



CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

CONTACT

July / August 2023

Dear Friends

It seems that summer has actually arrived. For once, 'flaming June' was just that, but a lot of us found the heat difficult to cope with and we long for some rain so that crops can grow.

Traditionally, July and August has been the holiday season, although those of us who no longer have children of school age often take breaks at times other than the school holidays.

In Exodus 20:8-11 we read: *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

According to the Biblical narrative when God revealed the Ten Commandments to the Israelites at Mount Sinai, they were commanded to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy by not doing any work and allowing the whole household to cease from work. This was in recognition of God's act of creation and the special status that God had conferred on the seventh day during the week in which the world was created.

The Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament) portrays the Sabbath concept both in terms of resting on the seventh day and allowing land to lie fallow during each seventh year. The motivation is described as going beyond a sign and remembrance of Yahweh's original rest during the creation week and extends to a concern that one's servants, family, and livestock be able to rest and be refreshed from their work. In addition to the instruction to rest on each seventh day and seventh year, periods of seven days are often relevant aspects of Biblical instructions. For example, the quarantine period

for suspected skin diseases after initial examination by a priest was seven days, after which the priest would re-examine the skin and pronounce the person clean or unclean. The Torah describes disobedience to the command to keep the Sabbath day holy as punishable by death and failing to observe Sabbath years would be compensated for during the captivity that would result from breaking covenant. The Torah also describes how special bread was to be set out before Yahweh Sabbath by Sabbath and describes Sabbath day offerings.

In Christianity, the Sabbath is a day set aside for rest and worship. The practice was associated with the assembly of the people to worship in synagogues on the day known as Shabbat.

Early Christians, at first mainly Jewish, observed the seventh-day Sabbath, Saturday, with prayer and rest, but gathered on the first day, Sunday, for communal worship. At the beginning of the second century the Church Father Ignatius of Antioch, approved non-observance of the Sabbath. The now majority practice of Christians is to observe Sunday, rather than the Jewish seventh-day Sabbath as a day of rest and worship.

Except that is very difficult. Sunday is often a very busy day, particularly for those of us who lead and attend worship. We will often try and fit in all sorts of things because the rest of the week is even more busy. And yet, the principle of keeping the Sabbath is very important. When we don't take time to rest, we become over-stretched (over-stressed?) and some people experience burn-out. This is why we take holidays, to give ourselves time to rest and recover from the stresses and strains of everyday life.

So, I challenge you: can you, over the next two months, keep the Sabbath? Can you find one day in the week just for you, when you are not running around and filling up your time with lots of things?

And can you do this every week? It is really hard to do. Non-conformists/protestants have often been brought up to think it is a sin to be idle. We think it is virtuous to fill up every minute of every day with activity. But that is incorrect theology. When asked what is the greatest and first commandment, Jesus replies, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind'. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Jesus is commanding you to love

yourself first. And maybe, if you can do this for two months, it will become a habit that will continue.

And yes. I need to do this, too!

Meg

Rev Meg Burton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY		
Sunday 2 nd	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Rev Meg Burton – Holy Communion United Service with St John's
Monday 3 rd	10.30 – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 9 th		
Monday 10 th	10.30 – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 16 th	11.00 am	* Morning Worship – Own Arrangement – Action For Children
Monday 17 th	10.30 – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 23 rd		
Monday 24 th	10.30 – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 30 th	3.00 pm	Morning Worship Café Style – Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook
Monday 31 st	10.30 – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning

* See below



Action For Children – Yvonne will have gift envelopes available for a retiring collection, if anyone wishes to give a donation for the work of Action For Children.

AUGUST		
Sunday 6 th	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Rev Alan Hindmarch – Holy Communion
Monday 7 th	10.30 – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 13 th		
Monday 14 th	10.30 – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 20 th	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Judy Smith
Monday 21 st	10.30 – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 27 th		
Monday 28 th	10.30 – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Monday 28 th	8.30 – 11.00 am	St John's August Fayre and Car Boot

Advance Date

Saturday 9th September, 10 am – 12 noon. Bric-a-brac and table top sale.
Tables £5 each – please book with Eddie (733288)

Congratulations!



