

News and Prayer Update for 9th August

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Do You Need to Talk To Someone? Call any of the above, we have other people who are also experienced in listening who are willing to help, so **please do call, we are here for you.** All conversations are in strict confidence.



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FACE COVERINGS – Face Coverings are mandatory in places of worship from 8th August 2020. The Church of England has not yet received the details from the Government but have issued **draft** guidance on this. Please check out what the Church of England has said www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus . They will update it as necessary when they have received the information from the Government.

Link for this week's service: <https://youtu.be/S49e6RkLq6Y>

HYMN: To the Name of Our Salvation

'Gloriosi Salvatoris' (15th Century) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) alt.

To the name of our salvation,
Laud and honour let us pay,
Which for many a generation
Hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
But with holy exultation
We may sing aloud today.

Jesus is the name we treasure;
Name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, name of pleasure,
Ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness, passing measure,
Saving us from sin and hell.

Jesus is the name exalted
Over every other name;
In this name, whene'er assaulted,
We can put our foes to shame:
Strength to them who else had halted,
Eyes to blind, and feet to lame.

Therefore we in love adoring,
This most blessed name revere;
Holy Jesus, Thee imploring
So to write it in us here,
That hereafter, heavenward soaring,
We may sing with angels there.

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READINGS FOR 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Psalm: Psalm 85: 8-13

- ⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God will say, ♦
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.
- ⁹ Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, ♦
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together, ♦
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- ¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth ♦
and righteousness look down from heaven.
- ¹² The Lord will indeed give all that is good, ♦
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go before him ♦
and direct his steps in the way.

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First Reading: Romans 10: 5-15

- ⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.”
- ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down)
- ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
- ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:
- ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
- ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”
- ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,
- ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
- ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?
- ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

- ²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

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- ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,
- ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.
- ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.
- ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.
- ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
- ²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
- ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.
- ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"
- ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"
- ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.
- ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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REFLECTION ON THE READINGS Revd Patricia

I wonder whether you have ever been caught in a very severe storm at sea or on land, even up a mountain? Storms can develop quickly and even when forecast they can be much worse than had been expected.: for instance, the storm in October 1987 which wasn't a hurricane although Michael Fish did say in his forecast that there would be very strong winds. Such storms present many dangers especially to those out in the open or on the seas.

There are storms in life of course. Some people, it appears, sail through life without being buffeted while others find themselves tossed around time and again and sometimes, it would seem, grounded on rocks. The "storms of life" are not necessarily physical hurricanes but come in many different guises. You could say that at the present time the whole world is affected by the storm of Covid-19 which is very severe in some countries and all suffer the effects of it even in those places where life appears to be back to normal they have managed to eradicate it for the time being. Last week I heard one scientist say it would be best to write off 2020 and begin again in 2021. Maybe this is a hopeful way to look at the situation although it will mean hunkering down and we still have to live through the coming months.

There is positive hope, however, in this account of Jesus coming to the aid of his disciples. But first a question. Why wasn't Jesus with the disciples? You will remember last week we heard about the feeding of the 5000. After that event Jesus sent his disciples off in the boat again while he dismissed the people and took some much-needed time out to pray. He would have seen the storm brewing and known

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they would have been struggling against the wind and waves. He knew they were in need and so he went to them. After the initial shock and fear it may be a ghost, Peter, impetuous as usual, decided to get out of the boat and walk on the water to Jesus. All was fine while he kept his eyes on Jesus, but things went wrong when he looked around at the raging storm. It became an obstacle to him, he thought he would drown. Even a very strong swimmer doesn't have much of a chance in seas like that.

I have a lovely picture which I have kept for many years now. On the beautiful scene is written the words "Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal".

There are all sorts of things, besides Covid-19, we may struggle against in life – our circumstances, things we are tempted by, decisions that have to be made, and sadness and many other difficulties which may well be made worse by the pandemic. But, as the disciples found out, when they were in difficulty, Jesus comes to us in our troubles. He speaks clearly, words of calm - "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid". There is no need to be afraid and when Jesus gets into the boat, comes into our situation, things calm down. His presence stills the raging of the storm. So let us reach out to him, here and now, ask him for his help and take his hand.

Keep us, good Lord
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

I wonder how you are getting on in this current storm? Are you struggling in any way? Do invite the Lord Jesus into your situation and if you would like a chance to talk please do call us and we will listen and do what we can to stand alongside you and pray for you.

Collect for 9th Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

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HYMN: Do Not Be Afraid

(Words and music by Gerard Markland born 1953; arr. Andrew Moore)

*Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
You are mine.*

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you,
You will never sink beneath the waves.
Do not be afraid...

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
Then remember I am at your side.
Do not be afraid,

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
Remember you are precious in my eyes.
Do not be afraid,

You are mine, O my child; I am your father,
And I love you with a perfect love.
Do not be afraid

STORYTELLING SERVICE Sunday 9 August 2020

Song: Jesus is the Name we Honour (Words and Music Philip Lawson Johnston)

Jesus is the name we honour;
Jesus is the name we praise.
Majestic Name above all other names,
The highest heaven and earth proclaim
That Jesus is our God.

*We will glorify,
We will lift Him high,
We will give Him honour and praise.
We will glorify,
We will lift Him high,
We will give Him honour and praise.*

Jesus is the name we worship;
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings,
Let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.

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Today's story is – Jesus on the Mountain <https://youtu.be/1swMZr9UobA>

Song: Jesus' Love is Very Wonderful

Jesus love is very wonderful x 3
Oh, wonderful love.

