



Filey Parish

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

Filey Parish Link

Sunday 23rd August 2020

**Twelfth Sunday
after Trinity**

Collects of the day Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
or

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect

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Readings for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

(Would be used at the Principal Service) Exodus 3: 1-15 Jeremiah 15: 15-21
Romans 12: 9 to end Matthew 16: 21 to end

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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4216335851?pwd=SFAzamg4U2lOTmlwT3ROYkhVNEFEdz09>

Meeting ID: 421 633 5851

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To Boldly go – Matthew 16: 21-28

What does it mean to you to follow Jesus Christ as a Christian? Is it about fostering a religion, following certain dogma, adhering to canon law and a code of practice? Is that the centrality of our faith? I hope not. If so then we may well have misunderstood the Gospel. Like misheard lyrics of the song “We built this city on Rock and Roll” gets transformed to “We built this city on sausage roll” we can get it so wrong! Perhaps like the Pharisees we may just end up promoting adherence to dutiful religious activity rather exploring the strange new world of faith in Jesus Christ. Do we boldly go where no one has gone before, or do we blindly go where we’ve always trod?

In the Gospel reading for Sunday we see another change happening. Peter has declared Jesus to be the Messiah and so for him nothing can now stand in the way of success – except - Jesus suddenly tells them that he is going to suffer and die and that he must be killed. (Peter seems to hear only this part and not that Jesus would rise again).

Peter is adamant that won’t happen. He doesn’t seem to understand what Jesus is saying though. So Jesus recaps what he has said before, that to follow him is not an easy option. Indeed it will take everything, every part of him, every ounce of his energy and commitment. In fact, it will cost him his life!

‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me’.

These are not easy words. As a follower of Jesus we do not submit to religious dogma, but to a new way of life. To be a Christian is to submit our lives to Jesus Christ, to even literally invite Jesus by the presence and power of his Holy Spirit to “Come into my life”. From that point on, from that decision marker in our life when we say “Yes” to Jesus, we submit ourselves to him. If not, then we may just forfeit our souls. Life takes on a different meaning. It is not about being a success, it is not about being prosperous, it is not even about being wholesome. It is about denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following Jesus. Simply put, to lay our own life down and become the change we want to see in the world.

How?

The instructions from Paul in **Romans 12 9-21** give us a clue.

Genuine faith is not built on adherence to religious practice, but on fostering and developing a relationship with Jesus that sees us become "A living sacrifice". What is pleasing to God is an end to old lives that are built only on self-interest and self-gratification by becoming humble servants in the Body of Christ. To honour God by being love in action. To bless and not curse. To get alongside others and befriend, including with those of low position in life or those who are not like 'me'. To be part of a revolution that does not repay evil with more evil, but heaps on goodness, kindness, self-control. It is to feed even our enemies at our own tables!

I'm reminded of a song 'He Never Said' by Martyn Joseph a Christian singer (It's on You Tube if you want to listen to it). Some of the lyrics are:

He never said God helps those who help themselves
He never said Blessed are the rich
He never said Do unto others before they do it unto you
He never said It's too bad buddy the winner has to take it all
He never said success is the key
You gotta be cruel to be kind
And he never said it's a jungle out there
Where the weak must get left behind

He Said.
Answer a strangers cry for help
Love your brother as you loved yourself
You only have to seek and you will find
Forgive your enemies drop that grudge
Don't judge others and you won't be judged
Only knock and the door will open wide, open wide

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If you want to talk more about living the Christian life or indeed opening up your life to Jesus, please do get in touch. In the autumn we are looking at ways in which we can have safe discussion groups and study groups for anyone, but particularly for anyone trying to make sense of what it means to be a Christian today.

With every blessing
Revd Nigel

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 5 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 5 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
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2020 Vision Refurbishment Update- Christine Wilson

Yet another frustration is the weather! So our table top sale planned for this weekend has been postponed until Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September in the car park at St John's.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in so many ways to remove group stored items and to clear the halls and kitchen. Without exception this has been an example of how when we work together things really do happen even though most of the work has been done in small groups due to Covid-19.

The Centre is now empty ready for the builders to move in. We have had a visit from the CMD inspector who felt that there should be no delay in work starting anytime from the 7th September. The outcome of two further grant applications is still awaited, but we hope to receive news soon. With the centre closed for the next few months it gives us chance to review what new things we do when we re-open and there is a growing determination to ensure things do change.

While work starts soon, we are also beginning to turn our attention to the toilet block, North window, stone work and entrance to Church. (Early on when we started this project we received donations specifically for the window – this has not been lost)! If anyone is interested in helping us to achieve this work as soon as possible, please do contact Christine 514529.

The 2020 Vision project needs continued prayer we would not have achieved what we have without it.

New Vicarage telephone number (07434 651658)

The landline number is about to go out of service so please make a note of the new number! This number is already active now and you can call, text or even video call Nigel on this number. The reasons for doing this are that it will reduce the cost of the phone contract and calls considerably as many calls are now made to and from a mobile phone. It also offers better flexibility in keeping connected.