Eddie Croot has been recognised by Bassetlaw Council for Voluntary Services (BCVS) for his work with our Boy's Brigade and Girl's Association.

BCVS recently held a Volunteer Awards Ceremony to 'recognise and thank some of the most dedicated and inspirational volunteers in Bassetlaw'. There were 77 nominations from members of the public, covering 8 categories. A total of 12 people received awards, including Eddie, who received an award for Supportive Volunteer of the Year.

Eddie has been involved in our Boy's Brigade since it began in October 1983, and has been Captain for 25 years. We will be celebrating the company's 40th anniversary later in the year.

The award was a complete surprise to him until the night before, and his daughter Sarah was able to join him to cheer him on - and take some photos.

Many congratulations Eddie – it is thoroughly deserved.

The wording on the certificate says:

'In recognition of your dedication and exceptional commitment as a Bassetlaw volunteer.'

RAINBOWS GARDENING PROJECT

In the last few weeks the Rainbows have begun a project to help them understand where fruit and veg comes from and the seasons in which we eat things. In the courtyard at the back of church they have put three wooden pallets, which they've painted with pictures, then planted up. They plan to grow flowers, tomatoes and strawberries and – to quote Emilie, their leader – "anything else that will survive!" There is also a bug house, and the girls have made their own watering cans.

In preparation for all this, the Boy's Brigade & Girl's Association spent an evening weeding and cleaning up the area. A big thank you to them for doing this, and especially to Andreea and her four boys who returned another day to finish off and remove some of the rubbish.

Please do go outside and have a look what the young people and their helpers have done, and see the project 'blossom' over the weeks.



LIGHTHOUSES AND PIERS (Yvonne)



Long ago, lights in windows or flaming beacons would warn sailors of rocks. The first true tower lighthouse in 300 BC was Pharos of Alexandria, one of the ancient wonders of the world.

Britain had a Roman lighthouse at Dover, Kent. At St Michael's Mount in Cornwall, the monk's lantern was mounted at the top of the central church tower. Today, height, powerful bulbs and movement all help visibility and the foghorn warns of danger.



Flamborough Head lighthouse has a visitor centre. The Spurn lightship, a historical Hull ship which acted as a floating lighthouse, has been restored and returned to the city marina and will reopen as a floating museum in summer 2023.

Grace Darling was a lighthouse keeper's daughter on the Farne Islands. She and her father rowed two miles in a violent storm on a heroic rescue to a shipwrecked passenger steamer with 60 people.



There are over 50 Victorian pleasure piers along Britain's coastline. They were originally built as a landing point for ships and boats. They often had ornate pavilions with ironwork and lights.

Southend-on-Sea has the longest pier in the world and a railway. Cleethorpes pier was financed by Manchester, Sheffield & Lincolnshire railways. During the war a hole was blasted in the decking to prevent the structure being accessed by Germans who may arrive by ship. Blackpool has three piers. Locals and tourists can now walk over the waves to visit amusements, penny arcades, funfairs, rides and restaurants. There are often end of the pier shows and concerts and occasional firework displays.

Fishing is a popular pastime. Cromer pier is popular with children fishing for crabs.



Original Colwyn Bay Pier, built 1900

Seaside nostalgia is building sandcastles with buckets and spades, paddling in the sea, donkey rides, Punch and Judy shows, sticks of rock, candy floss, fish'n'chips and ice cream cornets.

RECIPE CORNER (Yvonne)



Easy baked fish

Chunky white fish fillets
Fresh breadcrumbs
Grated lemon rind
Chopped chives
Spoon of olive oil
Seasoning

Place fish fillets on a greased baking sheet.
Mix together all other ingredients and pile onto fillets. Cook in preheated oven 200°C/400°F/Gas Mk 6 for 12-15 minutes until the fish is cooked and the topping golden.
Serve with chips or mashed potato.

Knickerbocker Glory

You'll need tall glasses & long spoons.
Put chopped fruit e.g. strawberries, grapes, peaches and melon in bottom of glasses.
Add 2-3 scoops of vanilla ice cream.
Pour over raspberry sauce.
Top with clotted cream or thick whipped cream.
Add a cherry & wafer.

