1 on the plate from HMRC under the Small Donations Scheme... and "THANK YOU" for your patience and for your ongoing generosity in keeping St John's financially afloat.