



Filey Parish

St. Oswald's St. John's St. Thomas'

Filey Parish Link

Sunday 23rd August 2020

**Eleventh Sunday
after Trinity**

Collects of the day Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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or

God of glory, the end of 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 our Saviour Jesus Christ.

BCP Collect

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Readings for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

(Would be used at the Principal Service)

Exodus 1: 8-2:10 Isaiah 51: 1-6 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20

Zoom Worship

Sunday evenings at 6pm, Wednesday and Thursday Mornings at 9am and on the first Monday of every month at 9am, using Zoom.

Zoom Prayers for Outreach

will be happening on Mondays at 10am.

To join Zoom meetings click on this link or use the log in details below.

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Meeting ID: 421 633 5851

Passcode: QL7VWb

Dear friends and family in Christ,

I am writing the reflection today as Nigel is on holiday.

The readings today are Exodus 1: 8 – 2:10, Matthew 16: 13-20, Romans 12: 1-8.

So God had a mission for Moses and Jesus had a purpose and a new name for Simon, who became Peter, the rock on whom the church is built. These men clearly knew what God expected of them in their lives, because, he told them directly. How can we tell what God wants us to do? This is the subject of today's New Testament reading, which comes from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

Paul describes the church as the body of Christ and he uses this image to help each of us to understand our own purpose. He says Jesus is the head of the church.

Christ's body is the Church, individually, we all make up that body which continues to do Christ's work on earth.

Paul explains that a body needs different parts, like hands, feet, heart etc. because each part has it's own job to do in keeping the whole body healthy and working properly. This is how the church should work too. All of us have been given gifts, good listeners, good at giving and sharing, good cleaners, teachers and leaders, all are equally important. All, help to make up the body of Christ which is the church.

Then Paul says there are the dreamers, the people who have visions of how things could be. They are like Martin Luther King Jr, who said, 'I have a dream', and described his vision of a world without racism. The dreamers spur us on and make us wonder, 'What if.....?' They too make up the body of Christ which is the church.

Finally Paul says there are challengers. These are the people who tell us we could do better and urge us to try harder. The challengers are like the foot which gives us an occasional kick to stop us getting too comfortable with the way things are.

What Paul's image shows us is, that we're all different, we're all good at different things – we each contribute our own particular talents to keep the church alive and kicking and doing Christ's work in the world. This image also shows that we're called into relationships with one another, not solitary existence.

Moses was called to lead the nation, and Peter was called to found

the church, both men were called into a relationship with others and renewed closeness to God.

So when we're thinking about what God wants us to do, we need to remember that we're not looking at ourselves in isolation.

Perhaps you can ask yourself, 'What can I do to help Jesus name to be known in today's world?'

Let us pray:-

Lord Jesus, we are your body, your hands and feet on earth. Send us out into the world to do your work. Amen.

May you be lifted by the Spirit's presence, strengthened by Christ's grace and liberated by the Father's love. May his blessings surround you always.

Virtual hugs – Rev'd Wilma Horton.

St Catherine's' Sunrise Walk 2020

This year, the event is being held in a different format to ensure the safety of everyone taking part. The Sunrise Walk features a 6.5-mile walk around the North and South bays in Scarborough. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic and ongoing safety guidelines, it is not possible to hold a group event this year.

Instead, we inviting supporters to do their own Sunrise Walk, with family or friends, at a location of their choice, on any day during the month of September. Participants can set their own distance – and can even jog, run, cycle or swim if they prefer.

All the information about how to take part is below. Please feel free to call into fundraising if you are on site and have any questions.

If you would like to take part, please register online at

www.saintcatherines.org.uk/event/sunrise-walk-2020/

If you are unable to register online, please call (01723) 378406 or email fundraising@saintcatherines.org.uk to let us know you are taking part.

- There is no sign-up fee, but participants can make a donation when registering for an amount of their choice. There is also the option to request a fundraising pack and sponsor forms if you would like to raise sponsorship.
- Everyone taking part is asked to ensure they follow the latest government guidelines on social distancing.

Thank you for your support



THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

**Will be held at
St Johns Church
on Sunday 13th September 2020 at 2pm**

For the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- To the Parochial Church Council 3 representatives.
- To the Deanery Synod representatives if applicable
- For the appointment of Sides-men and the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- A Report on changes in the roll since the annual parochial church meeting;
- An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st December 2019 immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined;
- A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
- A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod and other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

Nomination forms

There are nomination forms for Church Wardens and for the positions of PCC members of which there are 3 vacancies (1, 2 and 3 year terms) due to resignations and term ending.

The form includes notes on personal eligibility to stand for posts.

Forms are available from churches or from the Parish office and once filled in fully, need to be returned to the Office.

NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Parish of Filey

A meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held in
St John's Church
on
Sunday 13th September 2020 at 2pm

From Angela Burkitt

‘All Creatures of our God and King

Now more than ever we need to be aware of the need to ‘Care for Creation’. God’s gaze, at the beginning of the Bible, rests lovingly on his creation. From habitable land to life-giving waters, from fruit-bearing trees to animals that share our common home, everything is dear in the eyes of God, who offers creation to men and women as a precious gift to be preserved.

I want to share with you, if I may, a few examples of not caring for God’s creation, having read in one of the national newspapers, tragic stories of damage caused to our world – through greed, neglect and modern lifestyles. Who would have thought that garden lights and artificial grass would cause harm to wildlife? Birds are not able to sleep at night because of our desire to have pretty lights in our gardens. Natural lawns are detrimental to birds and insects, and to prevent flooding. The fish in the sea are eating plastics, then humans eat the fish we too are swallowing plastic. I read with alarm that crocodiles are still being killed for the purpose of being turned into a handbag. A large gathering of people in a forest having a ‘rave’, one can only imagine the damage and harm to wildlife and trees. Heatwaves are scorching the land followed by wildfires. Floods following the heatwaves, forcing people to flee their homes, crops lost, and in the worse case scenario, lives are lost. Oil leaks from tankers causing an environmental catastrophe, polluting beaches, oceans, irreparable damage to coral reefs and wildlife.