The Wonder of Diversity

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

Romans 12: 4–6

I love seashells. They're scattered all over our house, although more in the bathroom than anywhere else – I hope they feel at home there with all that water. I've bought a few, net bags of small pretty shells on seaside promenades, but the bigger and impressive ones I've collected myself.

My work took me all over the world. I've shells I found on isolated beaches in Africa, in Indonesia and Papua New Guinea – places where it's all blue sea, white sand, coconut palms and no tourists. Packing could be a problem. I've given away good shirts to make room for a special shell.

I'm not terribly interested in naming or classifying them; it's the diversity, the fantastic beauty of shape and pattern and colour that grabs me. The whorls and cones and spikes, differences that make each one unique. And when we think of the animals who not only lived in them but made them, it all adds to the wonderful variety of nature.

And diversity is important whether it's seashells or humans. Although when it comes to humans, we sometimes expect people, especially those who enter our communities from outside, to conform to the way we do things. Yet it's the differences that make up the wonder of life. Accept and rejoice in our differences. It makes us all richer, and makes the world a better place.

Lord of surprises, help me to rejoice in difference.
After all, you made it.



Eddie Askew (2007)

A Summer Prayer



As we rejoice in summer recreation,
bless, loving God, those whose lives feel destroyed.

As we find a stillness for rest and refreshment,
bless, loving God, those whose lives are defined by relentless care.

As we delight in new places visited on holiday,
bless, loving God, those imprisoned by poverty of wealth or ambition.

As we find adventure in activities both fun and frightful,
bless, loving God, those for whom illness and incapacity have become barriers.

As we find refreshment from routines and daily rituals,
bless, loving God, those whose lives can never find free space or time.

Amen

Roots Resources

Looking for a space to hire?

**CARLTON
METHODIST CHURCH & CENTRE
High Road**



Rooms of various sizes – Kitchen and toilet facilities – Lift

Ground floor room (Wesley) is also an ideal venue for children's parties

Interested? Need further details? Please speak to Eddie on 01909 733288



Wesley (downstairs)



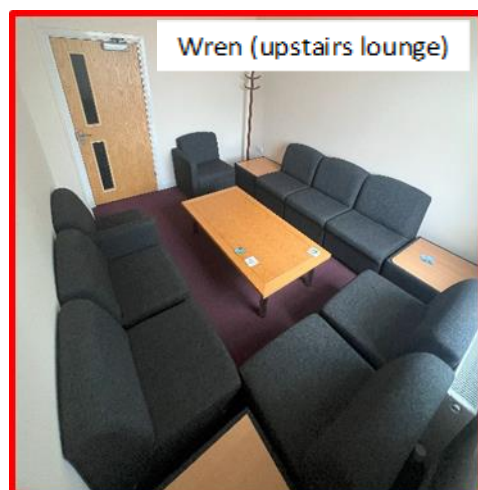
Kitchen (downstairs)



Kendrick (upstairs)



Bell (upstairs office)



Wren (upstairs lounge)

**Free
Wi-Fi**

Eddie has compiled a Treasure Hunt for the BB&GA, which he has also shared with the other youth groups. We include it here, if you would like to have a go at it over the summer, starting from the Church & Centre.

From the Church & Centre turn right and go up High Road in front of the Sherwood Ranger

1. Name the 3 businesses on the other side of the road.
2. How many roads are reached from Chapel Gate?
3. The Blue Bell won a national award in 2022. What was it for?
4. Name the 2 houses between 132A and 134 High Road.
5. At Bombay Spice, how many flag poles are in the car park and how many spices are pictured?

Turn Down Greenway

6. There is a Copper Beech planted on the Green. Why?
7. Whose name is on the blue plaque at Greystones?
8. What is pictured at:

The Croft

(Turn up The Cross)

Bluewater Cottage

Meeting House

9. What is the large pet at the Old Post Office?
10. Name the farmhouse.

Return to the Church & Centre

QUIZ TIME



Trees Answers

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|---------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Oak | 5. Jay | 9. California | 13. Lime trees |
| 2. Rowan | 6. Fig | 10. Jack Fruit | 14. Yews |
| 3. Asia | 7. Arboretum | 11. Charles II | 15. Willow tree |
| 4. Eucalyptus | 8. Dates | 12. Five | |
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British Seaside Towns

