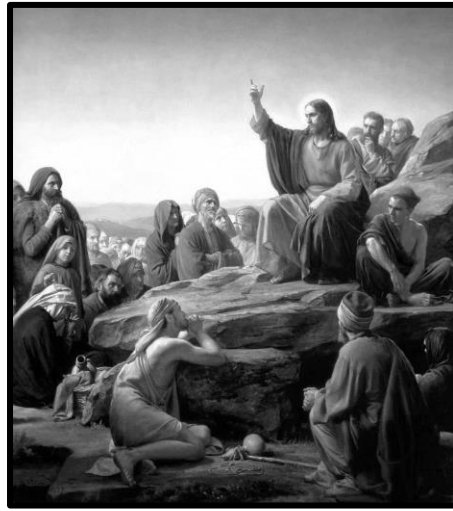


Parish Eucharist

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

13th September 2020



Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

Today, we re-gather for physical worship for those who are able and would like to. Be assured however, whether we are in church or remaining at home for now, as the Body of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are united in fellowship with one another and with the whole company of heaven.

As such, whether you are in church, reading this on your own or following along on the live-stream we are delighted to welcome you. To ensure we do all we can to keep everyone safe and healthy, we would ask you to read the below notes.

The President is the Vicar, the Revd. James Pacey
The Preacher is the Revd. David Jones, Associate Priest

- In line with government guidelines, face masks will now be mandatory for those attending worship in St. John's.
- Please keep 2 metres apart at all times.
- Please do not to leave your seat unless there is an emergency.
- If there is an emergency leave via the nearer exit at front or back of church and gather in the churchyard. Please do not leave the churchyard without checking with a steward as we need to ensure the building is empty.
- There is no singing but please say the responses as normal. There will be a single singer during distribution (as per the guidance) – please don't join in with them!

- A toilet is available. We would ask you to please use it before or after the service, rather than during.
- The President will bring communion to your seat. If you wish to receive, please stand up or remain seated if you would like to receive a blessing. Please don't feel under any pressure to receive the sacrament.
- If you suffer a bout of coughing or sneezing, to ensure healthy and safety we would ask you to please leave the building, keeping your distance from others and covering your face.
- If you need assistance for any reason raise your hand and a Steward will come to you.
- At the end of the service a Steward will tell you when it is safe for you to leave.
- Remember to take everything with you – including your pew sheet. Please take it home rather than leave it in the building.
- Please sanitise your hands as you leave.
- Please don't block the doorways as you leave - if you'd like to chat with people please move out into the churchyard – the president will be there chat (socially distanced of course!)

We recognise much of the above is new and may be difficult and there are lots of 'please do not's'. Everything above is to do all we can to prevent the virus entering and minimise its spreading in the building: everyone's health and safety is our number one priority. Please know as well that this is for a season. Together we will get through it, and most importantly: God is with us.

THE GREETING and INTRODUCTION

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

You made us to be one family,
yet we have divided humanity.
Lord, have mercy.

A// **Lord, have mercy.**

You were born a Jew to reconcile all people,
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.
Christ, have mercy.

A// **Christ, have mercy.**

You rejoice in our differences,
yet we make them a cause of enmity.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: Romans 14. 1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but do not argue with them about their personal opinions. ² Some people's faith allows them to eat anything, but the person who is weak in the faith eats only vegetables. ³ Those who will eat anything are not to despise those who don't; while those who eat only vegetables are not to pass judgement on those who will eat anything; for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servants? It is their own Master who will decide whether they succeed or fail. And they will succeed, because the Lord is able to make them succeed.

⁵ Some people think that a certain day is more important than other days, while others think that all days are the same. We should each firmly make up our own minds. ⁶ Those who think highly of a certain day do so in honour of the Lord; those who will eat anything do so in honour of the Lord, because they give thanks to God for the food. Those who refuse to eat certain things do so in honour of the Lord, and they give thanks to God. ⁷ None of us lives for himself only, none of us dies for himself only. ⁸ If we live, it is for the Lord that we live, and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For Christ died and rose to life in order to be the Lord of the living and of the dead. ¹⁰ You then, who eat only vegetables — why do you pass judgement on others? And you who eat anything — why do you despise other believers? All of us will stand before God to be judged by him. ¹¹ For the scripture says:

"As surely as I am the living God, says the Lord,
everyone will kneel before me,
and everyone will confess that I am God."

¹² Every one of us, then, will have to give an account of ourselves to God.

This is the Word of the Lord,
All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand for the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18.21-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?"

²² "No, not seven times," answered Jesus, "but seventy times seven," ²³ because the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who decided to check on his servants' accounts. ²⁴ He had just begun to do so when one of them was brought in

who owed him millions of dollars. ²⁵ The servant did not have enough to pay his debt, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and his children and all that he had, in order to pay the debt. ²⁶ The servant fell on his knees before the king. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay you everything!' ²⁷ The king felt sorry for him, so he forgave him the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "Then the man went out and met one of his fellow servants who owed him a few dollars. He grabbed him and started choking him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he said. ²⁹ His fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!' ³⁰ But he refused; instead, he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very upset and went to the king and told him everything. ³² So he called the servant in.