So high, you can't get over it,
So low, you can't under it,
So wide, you can't get round it,
Oh, wonderful love.

Jesus love is very wonderful x3
Oh, wonderful love.

Words - H.W.Rattle

Music arrangement - Scripture Union 1971

Song: O It's Great Great Brill Brill

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o97e9uLQU5U> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4t9RSopRxas> (This one has the actions!)

Oh, it's great, great, brill, brill,
Wicked, wicked, skill, skill,
To have a friend like Jesus.
Great, great, brill, brill,
Wicked, wicked, skill, skill,
To have a friend like Him.
(Repeat)

He's always there,
He always listens,
He always hears me when I talk to Him.
He loves me now
And will forever,
I'll choose Him every day, day, day.

Doug Horley

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Closing prayer.

Father God, be with us in the coming week, and keep us close to you. May our minds be full of your voice, our hearts full of your love, and our thoughts full of your grace. Amen.

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Craft from Zoe

This is attached to the email. If you don't receive it please contact Patricia and she will send it out to you. (pmrobinson51@gmail.com or 01565 830 595).

We like the mountain frieze idea but with the others you can draw pictures of Jesus and his disciples and stick them onto the mountain. You could add cotton wool clouds too.

PRAYER in the coming week:

This week take joy in God's creation and be alert to all that He is doing around us in nature. He created the Universe and by resting in Him, He will restore our strength.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders,
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden,
You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden, that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!

The Glory of the Garden – by Rudyard Kipling

²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Matthew 6: 27-29 (NRSVA)

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40: 28-31 (NRSVA)

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Good News – We're Holding Services Again!

You **must** wear a face covering if you are attending services unless you are exempt from doing so - please inform the clergy. Please inform the service leader if you lip read.

Sunday 9th August:

10.00 Holy Communion at St John High Legh

11.00 Holy Communion Holy Trinity

Sunday 16th August:

10.00 Holy Communion at St John High Legh

10.30 Holy Communion at St Mary Rostherne

Wednesday Mornings

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer at St John High Legh

We regret that we are unable to open St Paul's just yet because of building work taking place.

We will continue to stream services each week from St Pauls for the time being, alongside streaming live from St Mary's once a month.

It is important that no one feels they must come to services if they are reluctant, for whatever reason, to mix with a group of people.

The Weekly News and Prayer Update will Continue.

NOTICES

❖ Sunday Morning Coffee - 9th August at 11.00

Join us this week for coffee after the service.

The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85712730868?pwd=cTI4SF11QVI0d0V4TGdjT3VrTS9vdz09>

❖ Coffee and Chat Wednesday 12th August

We are having a Zoom Coffee and Chat meeting every Wednesday morning from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. Just click on the link below. Please ask Patricia for the Meeting ID and Passcode if you need them.

Topic: Coffee and Chat

Time: Aug 12, 2020 11:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89021657184?pwd=Qm50VnpQck5CRkpackxUWTVjNFFLZz09>

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Join the Prayer Chain:

Our Reader, Chris Stanisstreet has organised a **Prayer Chain** which is done by email and telephone. The idea behind this, is that when a specific prayer request is made, it is passed on by group e-mail to the people on the list who then pray for the particular situation.

If you would like to receive prayer requests or would like to make a prayer request, please let Chris Stanisstreet know:

Tel: 01925 755559; Mob 07918 981 723; stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk

Offering and Fund Raising – Please continue to give if you can

The best and safest way to give (we prefer not to have to handle cash please) is by monthly Standing Order or direct payment into the bank account and to do this please contact the Treasurer of the Church you attend for the account details. You may also send a cheque – please contact the relevant Treasurer.

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If your income has been adversely affected by the current situation, please do not worry about giving to the Church just now.

Morning and Night Prayer

If anyone does not yet have access to the "Worship at Home" booklet containing the Order of Service for Morning Prayer or Night Prayer, please contact the Vicarage, as there are large print copies and ordinary size ones that can be posted out or versions that can be e-mailed.

Bible Readings and Psalms for the Coming Week from the Lectionary.

Here are some suggestions for more Psalms and Bible readings to use with Morning and Night Prayer:

These readings usually follow on from each other so you get a bit more of the story each day (except on special Saints Days).

Monday 10th August: Psalm 44; 1 Samuel 19: 1-18; Acts 1: 1-14

Tuesday 11th August: Psalm 48; 1 Samuel 20: 1-17; Acts 1: 15-end

Wednesday 12th August: Psalm 119: 57-80; 1 Samuel 20: 18-end; Acts 2: 1-21

Thurs 13th August: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 21: 1-22.5; Acts 2: 22-36

Friday 14th August: Psalm 51; 1 Samuel 22: 6-end; Acts 2: 37-end

Sat 15th August: Blessed Virgin Mary: Psalm 98; Isaiah 7: 10-15; Luke 11: 27-28

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Night Prayer from the Day of Pentecost to All Saints Day

This Collect can be used at Night Prayer on any day throughout the year.

Lighten our darkness, Lord we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Psalms:

Sunday: Psalm 104: 1, 21-33; 134

Monday: Psalm 4

Tuesday: Psalm 143

Wednesday: Psalm 31: 1-5 [19-end]

Thursday: Psalm 16

Friday: Psalm 139: 1-18

Saturday: Psalm 91 (this is the one in the Worship at Home Booklet)