1. In which seaside town is The Grand Hotel? At its opening in 1867, it was the largest hotel in Europe.
 2. Which town's biggest tourist attraction is a headland known as the Great Orme?
 3. In which town was the first Butlin's holiday camp opened in 1936?
 4. Which unusual place name in Devon comes from the title of a Charles Kingsley novel?
 5. The Osmington White Horse is a limestone hill figure just north of which seaside town sometimes known as 'the first resort'?
 6. Which town is famous for its illuminations, including trams decorated with lights?
 7. The term "Gem of the Norfolk Coast" is associated with which traditional seaside resort?
 8. Mumbles is a headland sited on the western edge of which UK city?
 9. Which town sometimes dubbed the "Pearl of Dorset" is noted for its Fossil Beach and harbour wall, known as The Cobb?
 10. Which town famous for its beautiful beach has also been home to some of the greatest sculptors and artists including Turner, Barbara Hepworth, and Henry Moore?
 11. What connects Gary Barlow in 1999, Westlife in 2000, Steps in 2001 and Geri Halliwell in 2004?
 12. Combe Martin is a village 4 miles east of which well-known North Devon seaside town?
 13. Which town would you visit to walk along the longest pleasure pier in the world?
 14. Mousehole is a village and fishing port approximately 2.5 miles south of which town?
 15. Sandown Beach and its traditional British seafront is one of the most popular places to visit in which county?
 16. In which seaside town can you visit The Dracula Experience?
 17. West Sands Beach, which features in the opening scene of the film *Chariots of Fire*, is in which Scottish town?
 18. Which seaside resort on the Wirral in Merseyside has the UK's longest promenade?
 19. In which unusual village in North Devon do residents move everything up and down their famous steep cobbled street on sledges?
 20. Which village on the coast of Northumberland is notable for the nearby castle and for its connection with Victorian heroine Grace Darling, who is buried there?
 21. In which seaside town can you follow the 'Agatha Christie Mile' walking trail?
 22. Which coastal town is located on the Irish Sea, 4-miles to the east of Rhyl?
 23. Which seaside town was a title of a UK single released in 1982 and is also the location of the Turner Contemporary art gallery?
 24. Historically a town in its own right, Portobello is now a coastal suburb of which city?
 25. In which seaside town on the Isle of Thanet in Kent, did Charles Dickens write *David Copperfield* while staying at Bleak House?
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Be still, and know that I am God

Psalm 46:10



Closing date for items for September Contact – Monday 21st August

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Feeding of the 5,000

Hello

Have you been on a picnic? I want to tell you about thousands of people who enjoyed a picnic that they didn't expect. Jesus had become well-known for his teaching and for the fact that he healed people. When the people heard that he was out in the countryside many people went out to find him. When they found him he healed many people of different illnesses. He also talked to the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Eventually, the disciples called Jesus aside and reminded him that it was getting late and the people would need to eat. They were in a remote spot and it was a long way for all the people to get to where they could buy food. There was no transport – they would have to walk for many hours in some cases. Jesus said to the disciples, "You give them something to eat." They were astonished at this! "What food do you have?" Jesus asked. "There is a boy here who has five small loaves and two fish." Peter replied.

Jesus said, "Bring the food to me. Now tell the people to sit down in large groups." He took the loaves and looked up to heaven. He thanked God for the food. He then broke the bread and gave it to the disciples to give to the people. He did the same with the fish. Everybody ate until they were full. Jesus then told the disciples to gather up the waste. They did this and were amazed to gather twelve baskets full of food.

What a picnic!

What a Miracle!

God bless you.

Rev Alan
(Chaplain – 1st Carlton Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association)

Here's a coded puzzle about this story.

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.
Use the grid to reveal the coded words.

J	R	D	P	E	N	C	Q	S	M	Y	I	H	W	F	L	A	G	U	X	O	V	T	Z	K	B
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 7-2-21-14-3 _____
- 4-5-21-4-16-5 _____
- 16-21-17-22-5-9 _____
- 15-12-9-13 _____
- 23-14-5-16-22-5 _____
- 26-17-9-25-5-23-9 _____
- 16-5-15-23 _____
- 26-21-11 _____



Can you unscramble the letters to find
seven things you might have on a picnic.

