

Parish Eucharist

The Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday
25th October 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 Denis Tully, Church Army Evangelist

- Face masks are 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.
- Regrettably, in the light of rising infections and Government guidance to minimise socialising, in line with the Rule of 6, you are asked not to socialise outside the church building at the end of the service. If it is necessary for you to talk to someone not in your household after the service please make sure you maintain 2 metres distance.

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

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,**

**through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus 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

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord,

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105. 1-6, 37-45

Said antiphonally

- 9 How shall young people cleanse their way ♦
to keep themselves according to your word?
- 10 **With my whole heart have I sought you; ♦**
O let me not go astray from your commandments.
- 11 Your words have I hidden within my heart, ♦
that I should not sin against you.
- 12 **Blessed are you, O Lord; ♦**
O teach me your statutes.
- 13 With my lips have I been telling ♦
of all the judgements of your mouth.
- 14 **I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies ♦**
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments ♦
and contemplate your ways.
- 16 **My delight shall be in your statutes ♦**
and I will not forget your word.

HYMN (to listen to)

1. Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
2. Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.
3. Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.

We stand for the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 24.30-35

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

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

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³²From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

THE CREED

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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

We are the Body of Christ.

In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace, and builds up our common life.

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 (B)

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

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 sit or kneel.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

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

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All Almighty God,
**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

is on leave from 26th-31st (though will be here for Bible Study on Wednesday). For any ministry related queries please contact Susi, Denis or David.

No midweek communion

As James is on leave, there will be no midweek communion on 28th October, but Zoom coffee will still take place.

The link for the calendar for booking is below:

https://stjohnscarrington.churchsuite.com/embed/calendar?preview=true&date=2020-11-01&cat_filter=undefined

APCM Information

The APCM (the church's AGM) is happening today at 1pm via Zoom (the link has been emailed out). There will be two meetings: the first is the meeting of parishioners to elect the new churchwardens, followed by the APCM where the PCC will be elected (NB the second meeting is only open to those on the Electoral Roll). We hope to see you!

All Souls Evening Prayer, 6pm

We will be celebrating All souls on 1.11.20 at 6pm with a said BCP Evening Prayer.

We will not be able to light candles individually but if you would like a name read out please could you let Susi know on 07903 115327 or se.artis@ntlworld.com
If you would like to attend in person please book in the usual way.

We welcome an ordinand!

It's a real delight to welcome Daniel Tsoi to St. John's for the next few months. Daniel is an ordinand in his first year in training at Cranmer Hall in Durham. Daniel joins us to learn more about the Anglo-Catholic and sacramental traditions. There'll be plenty of opportunity to get to know him but do keep him in your prayers.

He writes: Hi, I am Daniel. I am married to Tracey, and we have a 13-year-old daughter Abigail, and also a black cat Sooty! I used to work as a doctor in mental health in Nottingham. God has another plan, and this is why I just started my first-year training in Cranmer Hall (Durham) for the priesthood in the Church of England. I stay in Durham during the week and return home for weekends. My sending parish is just next door to St John: St Stephen's at Hyson Green. I used to help with the work among asylum seekers/refugees and Iranian believers there. I come from Hong Kong but have been living in Nottingham since 2008. I love going for a walk, gardening, travelling and anything cross-cultural. I would love to meet you at St John in person (with a social distance) and virtually. I am really excited about the opportunity to learn something new about doing ministry here at St John. Do catch me when you see me in person or online!

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>

Online Advent Calendar

In these strange times, more than ever we need to hold onto the promise of Emmanuel – 'God With Us.' As such, we are looking to produce an online Advent Calendar. Each day during Advent, we will, hopefully, be releasing short videos of members of the congregation and the wider community reflecting on what 'God is with us' means to them. It might be a reflection, a poem or a piece of music: whatever it means to you.

If you fancy getting involved with this, send your videos as soon as possible to James: revjamespacey@gmail.com or alternatively use wetransfer.com

Food Bank

During the pandemic as we are restricted in our community activities and services we have decided to set up a temporary food bank. We would like to build up stocks first. If you have any items for donations please leave them in the Vicarage porch. Contact Susi on 07903 115327 if you have any questions.

Services and events this week

Monday 26th October 6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday 27th October 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday 28th October 11am 6pm 7pm	Zoom coffee Evening Prayer via Zoom Bible Sunday
Thursday 29th October 10am	Live-streamed Morning Prayer
Friday 30th October 6pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom
Sunday 1st November 10am 11.30am	Live-streamed Eucharist for Harvest Zoom coffee

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