This awareness of what is happening around us testifies to the urgent need of intervention’s that can no longer be postponed. We have caused a climate emergency that gravely threatens nature and life itself, including our own.

In effect, we have forgotten who we are: creatures made in the image of God, and called to dwell as brothers and sisters in a common home. We were created not to be tyrants, but to be at the heart of a network of life made up of millions of species lovingly joined together for us by our Creator. Now is the time to rediscover our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters and stewards of creation. Now is the time to repent, and to return to our roots. We are beloved creatures of God, who in his goodness calls us to love life and live it in communion with the rest of creation.

What can we do about this situation? We can pledge to pray for and with creation, and we can pledge to live more simply by treading lightly.

A Prayer for our Earth

by Pope Francis (Pope Francis published this prayer and is meant for sharing with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only to gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

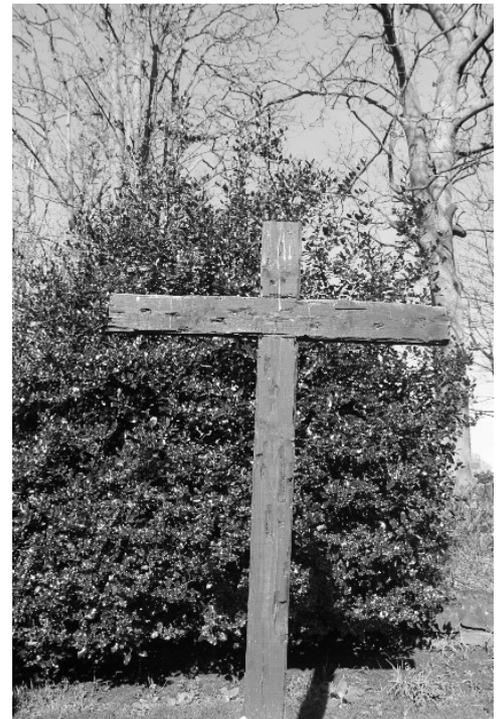
to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen



(Original photograph taken by Angela Burkitt – inside the grounds of the Franciscan Friary, Northumberland)

Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the living one

[Revelation 1: 17-18]

*This is the twenty second in a series of weekly meditations
shared by Charles Dobbin*

Making the most of lockdown and coming out of it

In the uncertain times following strict lockdown we need to be still and keep our bearings. The suggested way of prayer that follows is what we use in the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer. It need only take 10 minutes – or it could take an hour. It's up to you. You could use this way of prayer once each day with your usual pattern of prayer, or at some other time.

Getting ready

So let's find a bible and somewhere to sit – I suggest a position where we are upright and relaxed, our feet on the floor, our hands in our lap, open to receive. Then over a couple of breaths, as we breathe out slowly, we sense the relaxation flow through our body. Jesus wants us to be here. He says "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will refresh you". We are with Jesus, on holy ground.....Now let us look at God's Word

Listening to God's word and working with God's work

Our word for this week is Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the living one.

It does not take much to think of current world leaders who are grasping power for themselves at the expense of others, or of nations that manipulate others in pursuit of power. It does not take much to reflect how we can see ourselves as a post-truth society when we look at the handling of political announcements and the operation of social media. We see this in lurid colours when it all happens in the context of coronavirus infecting all the world's populations and touching our most precious human contact – and we can begin to lose our footing. The Book of Revelation was written by a man who was victim of the great Roman empire, arrested for his belief, working in a labour camp on the Greek island of Patmos. The Roman emperor was to be worshipped as a god, with human order and human expediency replacing the living God. Truth was what the Roman empire's propaganda said was truth. Pontius Pilate had said to Jesus 'What is truth?'. Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the

living one. This word is spoken then and now, when we begin to lose our footing; when we feel lonely, or feel apprehensive about the future; when our faith beats at the air like a bird without wings. Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the living one.

The reason we need not fear, is that Jesus, the Word of God, is the first, the origin of Creation, source of our basic nature and identity. He is the last – our true purpose, the final destination to which everything is going, when God is all in all. He is the living one. For when our faith dies, when we die, when our world dies, Jesus is the living one, giving meaning to all life and death, treating death and life not as ends in themselves, but as things done when the Father commands.

When have my difficulties or misfortunes opened my eyes to God's presence in new ways? In the lurid light of our present circumstances, where do I see the light of Christ? How do I experience God as first and last? For the next few minutes let's reflect on this Word and understand it for ourselves.....

Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the living one

Now for a further few minutes, let's be aware of God, simply receiving the word Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the living one. Having reflected about this Word, now the most important thing is to pray it.....

Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the living one Let's pray for those who are on our hearts,.....and for those infected with Covid19; those facing imposition of quarantine regulations; those suffering mentally from prolonged isolation and lockdown; Government and NHS personnel; those working on a vaccine; leaders in business and industry and those facing the loss of their job.....those who have received GCSE and A level results; schools planning a return to full schooling.....universities....For each and all of these God says Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the living one When we have finished our prayer for others, let us thank God for his Word speaking and working in us and in our world, and then finish by saying slowly the Lord's Prayer.

Actually this is not the finish – recall this Word at times throughout the day and join God's work.

Further references: Isaiah 51: 1-6; Genesis 1: 1-5; John 1: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28; John 10: 17-18