(There's space to draw them too.)

W A S H S I N C E D

S I P R S C

R I F U T

S E A L G A L U S O R

R N D K I

T A T E O S M O

A K E C

For reflection, here are the Lectionary readings and an appropriate hymn
for each Sunday in July and August

Sunday 2nd July
(13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time)

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

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Sunday 9th July
(14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time)

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who are in want are blest.

2 For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
its grateful honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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Sunday 16th July
(15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time)

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

See overleaf for hymn

1 What shall we offer our good Lord,
poor nothings, for his boundless grace?
Fain would we his great name record
and worthily set forth his praise.

2 Great object of our growing love,
to whom our more than all we owe,
open the fountain from above,
and let it our full souls o'erflow.

3 Open a door which earth and hell
may strive to shut, but strive in vain;
let thy word richly in us dwell,
and let our gracious fruit remain.

4 O multiply the sower's seed!
And fruit we every hour shall bear,
throughout the world thy gospel spread,
thy everlasting truth declare.

5 So shall our lives thy power proclaim,
thy grace for every sinner free;
till all the world shall learn thy name,
shall all stretch out their hands to thee.

August Gottlieb Spangenberg (1704-1792)
translated by John Wesley (1703-1791)

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Sunday 23rd July

(16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time)

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

1 Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
Fruit and crops are gathered in
safe before the storms begin:
God our maker will provide
for our needs to be supplied;
come, with all his people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

2 All the world is God's own field,
harvests for his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown
here for joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear --
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall bring his harvest home;
he himself on that great day,
worthless things shall take away,
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his care for evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come --
bring your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there together purified,
ever thankful at your side --
come, with all your angels, come,
bring that glorious harvest home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871)
adapted by Compilers of Hymns for Today's Church

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Sunday 30th July

(17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time)

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

God's power and glory
in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

2 The kingdom of God
is mercy and grace,
the prisoners are freed,
the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened
in place of despair.

1 The kingdom of God
is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores
what sin would destroy;

3 The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice,
believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
brought Christ to his
cross,
our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun,
in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call,
and all things cry glory
to God all in all!

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

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Sunday 6th August

(18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

1 In a byre near Bethlehem,
passed by many a wandering stranger
the most precious Word of Life
was heard gurgling in a manger,
for the good of us all.

*And he's here when we call him,
bringing health, love and laughter,
to life now and ever after,
for the good of us all.*

2 By the Galilean Lake
where the people flocked for teaching,
the most precious Word of Life
fed their mouths as well as preaching,
for the good of us all.

3 Quiet was Gethsemane,
camouflaging priest and soldier;
the most precious Word of Life
took the world's weight on his shoulder,
for the good of us all.

4 On the hill of Calvary --
place to end all hope of living --
the most precious Word of Life
breathed his last and died, forgiving,
for the good of us all.

5 In a garden, just at dawn,
near the grave of human violence,
the most precious Word of Life
cleared his throat and ended silence,
for the good of us all.

John L. Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (b.1958)

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Sunday 13th August

(19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Roman 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

4 With that deep hush subduing all
our words and works that drown
the tender whisper of thy call,
as noiseless let thy blessing fall
as fell thy manna down.

5 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

6 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

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Sunday 20th August

(20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands then all the human race,
whate'er your nation be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham, pseud. (1852-1941)

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Sunday 27th August

(21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 1:8 0 2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

- 1 The Saviour, when to heaven he rose,
in splendid triumph o'er his foes,
scattered his gifts on us below,
and wide his royal bounties flow.
- 2 Hence sprung the apostles' honoured name,
sacred beyond heroic fame;
in lowlier forms, to bless our eyes,
pastors from hence, and teachers rise.
- 3 From Christ their varied gifts derive,
and, fed by Christ, their graces live;
while, guarded by his mighty hand,
midst all the rage of hell they stand.
- 4 So shall the bright succession run
through the last courses of the sun;
while unborn Churches by their care
shall rise and flourish large and fair.
- 5 Jesus our Lord their hearts shall know --
the Spring whence all these blessings flow;
pastors and people shout his praise
through all the round of endless days. Amen.

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

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Be still
& know
that I am
God

Psalm 46:10