



WED (Weedon, Everdon and Dodford) Weekly Worship-~~together-apart~~

August 9th 2020

This Sunday is the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

The Gospel reading: Matthew 14.22-33

Theological thoughts:

Just like last week we have Jesus trying to get away for some peace and quiet – and this time he succeeds. He is left alone, and the disciples go back to the boat. Perhaps they were expecting Jesus to join them, but the boat gets blown into the middle of the lake. Whatever actually happened next, it can be described as Jesus, noticing the disciples struggling with the storm, coming to meet them in their difficulty. Most of the disciples decide to stay in the storm-tossed boat, but Peter steps out into the waves to be with Jesus. And he is fine – until he starts to think more about his fear than his faith in Jesus. And then he starts to sink. A last, anguished prayer brings Jesus to his side to save him.

Most of us have experience of being in storm-tossed boats – if not in the water, then when life becomes rough and scary. There are parallels here with our current situation – an unexpected virus, having to cope with difficult circumstances, tossed about by rules that chop and change, and possibly a little bit scared about how long we may have to cope with this, and whether we'll get out of it alive. This passage gives us an answer to all that – never let the fear overcome the faith, and keep our eyes on Jesus, and not on the storms around us.

Church worship this week:

Sunday August 9th	9.30am	Weedon	Holy Communion (said)
	11.00am	Dodford	Holy Communion (said)

Livestream from Weedon this Sunday – click on <https://youtu.be/VkZMzOWxlwc>

Morning Prayer on Friday by Zoom: Meeting ID 795 8348 6202 Password KIT2020

Collect for today:

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer pointers:

- For Beirut – all those injured, grieving and homeless after the explosion at the port
- For those suffering from the ‘hidden’ disasters in our world that also kill – poverty, disease, violence
- For those bringing help to those in need
- For safety and protection for those coming out of shielding
- For those trying to find solutions to the effects of Covid
- For those places where infections are rising – and Northampton, an area of concern
- For refreshment, renewal and safety for those taking holidays
- For Molly and Tim, married in Everdon church on August 8th
- The Church of England prayer for these times:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of Your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious;
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we might find comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us from Your love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

P.S. (Positive Soulfood):

Whilst at the Food Bank this week, I was jokingly asked if God was social distancing. Before I could answer with something suitably Vicar-ish, I was beaten to it by someone else (who rarely, if ever, comes to church) breaking in with ‘No. I know He’s not – because He’s been holding me close for the last two difficult weeks’. There’s nothing I could add to that really.



Keep well, keep others well, keep praying