You will still be able to leave a message on an answerphone and should you be worried about the cost of calling a mobile from say a BT landline, simply ask me to call you back and I will return your call. (At 1p a minute it won't break the bank)!

Beyond Housing

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the Beyond Housing food bags for children. This was an offer made to the food cupboard to help with this project as the food cupboards role has changed due to the pandemic and being used by more residents in Filey. The funding for this project came from Beyond Housing.

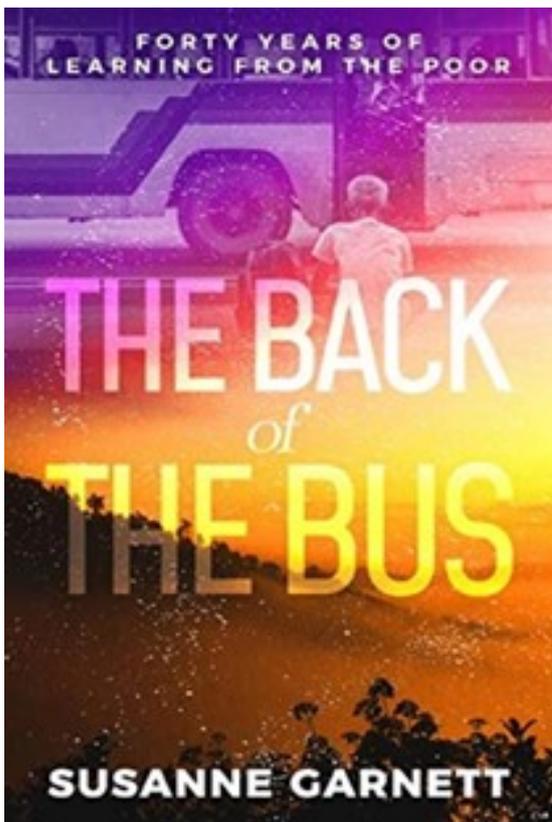
As a church we have been able to reach out to 35 families over the 6 weeks with a total of 68 children receiving a bag of food to cover 5 days packet lunches. So, an average of 41 bags each Tuesday were distributed in the grounds of St John's. This also enabled us to offer Parish Adventure craft bags to these children and at the end of the 6 weeks we really felt we wanted to continue so we could continue the conversations we had started.

We pray that we shall meet these families again as our activities grow in the future.

Thank you,
Christine

From Suzanne Garnett (formerly of this parish)

Have you ever given to charity and wondered what happened to your money?



In this book, Susanne Garnett draws on a long and varied career in the aid sector to give us an answer. For more than forty years she has worked with more than two hundred different agencies and community groups across the UK and all around the world. It has been a transformative and enlightening experience, and you are invited to board the bus with her to share the journey. This is a book about real life. It is also full of humour, stories of great courage and a tribute to the very poorest in the world, those at the back of the bus, and those who can't even afford to climb onto it.

From Angela Burkitt

St. Francis of Assisi, around 1209-1215 devised a Rule for which his Brothers were to live by, this became an official document in 1223 when Pope Honorius III placed the papal seal on it. Myself being a Tertiary of Franciscan order, I follow a Rule of Life, which is a guideline to help me keep straight in the bending life which we live. Humility, love and joy are the three notes which mark the lives of each Tertiary. For this week, let us explore the idea of Humility, next weeks, Joy and then Love.

We always keep before us the example of Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and who, on the last night of his life, humbly washed his disciples' feet. We likewise seek to serve one another with humility. We are asked to remember constantly that no community can be built without humility. We do not talk about humility much, but as we pursue the faith journey with Christ, we realise its central importance – along with 'love'. Unless we seek to embrace humility along our journey, we make a mess of things. Unless we can embrace our own mess, we can never be humble. We know that to claim to be humble is to risk being thought of as conceited and boastful, but we also know that it is far more complex than that. We are born with an ego, and we grow up being driven by it.

Humility is the basis of all Christian virtue. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said: 'No spiritual house can stand for a moment except on the foundation of humility. It is the first condition of a joyful life within any community.' Grumbling and murmuring are tempting. Gossip and complaint are always ready to be spoken, if only with the slip of a tongue. We may regret this, and we can redeem it too. Facing up to what we have done or said can be an important step towards humility. Humility comes from the realisation that in the deepest and fundamental matters, we do not have the capacity to sort ourselves out on our own. Growth in humility happens through a process not of instruction or education as such, but through openness and vulnerability.

The faults we see in others are the subject of prayer rather than criticism. We take care to cast out the beam from our own eye before offering to remove the speck from another's. We are ready to

accept the lowest place when asked, and to volunteer to take it. Nevertheless, when asked to undertake work of which we fee unworthy or incapable, we do not shrink from it on the grounds of humility, but confidently attempt it through the power that is made perfect in weakness.

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.



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