



St Oswald's Church Worship and News Sheet

18th October 2020



Introduction

A strange time for us all but still much to be thankful for and especially to our farmers whom we particularly remember at this time of year. That will be the theme at our All Age Worship Harvest service this Sunday at 10.30am. We look forward to welcoming all of you who are able to join us on Zoom. Please follow the link given on the covering email to join us. All are most welcome and there will be opportunities to chat afterwards!

There will be an earlier service of Holy Communion in church at 8.30am on the theme of 'Luke the Evangelist'.

Harvest gifts.

It's not too late to contribute non-perishable gifts to Thirsk Community Works (formerly the Clock). There are some cardboard boxes at the back of church into which you can place any contributions. If you are unable to get out but want to contribute, Helen Irving has kindly suggested that you could contact her (telephone 01845 524308) and she will collect from you.

St Oswald's Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for the annual meetings on 22 November. Between now and 25 October you need to contact Elizabeth Worsnop on 01845 525567 if you are not on the electoral roll and wish to have your name added, or that of anyone in your family who

will be 16 before 22 November. Likewise, if you have moved house since April 2019 please contact Elizabeth to check that your details are up to date.
The new roll will be published in church after revision.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be on Sunday 22nd November. Please make a note of this in your diaries. If you would like to consider joining the Parochial Church Council (PCC), please let us know. A separate notice will follow.

Call to worship

Sing to the Lord, and praise him,
proclaim his glory to all the world,
for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.
Sing to the Lord, sing a new song to the Lord.

Hymn: We plough the fields and scatter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccVEjKfKAV4>

Readings for Sunday 18th October (Trinity 19)

Readings: Isaiah 45: 1-7
 Psalm 96:1-9
 1 Thess 1: 1-10
 Matthew 22: 15-22

Song (from Psalm 45): My heart is full of admiration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eu3dABToGYI>

Reflection

Please follow this link to find a reflection for Sunday 18th October. This reflection is based on the alternative Gospel passage for today : Luke 10: 1-9

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/news-events/news/sunday-reflection-with-the-canon-missioner-of-york-minster/>

Song: Harvest Samba!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqpkWsR6Yew>

Prayers (from rootsontheweb)

Thanksgiving

Gracious God,
we give thanks for the example of the first Christians
who showed courage in the face of suffering,
and drew others to believe in the true and living God,
and in the power of the name of Jesus.
May we be living examples of the transforming power
of the love of God.
Amen.

Confession

Forgive us, dear Lord,
when we have short-changed you and those around us:
when the world's values have been imprinted on our lives
and not the face of your Son.
Forgive us and challenge us to live with integrity
and to serve you in humility and trust.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Intercessions

Gracious God, you call your children by name and know our every need.

We pray for those who find themselves in dark places at this time:
for those enfolded by grief,
for those struggling with illness,
for those weighed down with stress,
for those who feel alienated or abandoned,
for those held captive or imprisoned.
May they know the treasures of your grace.

We pray for those who are seeking and searching at this time:
for those seeking for truth,
for those struggling for justice,
for those striving for peace,
for those longing for life in all its fullness.
May the riches of your love bring them completeness.

We pray for those who do not know you:
for those who have never heard the message of your saving love,
for those for whom God is a swearword,
for those so consumed by the things of the world
that they are oblivious to the treasures of your kingdom,
for those who once professed faith with confidence
and now don't know what or who to believe.
May they come to know the one who calls them by name.

Gracious God, bring forth treasures in darkness and riches in secret places, we pray.
Amen.

A personal prayer

I will choose you, Lord.
I will see your power in the sweeping tides,
your gentleness in summer rain,
your hope in every sunrise,
your grace in rest.

I will choose you, Lord,
when hurts confuse me,
when I doubt my decisions,
when I'm afraid of the consequences,
when I feel blind.

I will choose you, Lord,
for you have already lived this life,
you already know my hopes and fears,
you already held out your arms for me.
you already chose me.

Amen.

Collect (Trinity 19)

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn: Come ye thankful people come

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--xl8evsJk8>

A sending out prayer

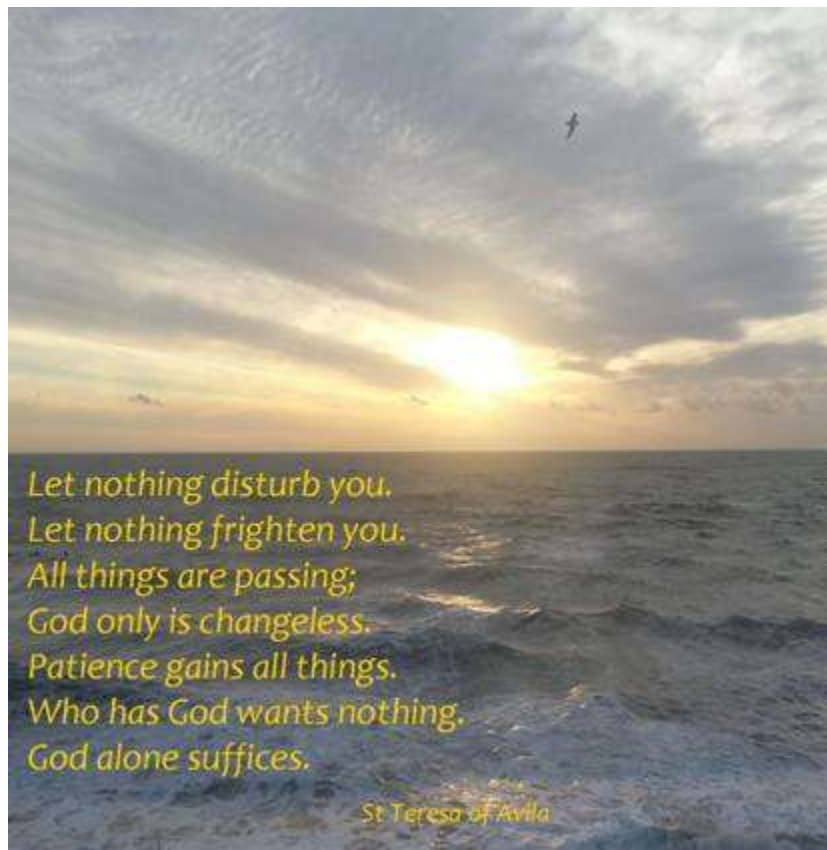
Into a world of confusion and disbelief,
into a world of welcome and rejection,
we take the grace of God that has been among us,
and the peace of God that has been on our hearts.
Amen.



Birthdays and Celebrations

If you have a birthday or a special anniversary during October please let Helen Irving know (helen@helenirving.co.uk or 01845 524308)





*Let nothing disturb you.
Let nothing frighten you.
All things are passing;
God only is changeless.
Patience gains all things.
Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.*

St Teresa of Avila

Thank you for your ongoing financial support for St Oswald's and the diocese.

Don't forget there is a new on-line giving page available at:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/fdc4c603-bdcf-4c89-94bc-c3507cdc8968>