



St John's,
Tipton

Weekly Newsheet

13th September 2020

'Ronarag 26'

Dear Church Family,

Steve and I have just enjoyed a few days away on the south west coast. We were blessed with dry weather and the opportunity to blow away cobwebs in the sea air. The coastal path which we walked a very short part of, was a little hilly! The steep climb to the top was often rewarded with new vistas and sometimes the realisation that this wasn't actually the top of the hill but there was still more to go. The incentive to see the next view point however encouraged us to keep on going.

With yet more Government announcements this week on new guidance of gathering together, I feel a little like on our coastal paths walk. Just as you think you have got to the top, so you realise there is more to come. Our lives may well continue like this for some months to come, as the landscape before us continually changes and we have to cope with ever changing guidelines.

Our journeys in life are rarely straightforward and easy but the good news of course is that we worship a loving and faithful Father who travels with us throughout. We may not know what the path looks like ahead or the obstacles that will come. But we DO know that we have a loving Father to trust who will strengthen us when we are weary, encourage us when we are downhearted, embrace us in His love when we feel alone, and carry us when we are too tired to do any more.

We can be encouraged by the stories in the Bible where we see God faithfulness to His people throughout their lives. So as God said to Joshua so He says to us today: *"For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you."* Thank you Father that you will always be with us.

With my prayers for you all,
Lynn.

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Notices

Church Booking system

To book your place at church please contact Colin and Rosemary Morton:

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Please ring/email by Friday tea time to book your seat. If it turns out that we are full that week, you will be put on the top of the list for the following week. We hope you will be understanding if we cannot accommodate you on a particular week. We'd be grateful if you wouldn't turn up to church 'on spec'. **Please don't forget to wear a mask.**

What's on this week

Sunday -11am – Morning Worship – St John's Church

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Please wear a mask

Sunday 12 noon- Coffee after Church (St John's Church)

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939397383?pwd=eWt3dzRFdTJkQUV1eklrTVRLMVFwZ09>

Meeting ID: 889 3939 7383

Password: 581481

Password: 408468

Sunday 6pm – Praying together

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83764610729?pwd=TXo5UzhMRXUwN2tPbEFwTWJlYXZ09>

Meeting ID: 837 6461 0729

Password: 703237

Tuesday 9am – Morning Prayer

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89624129307?pwd=cjFjK21VV3FLem1iTGtKOUtEK1JBdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 2412 9307

Password: 681530

Thursday 10am – Pop-In for coffee

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86210249687?pwd=ejAvUTNETGRneTBYVUUhXeGh1L1lZQT09>

Meeting ID: 862 1024 9687

Password: 046923

Readings for Week beginning 14th September:

Monday: Psalm 2; Genesis 3: 1-15; John 12: 27-36a

Tuesday: Psalm 5; 1 Kings 1: 32-2:4,10-12; Acts 13: 44-14:7

Weds: Psalm 119: 1-32; 1 Kings 3; Acts 14: 8-end

Thursday: Psalm 15; 1 Kings 4:29- 5:12; Acts 15: 1-21

Friday: Psalm 19; 1 Kings 6:1, 11-28; Acts 15: 22-35

Collect for 14th Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 forever. Amen.

Prayers

We pray this week for:

- For people throughout our world whose already fragile circumstances have become desperate because of the pandemic.
- For our global wildlife populations facing catastrophic decline.
- For our team churches, and churches throughout the world; that our leaders may have wisdom and endurance as we seek to adapt and continue to be a Godly presence in our communities and that we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus, in both prayer and action.
- For our Government facing dual challenges of preventing the spread of COVID19 and Brexit deals. Grant them right advisors and wisdom in decision making. Keep them on righteous paths and with hearts and minds of integrity.
- For the bereaved and grieving; the lonely and isolated; the desperate and despairing; those struggling with family and workloads. Grant them your strength and endurance, your peace and your comfort.

For further prayer and reflection:

Spend a few moments in quiet asking God how he would have you be the answer to your prayers. Pay attention to anything he may bring to mind.

And finally, a prayer by John Wesley, asking God for the grace and courage to live out His truth in this time of increased pressure:

Heavenly Father,

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will,

rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing,

put me to suffering;

let me be employed for you,

or laid aside for you,

exalted for you, or brought low for you;

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours.

So be it. Amen