



St John's,
Tipton

Weekly Newsheet

23rd August 2020

'Ronarag 23'

Dear Church Family,

'Hope springs eternal'. With Autumn on the horizon, and summer beginning to fade, we may be looking ahead with a little apprehension. The season of Spring does indeed bring us hope as we see signs of new life all around us, whereas the season of Autumn has a less hopeful feel. So how do we retain hope in challenging times?

Hope originates in the 'God of hope'. It is Father God in whom we can have complete trust. Jesus is the reason that we have such hope as it is through His death and resurrection that we are offered the gift of eternal life – life after death. The source of our hope is the Holy Spirit who draws us to Jesus and encourages and inspires us. This hope is not wishful thinking but is grounded in all that God has done for us and is continuing to do in us.

When all seems to be crumbling around us, it is this hope that gets us up in the morning and gives us the ability to endure and persevere. Where do we look for hope? Within the Bible – it is here that we find words that bring us life and hope. The way to keep up our hopes is to root our lives in the Bible. I pray today that you may continue to know the hope of God within your own life.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15 v13)

With my prayers for you all,
Lynn.

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What's on this week

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DETAILS (password and ID) ARE THE SAME EVERY WEEK – you can use any week's details to join. You may just want to print this out to keep.

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

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939397383?pwd=eWt3dzRFdTJkQUV1eklrTVRLMVFWdz09>

Meeting ID: 889 3939 7383

Password: 581481

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 23rd August:

Monday: Psalm 86; Genesis 28: 10-17; John 1: 43-end

Tuesday: Psalm 89: 1-18; 2 Samuel 5: 1-12; Acts 7:1-16

Weds: Psalm 119: 105-128; 2 Samuel 6: 1-19; Acts 7:17-43

Thursday Psalm 92; 2 Samuel 7: 1-17; Acts 7: 44-53

Friday: Psalm 88; 2 Samuel 7: 18-end; Acts 7: 54- 8: 3

Prayers

Lord God, You call us to come to You with our prayers for others. And we do so in a spirit of gratitude for all the ways Your grace and mercy fills our lives. We thank You for creation, and for all the blessings of this life, and, most of all, for Your boundless love in Jesus Christ, our redeeming presence. Give us a constant awareness of Your mercy.

Call us to take time to immerse ourselves in Your grace.

We pray for all creation, that evil powers might be cast down, that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness might be fed, and that all Your children might enjoy in equal measure the fruits of Your world.

We pray for the Church. Keep us one in faith and service, so that Your Good News might be proclaimed, and so that Your love and light might be a beacons of hope and purpose in the darkest places.

We cannot love You fully unless we love our neighbours as ourselves. So we pray for our enemies and our friends;
we pray for all those in need, in body, mind and spirit;
we pray for all who suffer from pain and sorrow;
especially any known to us whom we name before You now.

God of compassion, bless us and those we love, that, drawing close to You, we may be drawn closer to each other.

And hold us always in communion with the Saints of all the ages, especially those dear to us, in the one Kingdom of Your love. Amen

(From The Church of Scotland Worship Resources – Rev Tom Gordon)

Collect for 11th Sunday After Trinity

God of glory, the end of all our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen