



19th July 2020
Sixth Sunday
after Trinity



Morning Worship

Lead: Gill Clayton
Preach: Rick Simpson

**The Holy Spirit –
Riding the Storm**

Acts 27: 13-26 Mark 4: 35-41

Church opening: The church is open every day between 9am & 4pm. Exemplary safety precautions have been put in place so everyone is encouraged to make use of this special space.

PCC has agreed that the provision of the "virtual service" will continue for at least the next few weeks and, running concurrently, **from 26th July we will present the service in church** if people would prefer to attend St Mary's. The service will be identical to the one sent to everyone and it is most likely that those leading, preaching and presenting the intercessions will not be present in church. It may be helpful to print and bring your own copy with you. Social distancing requires that numbers in St Mary's are limited so it will be necessary for you to call Chris Brown on 01642-587800 to "book in" and help ensure that we remain compliant with current guidelines. As with all ventures into group activity, names and contact details will be taken and held for 21 days in case there is a requirement to track and trace. Full access procedures will be explained to everyone who will be attending.

It is a case of taking small steps towards the reintroduction of normal services that started with the successful resumption of Tuesday@10 and PCC will need to further consider all the ramifications of holding services before we can properly resume.

PCC: Our PCC meeting was held on Wednesday 15th July as a Zoom meeting. A broad range of matters were discussed, many of which are reported on here or in coming weeks. Whilst "keeping the show on the road", online meetings present as many challenges as solutions and we are hoping that the next PCC will be held in the Wilson Centre on Wednesday 16th September.

July Sermon Series: Our sermon theme for the month of July is **the Holy Spirit**, a gift from God, the inner transformer of human lives. We will be focusing mainly on the account written by Luke in the book of Acts, sometimes referred to as, "The Acts of the Holy Spirit", as the Holy Spirit is referred to more than fifty times in this one book, particularly in relation to baptism with the Holy Spirit, being filled with the Holy Spirit and being led by the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian is manifold, hopefully this four week taster will encourage us all to study further.

Today's service: We are trying to enable the St Mary's congregation to come together whilst kept apart during this troubling and extended time. Alongside this notice sheet, we have produced a "virtual service" led this week by Gill Clayton with the sermon from Rick Simpson (Archdeacon of Auckland). You should all have received this download at least once and we hope you can all join us on Sunday morning for our "virtual service".

Service hymns: The hymns have been chosen because the words are important but if you want to listen (or sing along) just Google the hymn name and it will provide a choice of renderings you can listen to.

St Mary's Prayer Chain: If you want urgent prayer support, contact our Prayer Chain through Cheryl Moore on cheryl.moore3@ntlworld.com or 01642 784645. She will arrange for the request to be sent round the prayer chain. If you wish to join the Prayer Chain as someone who will commit to pray in strict confidence when urgent requests are made, please speak with Cheryl who will add you to the distribution list.

Pastoral Care: If anyone needs, or knows someone who needs pastoral care, please call Jen Meadows on 01642-582405 and she will arrange contact from a pastoral team member

Regular Giving: Now, more than ever, our church needs us to make a regular financial commitment towards the costs of keeping St Mary's running even if we aren't able to open for a while. If you decide to give a regular amount to St Mary's each month then simply set up a standing order to the **St Mary's bank account 03031853 at sort code 558144 quoting your name as reference** and let Lewis know so that he can reconcile the accounts and ensure Gift Aid can be claimed where possible.

Focal Minister: There will be quite a long period until a replacement for John Lambert can be in place so in the meantime, Paul Clayton will continue as Focal Minister. The Area Dean, Paul Neville remains in temporary control but he has his own commitments to fulfil so please direct all Ministry enquiries to Paul Clayton in the first instance.

Tom Whitfield: The ceremony of interring Tom's ashes will take place on Wednesday at 2pm in the Memorial Garden. The ceremony only takes a few minutes with the family in attendance but if anyone would like to attend, please contact Paul Clayton as he is conducting the service and will be responsible for ensuring that numbers remain compliant with regulations. A full Memorial Service will be held for Tom as soon as we can hold proper services again.

St Mary's School: At the end of the Summer term, 19 pupils have left St Mary's school for secondary education and we are pleased to have provided each of them with a bible as a leaving gift.

'WORD FOR TODAY': Some of you have picked up this little booklet from the back of church and found it helpful. The next edition (from 1st August) is available now. Jane has obtained a supply of these booklets and has distributed some around the village. A few spares have been left inside St Mary's.

SITUATIONS WANTED – CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM FROM THE GOSPELS?

Ex-Leper. Now healthy. Seeks employment. Good at begging, wailing, accosting people in streets, looking pale and sickly. Would like to get into accountancy.

Ex-Pig Farmer. Needs work due to sudden drowning of livestock.

Prodigal Son. Desperately seeking work due to cashflow problem. Any work considered. Well, almost anything, I'm not too keen on pigs.

Reformed Tax Collector. Honest job required. I have excellent numeracy skills and take up little space in the office, due to my diminished stature. No embezzlement please. I'm better now.

Easing lockdown: If you want to exercise and maintain social distancing, there's plenty of space in the churchyard. Once there you will notice there are many jobs that need attention so if you happen to have a pair of loppers with you, the sycamore on the left could do with a tidy up and also some overhanging branches require cutting back around the Memorial Garden. If you happen to be carrying secateurs you could expend some energy on the Memorial rose garden or if you by some chance have a strimmer in your pocket, the memorial stones could do with a haircut (mind the flowers). The two benches also need attention before they fall into disrepair but that might have to wait until we are over the present hurdle.

Pass on a Notice Sheet: Everyone who attends St Mary's and has e-mail receives this notice sheet electronically. There are a few who are not online and you can see who these are from the recent contact sheet. If you live nearby, please print off a copy and pass it on. Similarly, if you know anyone who is an occasional visitor or who you know would like to have our church's presence at this time, please print them a copy.

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