



St John's,
Tipton

Weekly Newsheet

25th October 2020

'Ronarag 32'

Dear Church Family,

This week is Bible Sunday! The Bible is God's word to us, speaking to us today. I love to read the Bible finding it full of encouragement and hope – particularly during these challenging times. I continue to be amazed at how relevant the Bible continues to be even in the 21st Century and during a time of pandemic. I have turned to the Psalms regularly to hear God's words of comfort and encouragement but I have also found the struggles the people of Israel faced in the Old Testament has much to say to us today.

I wonder if you find the Bible easy or difficult to read? Is it part of your daily routine? We can all find it challenging and often hard to understand. There is lots of help out there though to help us engage with the Bible and hear it's encouraging words to us today. There are daily Bible notes to read or apps to download. There are also discussion groups to help us share together our thoughts. If you would like some help engaging with the Bible please speak to Lynn.

With my prayers for you all,
Lynn.

Notices

DON'T FORGET – CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT

Services next week

St Mary's Pilsley – Thursday 29th October 5pm

'Time to Remember'

A special service when we remember those whom we love but are no longer with us.

If you would like a loved one remembered in this service please do let Lynn know.

To book your place at the service please contact Lynn.

Sunday Services 1st November:

St Mary's Pilsley - 9.30am Morning Worship

To book please contact Katherine or Mark Ratcliffe:
Kratcliffe52@icloud.com or 01246 853901

St John's Tupton – 11am Holy Communion

To book please contact Colin and Rosemary Morton:
colin_rosemary@outlook.com or 01246 861888

Please note that due to the current situation, for the foreseeable future services at St John's will take place on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month only.

St Mary's Pilsley – Family Service 4pm St Mary's Centre

All are welcome wherever you live!

Spaces are limited so please book with Lynn

Tie A Ribbon to Remember – Pilsley Project

As a Community Project I am inviting those within the Pilsley village to tie a ribbon onto the railings outside the St Mary's Centre to remember those who have died. Not everyone wants to come to a service but people often like to remember practically in some way. Can I invite you also to tie a ribbon on to remember those that you love but who we no longer see too. Thank you. Lynn

Pilsley FareShare Project.

We continue to prepare a number of food parcels each week for families of school children who need a bit of extra help during the COVID-19 crisis. Our FareShare team has a couple of requests for help as follows:

- We re-use plastic bags for the distribution - we need 32 each week. If you have a stash of clean carrier bags that we could have please pass them to Steve or leave them outside the Centre.
- Our funding from Derbyshire County Council and Pilsley Parish Council will have been exhausted by early November. We are applying for a grant to help us continue until the end of March 2021 but the earliest this will be available is December. It currently costs £65.50 per week to provide sixteen food parcels. Even if we get the grant, it would be nice to supplement the food parcels at Christmas with additional Christmas goodies. If you felt able to donate financially to this project it would help us continue this food provision for those in our community who are not as well off as others. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'FareShare' and either put in the collection

plate on a Sunday or give to Steve (cheques should be made payable to St Mary's DCC Pilsley).

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Harvest Appeals.

St John's gave a great amount of produce to the Foodbank who were extremely grateful for their donations.

St Mary's raised £1200 for Tearfund which will support families in Yemen.

Well done and thank you for joining in with God's work both locally and afar.

Readings for week beginning 26th October:

Mon: Psalms 123;	2 Kings 21.1–18;	1 Timothy 1.1–17
Tues: Psalms 132;	2 Kings 22.1–23.3;	1 Timothy 1.18–2.end
Wed: Psalms 116;	Isaiah 45.18–26;	Luke 6.12–16
Thurs: Psalms 143;	2 Kings 23.36–24.17;	1 Timothy 4
Fri: Psalms 142;	2 Kings 24.18–25.12;	1 Timothy 5.1–16

Collect for 20th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers

Our prayers today are taken from the Bible Society, using Scripture to inspire our prayers.

'This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.'
Joshua 1.8 (ESV)

Prayer: Our Lord God, thank you for your guidance through the Scriptures. Help us to regularly search your word to gain more insight as to who you are and more understanding of your will for each one of us. Give us an increasing desire to read, obey, and find nourishment through the Bible. Amen.

'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.' Luke 22.42 (ESV)

Christ's prayer in the garden of Gethsemane contains two aspects. An honest 'please do this for me', but then the crucial addition of 'let your will be done'. What might we learn if we prayed honestly and also with complete freedom, just as Jesus did?

Prayer: Heavenly father, guide each one of us to follow the prayerful example of your son, who gave everything so that we may possess eternal life. Help us follow in the steps of our Saviour and experience intimate prayer and fellowship with you. Amen.

'But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.' Numbers 32.23 (ESV)

Sin may feel good for a moment, but it leads to separation from God. Moses reminded the people through the Law that God misses nothing.

Prayer: Thank you for being a God who sees all and who sees everything that we are. We praise you that though you see both good and bad, you sent your son to save and set each of us free. Help us to walk in loving obedience. Amen.

'... And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints ...' Ephesians 6.17–18 (ESV)

Everyone has their own story, even if they don't get the chance to share it, and certainly everyone needs prayer.

Prayer: God, thank you for always hearing our prayers. We trust that you love us and are working all things together for good for those of us who love you. Guide each one of us in our prayers Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to pray often so that we may make a lasting difference in other people's lives through our intercession for them. Amen

What's on this week!

Sunday - Coffee after Church

St Mary's Church – 11am

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854205991?pwd=YXVUQis4LzkxbHY2UitJWVEzMGpMdz09>

Meeting ID: 868 5420 5991

Password: 408468

St John's Church -12 noon

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=TXo5UzhMRXUwN2tPbEFwTWJlbXYvdz09>

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

Tuesday 10am – Totstop

If the weather is dry, meet outside the Centre for a walk (if there are more than 6 of us, we will split up!)

If it's wet we will be on zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86921099801?pwd=dDBXS3FYakZLYm85RDNEdWFSSmJjQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 2109 9801

Passcode: 574567

Thursday 10am – Pop-In for coffee

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86210249687?pwd=ejAvUTNETGRneTBYVUhXeGh1L1lZQT09>

Meeting ID: 862 1024 9687

Password: 046923