

Notices

Advent reflection Group

The same course running based on the Book by Bishop Cottrell, 'Walking Backwards to Christmas' on Tuesday 27th at the Rectory at 7.30pm and Thursday 29th November at St Martin's Church at 10.30am. Free book available for early booking.

This Advent reflection starts at the end of the story, with Jesus' presentation to Anna and Simeon at the Temple, and moves backwards through Herod's slaughter of the innocents, the wise men's visit, Jesus' birth in a stable, Mary's pregnancy, and finally to the much-earlier hopes and dreams of Isaiah and Moses.

Telling the Christmas story through the eyes of both famous figures like King Herod and imagined characters like the innkeeper's wife, Cottrell invites us the experience Jesus's birth anew, with greater appreciation of the dark themes and ancient figure relevant to the Advent story.

Family Fun Day: Today 7th October 2018: 12.30-2.30pm: Arts and crafts, parachute games and inflatable in the church hall.

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Sunday 14 October 2018
Twentieth-first Sunday after Pentecost

10.30am **Celebrating Communion**
Preacher: David Warnes
President: Sarah Kilbey
Readings: Amos 5. 6-7, 10-15
Hebrews 4. 12-16,
Mark 10. 17-31

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Harvest Festival Sunday 7th October 2018

President and Preacher Yousouf Gooljary



*Living out faith in our community
through prayer, reflection and action*

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Opening Hymn 534

Gloria

Glory to God Glory to the Father
Glory to God Glory to the Father
To God be Glory for ever.
To God be Glory for ever.
Alleluia Amen. **Alleluia Amen.**
Alleluia Amen. **Alleluia Amen.**
Alleluia Amen. Alleluia Amen.

Glory to God Glory to the Son.
Glory to God Glory to the Son.
To Him be Glory for ever.
To Him be Glory for ever.
Alleluia Amen. **Alleluia Amen.**
Alleluia Amen. **Alleluia Amen.**
Alleluia Amen. Alleluia Amen.

Glory to God Glory to God Glory to the Spirit
Glory to God Glory to God glory to the Spirit.
To God be Glory for ever.
To God be Glory for ever.

Alleluia Armen. **Alleluia Amen.**

Alleluia Armen. **Alleluia Amen.**

Alleluia Armen. **Alleluia Amen.**

Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen.

Confession

On this day of Thanksgiving let us confess our sins to our Creator God.

Silence

You have given us eyes

But we have not always looked at creation's beauty.

You have given us ears

But we have not always listened to nature's speaking.

You have given us tongues

But we have not always joined earth's song of praise.

You have given us hands

But we have not always been makers and menders.

You have given us feet

But we have not always shared in the dance of life.

You have given us minds

But we have not always thought beyond ourselves.

You have given us wills

But we have not always chosen the good.

You have given us hearts

But we have not always loved without reserve.

You have made us in your image

Forgive us that we do not always display your likeness

Absolution

Merciful God, who offers forgiveness to all,
pardon you and release you from the ties that bind,
set you free to live for the good of all
through simplicity and right relationships
and keep us in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2: 21-27

Read by: Jenny Robertson

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 8

God, when we think about your creation, we're amazed;
We walk through a masterpiece every day.

**Your imagination has created such beauty.
We can never come to the end of your wonders.**

How incredible it is that you've trusted us to take care Of your prized possession!

You've shown us how to sustain life:

**Help us to use this knowledge for the good of your world,
The benefit of your people and the glory of your name.**

We praise you, painter of creation's harvests!

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians: 9.6-15

Read by: Jenny Robertson

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift

Hymn 138

Gospel: Luke 12: 16-27

Read by: *Stuart Robertson*

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?^[a] If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;^[b] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Talk 1: Barns. *Rev Gooljary*

At this point congregation bring up harvest offerings to the altar.

Chant (from Zambia)

**Know that God is good, Know that God is good,
Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.**

**Halle, Hallelujah, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

Moongu, neewaymah, Moongu, neewaymah,

Moongu, neewaymah, neewaymah, neewaymah,

Talk 2: Harvest *Rev Gooljary*

Harvest is one of the most wonderful times of celebration in the church year, we can just enjoy unbridled joy at the beauty and providence of creation. Well almost that is! There are some lessons of caution as well, and those lessons are perhaps more important for our times than ever before.

There are obvious lessons about caring for the world which has been entrusted to us. At harvest time we thank God, for all of the gifts which have been given to us, and all of the opportunities made available to us from the world and its resources. Yet this planet is not ours to do what we want with. It is made by God and we are privileged to have a time here to look after and enjoy it. The expectation is that we will pass it on to our children in a better condition than we found it.

There are important lessons at harvest about sharing. We cannot help but feel embarrassed that we have so much of the world's resources, whilst others lack even the most basic necessities. No harvest festival service should ever take place without a time of prayer when we think of the shocking conditions around in parts of the world where people die for lack of resources which we routinely throw away.

There are warnings about priorities. Harvest can be seen as an opportunity to glorify increasing consumption and hoarding. However harvest is not an occasion to thank God that we have managed to acquire masses of things. In our Gospel reading today Jesus tells his disciples that they need to care less about material things. This is a wonderful message but one which we struggle to hear. Jesus wants his disciples to stop worrying and live. The trouble is that most of us spend a lot of time worrying and working.

So whilst we enjoy harvest and thank God for it, it is also a good time to consider our priorities in life, what really matters. The pace of life is now so fast and the latest products are brought to market so fast that we might feel we have very quickly become out of date and need to

replace everything. Yet even at the time of Jesus he knew that people had the same issues of worry and work.

Jesus knew that toiling for the latest material goods brought no increase in satisfaction to our society. No matter how much we acquire, no matter how many material possessions, no matter how much money we have - enough is always a little bit more than we already have. The pursuit of happiness in the acquisition of things is always a road to dissatisfaction. What a paradox, the more we seek to be happy through acquiring such things the less happy we seem to be!

The Christian message is that pursuit of happiness through amassing things will only ever bring ruin. It is a curious fact that contrary to our wealth bringing happiness it brings to others the more happiness we receive ourselves. Giving to others is something which we learn from our Lord, Jesus. He had no possessions, he gave up everything he had and gave his life for others. It is his model which we seek to copy. impoverishment of the soul. Funnily enough the opposite is the case, the more we give

Creed for Abundance

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.

We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

Introduction to the peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Intercessions: *Kate Campbell*

Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Hymn 388

Eucharist Prayers from booklet page 3.

Blessing.

May God our creator, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on you his care and increase the harvest of your righteousness; and the blessing.

Hymn 9**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.