



CHRISTCHURCH STOCKTON

at St Chad's Roseworth, and St John's Durham Road

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2026 - TRINITY + 13

A Prayer for our Parish

As we plan and make decisions, Lord,
be our way.
As we learn and ask questions,
Lord, be our truth.
As we grow and as we change,
Lord, be our life. AMEN.

SUNDAY SERVICE - 11:00AM

Baptism of
Ellie Joan and Brooke Ivy
followed by Holy Communion

TODAY'S MESSAGE...

Why read the Bible ?

Nick Green



Why Bother Reading the Bible?
Let's be honest: the Bible can look rather daunting. It is a big book, written a very long time ago, and some parts are easier to understand than others. So why do millions of people still read it—and why should we?

Christians believe the Bible is one of the main ways God speaks to us. Through its stories, poetry, wisdom and letters, we discover what God is like, why the world is as it is, and where we fit into it all. Above all, it points us towards Jesus.

That does not mean leaving our brains at the door or pretending we never have questions.

The Bible can comfort us, surprise us and sometimes unsettle us. Often the best way to explore it is with other people, where we can say what we really think and learn from one another.

That makes this Sunday's Alpha theme particularly timely, because our Bible Conversations begin at St John's this week. They are relaxed, friendly gatherings for anyone who is curious—even if they have hardly opened a Bible before.

Why not come along, bring a friend, or simply open the Bible again for yourself? You might be surprised by what—and who—you discover.

The COLLECT

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
you feed your children with
the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us
through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst
are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Gospel... Luke 24 (New International Version)

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Holding in Prayer...

those who have recently fallen ill:

- Beth Carr
- Michelle James
- James
- Ruth
- Alfie
- Steven Jones
- Margaret
- Hazel
- Sandy Johnson
- Simon Letchford
- Laura Walker
- Steve Fox
- Lorraine McKew
- Susan
- Debbie Dunning
- Albert Swales
- Lisa Brown
- Anne Brown
- Tracey Porritt
- Doreen Moore
- Rachel Frost
- Byron
- Greta Longstaff
- Patricia
- Janet
- Peter Noble
- Doreen Muirhead
- Val Parker
- Connie & Malcolm R
- Paula Ramsdale
- Ame
- Alison
- Olwyn
- Terry
- Jamie
- Gill Moody
- Jackie
- Colin
- Keith
- Angie
- Sarah
- Christine

This week:

Tuesday 1 Sept

10am Holy Communion @ JtB

11am Chat&Chew @ JtB

Chad's Pantry

Thurs 9.30am—11.00am

Sunday 9.30am—10.30am

Next Sunday

6 September- Alpha 6

"How do I pray?"

Preside/Preach: Lana/Sam

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