'You worthless slave!' he said. 'I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to. ³³ You should have had mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you.' ³⁴ The king was very angry, and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount."

³⁵ And Jesus concluded, "That is how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Friends, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the world and the Church, and thank God for his goodness.

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer**

After the names of the departed have been read out:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
All **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We stand for the Peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

God is love, and those who live in love live in God,
and God lives in them.
The peace of the Lord be always with you,
All **and also with you.**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish
You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,
everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.
You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.
On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.
Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day 10

when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The liturgy for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body with the wish
that they may always be united to you.
And since I can not now receive you in this sacrament,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Let nothing ever separate you from me.
May I live and die in your love. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Almighty God,

All **we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

NOTICES

Almighty God,

All **We give you thanks and praise for our life together.
Fill us all Good Lord, with your Spirit of Love
and as you have fed us with the bread of heaven,
so make us one in hearts and mind, in Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen.**

We stand.

CONCLUSION

The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Do join us for coffee on Zoom at 11.30.

NOTICES

James' Parish Days

This week will be Monday, Wednesday and Sunday.

Twiddlemuffs

having contacted the local care homes in our parish Winterfell Care Home have requested any twiddlemuffs our crafty parishioners can make. These will support their residents who have dementia - dementia patients often have restless hands and the twiddlemuffs provide an outlet for this. If anyone is a knitter or crocheter and can spare some time to make these (they are a great yarn stash buster!) Please email or call/text Rebecca Nokes: rjnokes@btinternet.com 07889470854 and if you aren't but have spare yarn, ribbons, buttons or beads and would like to donate them it would be very welcome. I am able to collect completed makes or donations of materials if you are not attending the services in person at the moment.

New Parish Assistant

We are delighted to welcome Liz Stratton to the position of Parish Assistant. Liz will be with us until at least December, taking over the role from Rachael Burn. We are enormously grateful to Rachael for all the hard work she has given to the role, not least in serving as secretary to the Safety Group in these bizarre and unsettling times. She has brought grace and dedication to the role and she leaves with our prayers and best wishes as she begins her training for ordained ministry.

Re-opening the community centre

On 8th September the PCC approved the Safety Advisory Group's proposals for the phased re-opening of the Community Centre from 14th September. Subsequently the Safety Group reviewed the latest Government restrictions on groups and the potential impact on Worship and the Community Centre. It concluded that none of our current plans are affected as they are fully compliant with the new advice. As such, we are re-opening the centre for some of our regular hirers from Monday.

New Children and Families' Worker Lindy

We are also delighted to welcome Lindy Jones to our worship today. Lindy has now begun her work as our new Children and Families' Worker. Do pray for her as she begins this important and exciting ministry in times that are very different from what we expected.

Date for the Diary:

The APCM (the church's AGM) will be happening on 25th October (format to be decided). At this meeting the Wardens and PCC (the church council) will be elected for another year. The PCC is a group of people who, with the Vicar, oversee the life of the church to ensure we are focused on what Jesus wants us to do. We aim to seek God's will, work well together, reflect our values, and take action for the future. Do prayerfully consider if this is something you would be interested in, and have a word with James. There are also various other roles/jobs coming up for election: further details to follow over the next few weeks. And on that:

Electoral Roll

The church Electoral Roll is now open for revision and will close on 27th September. This is the register of its voting members; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Most significantly, it is a way of saying 'I belong to St. John's' and is an act of commitment to the life of this community. Baptised adults (over 16 years) who live in the parish, or who have worshipped regularly at St. John's for at least six months are able to be on the ER. If you're not currently on the roll and would like to be, do please get a form after worship or have a word with James or Mandy the ER officer.

Annual Reports

Advance notice to those of you who produce reports for the APCM. Please email them to the Parish Assistant by the 11th October.

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Naskam House, Pelham Road

Having been in contact with the supported housing service in our parish for those released from prison, they have a need for some basic items to support their residents. If anyone would like to make donations of items such as tea, coffee, hot chocolate, biscuits, imperishable foods, underwear, toiletries it would be gratefully received. Please contact Rebecca Nokes on 07889470854 or rjnokes@btinternet.com to arrange a contactless collection of any donations of you are not attending services in person at the moment. If you would like to find out more before considering donating please feel free to look at their website: www.naskamhomes.org

Giving

As we continue in lockdown, the PCC and treasurer are keeping a close eye on our income and expenditure so that we can continue to engage in our missional priorities. If you feel able to continue your giving or would like to set up a Standing Order, do please contact Peter Artis the treasurer or follow the link here: <https://www.stjohnscarrington.org.uk/financial-giving>

Services and events this week

Monday 14th September 6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday 15th September 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday 16th September 10am 11am 6pm 7pm	Live-streamed Eucharist Zoom coffee Evening Prayer via Zoom Bible Study
Thursday 17th September 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Friday 18th September 7pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Sunday 20th September 10am 11.30am 7-8pm	Live-streamed Eucharist Zoom coffee 'Vestry Hour'

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