



# Filey Parish

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

## Filey Parish Link

Sunday 6th September 2020

**Thirteenth Sunday  
after Trinity**

### **Collects of the day      Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

or

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **BCP Collect**

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Readings for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Exodus 12: 1-14    Ezekiel 33: 7-11    Romans 13: 8 to end  
Mathew 18: 15-20

### **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.**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4216335851?  
pwd=SFAzamg4U2lOTmlwT3ROYkhVNEFEdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4216335851?pwd=SFAzamg4U2lOTmlwT3ROYkhVNEFEdz09)

Meeting ID: 421 633 5851

Passcode: QL7VWb

## **Reader Sunday 6th September 2020**

### **Being a 'Reader'**

Last week we were thinking about following Jesus and what it means to us in our daily lives. For some people this has also meant being called to serve more formally such as being in licensed ministry. This week is 'Reader Sunday'. Both Sue Neilson and Janice Midwood have written some thoughts on their 'Reader Ministry' and how God has called them to serve. God has indeed called them into this special ministry which can be fulfilled in many different ways. Perhaps God may be prompting you to think about how you could serve him? Perhaps it might be through this kind of licensed lay ministry. If you would like to explore this thought further (it does take some time to discern that call sometimes), then please come and have a chat with me, or contact Sue or Janice to talk it through further.

Rev Nigel

### **Sue Neilson**

As I am about to receive my 25 year certificate as a Reader, being admitted and licensed at York Minster on Saturday 18th November 1995, I thought I would add a few personal note in the hope of encouraging you to pray and think about becoming a Reader.

I was encouraged by Rev Chris Humphrey and the PCC and have since worked with three more vicars... all very different I might add! It was with Rev Mary Williams and coming up for retirement that God led me on my current path of ministry, that is led by the Holy Spirit to minister to the elderly, end of life and funerals; having worked all my life with children. This work has and still is I hope, God willing, has been a privilege.

Having been sub warden of Readers in the Scarborough deanery in the past I know that the office of Reader can be and is very diverse for different people, depending on God's call. So please talk to Nigel, Janice or myself if you are interested.

I hope to be back amongst you soon taking a monthly service at Gristhorpe, visiting when it is safe to do so and carrying on my ministry and supporting Nigel in his.

Love and prayers and every blessing  
Sue

## **Janice Midwood**

This year Reader Sunday falls on 6th September, it is the day when we traditionally give thanks for the ministry of Readers.

God calls people to a wide range of ministries, lay and ordained, in our church and in our everyday lives. Readers, also called Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs), have a leadership role serving alongside clergy to support people in faith and enable mission.

Readers are lay people trained and licensed by their Archbishop/Bishop to preach, lead worship, teach, are involved in mission, provide pastoral support and take funerals.

If you feel called to serve God as a Reader the first step is to talk to Nigel, Sue or myself to explore what the role entails and the process of discernment. If recommended for Reader Training you study through the diocese at either York or Beverley. You can also find information about Readers at <https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/developing-ministry/readers/>

If Reader Ministry is not for you and you still feel called to serve God then perhaps Registered Parish Assistants (RPAs) may interest you and again you can speak to Nigel, Ann, Pam or Ann who can tell you what the role entails.

Information about the study courses available through the York School of Ministry (YSOM) can be found on the website at <http://www.ysom.org.uk/>

You can study the Theology, Ministry and Mission courses without training to be a Reader, the website gives information on how to do this. I completed my training many years ago and have decided to go back to studying again and will join the course this September. Though of course courses are on-line for this term due to Covid, nevertheless I am looking forward to studying again.

## **Peter Metcalfe**

It is with sadness to announce that Peter Metcalfe passed away this week. Pat would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and prayers. Peter's Funeral Service will be taking place at Octon on Monday 14th September. Further details will be available next week.

## **Joan Ineson**

Joan, who had recently moved to Rivermead Care home in Malton has passed away. Her Funeral has been private but it is hoped that there will be an opportunity to remember Joan and include her favourite hymns during a future Sunday service at St Thomas'.

## **Lucy Witcombe**

Lucy has now moved to Scarborough with Bobby the dog and is now under the pastoral care of St Laurence's Church.

## **Community Garden / Allotment Project**

I have for some years had a vision for a community allotment to help and support particularly young adults to grow their own food and learn some of the basics of cooking. Since then I have prayed and talked about it and I am now seeking to find out if there are any other people interested in supporting this idea. It could be a 'Community Allotment' at the allotments or potentially based at St John's Church, but it is just a pipe dream unless there are enough people interested. It is my prayer that *anyone* who wishes to help would be welcome to do so.

Naturally, setting this up will require resources, funding, safeguarding and insurance etc. An allotment takes time - from developing the idea to actually doing the work! If you would like to read my proposal or help develop this idea further (it might just go somewhere I hadn't thought about too) then please contact me if you are interested.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Janice Midwood

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## **New Vicarage telephone number (07434 651658)**

The landline number is about to go out of service on **Monday 7th September** 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! There is an answer machine to leave a message too if needed.

## **From Angela Burkitt**

Following on from last week, I would like to share with you what St. Francis expected from his followers. As a professed member of the Third Order (Tertiary) of St. Francis, not only am I to follow the way of humility (last week), but also the way of Joy, and Love.

Joy is in a marriage with sorrow, one cannot have one without the other. Psalm 126 tells us 'Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy'.

Tertiaries, as with all Christians, rejoice in the Lord always, showing in our lives the grace and beauty of divine joy. We remember that we follow the Son of Man, who came eating and drinking, who loved the birds and the flowers, who blessed little children, who was a friend to tax-collectors and sinners, and who sat at the tables of both the rich and the poor. We delight in fun and laughter, rejoicing in God's world, its beauty and its living creatures, calling nothing common or unclean. We mix freely with all people, ready to bind up the broken-hearted and to bring joy into the lives of others. We carry within us an inner peace and happiness, which others may perceive, even if they do not know its source.

This joy is a divine gift, coming from union with God in Christ. It is still there even in times of darkness and difficulty, giving cheerful courage in the face of disappointment, and an inward serenity and confidence through sickness and suffering. Those who possess it can rejoice in weakness, insults, hardships and persecutions for Christ's sake; for when we are weak, then we are strong.

For St. Clare of Assisi, joy was not a condition of unthinking gladness; on the contrary, it was only attained through much material difficulty and spiritual discomfort.

Joy is deeper than our emotions, and it provides a bed-rock for our very being. We may feel that in certain painful times we cannot find joy. Equally unsure, (as we now read), was Brother Leo, who asked Francis where he might find perfect joy.

One Winter's day, as St. Francis was going from Perugia with Friar Leo to St. Mary of the Angels, a good two mile walk. Friar Leo asked him in great wonder and said, "Father, prithee in God's name tell me where is perfect joy to be found?" And St. Francis answered him

thus, “When we are come to St. Mary of the Angels, wet through with rain, frozen with cold, and foul with mire and tormented with hunger; and when we knock at the door, the doorkeeper cometh in a rage and saith, “Who are ye?” and we say “We are two of your friars”, and he answers, “Ye tell not true; ye are rather two knaves that go deceiving the world and stealing the alms of the poor; begone!” and he openeth not to us, and maketh us stay outside hungry and cold all night in the rain and snow; then if we endure patiently such cruelty, such abuse, and such insolent dismissal without complaint or murmuring, and believe humbly and charitable that the doorkeeper truly knows us, and that God maketh him to rail against us; O Friar, - there is perfect joy”. (The Little Flowers of Saint Francis : chapter 8)

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we're together on this road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.



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

# **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.

## **Postal Voting**

Please fill in the form on the back page and return to the Parish office before Friday 11th September if you require a postal vote. The voting slip will then be sent out to you immediately after the APCM if a ballot is required.

## **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**

## APPLICATION FOR POSTAL VOTE

Parish of .....

I ..... (full Christian name and surname)

of ..... (address)

declare that my name is entered on the church electoral roll of the above parish and I apply for a postal vote in any elections to which postal voting applies to be held at the forthcoming annual parochial church meeting for the parish.

The voting paper should be given to me at the above address OR\* at the following address -

.....

Dated ..... 20 .....

Signed .....

\* Delete as appropriate.