



28th June 2020
3rd Sunday after Trinity

Reading for today:

Matthew Ch 10 v 40 – end

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me'

Collect for today

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our
hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service,
that we and all creation may be brought to the
glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Morning Worship at 10.30am

Today the service will be live via
Zoom. All are invited to join this
service! David will lead; Emma

Monks will read and Sam will offer a reflection.

Weekly evening prayer

Sam Nicol is on Facebook leading evening
prayers at 7 pm every Wednesday. She invites
you all to spend a few moments (or half an hour)
in prayer – from your own home. If you are busy
with other activities, then you can always say the
Lord's prayer whenever you remember, and
whatever time it is!

And church is open for private prayer
Tuesday 30th June 2020 from 5pm – 7pm.



We want to keep in touch by phone with
those who continue to self-isolate. If you
would like to receive a phone call – or
would like to encourage one of your neighbours
who might not have internet access – you can in
the first instance call Millie on 01254 853432 or
Lynn on 01772 323267. We look forward to
hearing from you.

Sunday School has asked everyone - of any age
- to send a prayer of hope, joy and happiness for
a prayer chain

via www.facebook.com/stjamesbrindle

You could also send a photo of your activities to
brindle.voice@brindlestjames.co.uk and Alison
might include them in the next eVoice.

Have you completed the Fathers' Day quiz?

From The Word - Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds
are steadfast, because they
trust in you. Trust in the Lord
forever, for the Lord, the Lord
himself, is the Rock eternal.



Devotional note by Selwyn

Hughes: "The Hebrew word translated "mind" is
actually "imagination". The imagination can be the
cause of more anxiety and trouble than any fact
of life. When Adam allowed his imagination to
focus on himself he took the first step that
disrupted his personality and caused faith to flow
out and fear to flow in. Faith is putting God at the
centre - fear is putting self at the centre. When we
believe what Satan tells us, then fear,
discouragement and despair will flow right
through us, but when we believe what God tells
us, then faith, joy and perfect peace travel
through every nerve, muscle and sinew of our
beings."

St James' Prayer for Today

Father God, I give thanks for your gift of this new
day. I invite you to journey with me and ask you to
light the path you wish me to take. Help me to
know your love and grow in faith. Guide me to
hear the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Give me
courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son,
Jesus Christ. That I may use my gifts and talents
to help my neighbours, and to share with them
the gospel and your message of hope. Growing –
Giving – Gifts In your holy name. Amen.

Supporting good mental health

The Church of England has published some
useful and encouraging resources following the
recent focus on Good Mental Health. Copies of
podcasts are available to read on their website.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources/supporting-good-mental-health>



Some of them use a daily cup of tea
or coffee as a focus.

We could all manage that!

KIT Cards (Keep In Touch)

A selection of cards are available to send out to
support any young people aged from 11 up to 24
years known to our church family.

They offer encouragement and phone numbers if
anyone wants to talk and have been well
received.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from
knowing that they are in the minds and prayers of
Brindle St James please contact
Sue Boulton 01772 323481.

A message from the Venerable Mark Ireland, Archdeacon of Blackburn 24.6.20

Tucked away at the end of 2 Samuel chapter 24, is a little story about King David that gives a really helpful pointer about how to worship God in the time of pandemic.

In the time of King David there was a plague which had cost the lives of 70,000 people. David, as leader of the people felt responsible and so he decided to buy a field so that he could build an altar and offer burnt sacrifices so that the plague might be stopped.

The field in question belonged to a man called Araunah. But when David went and approached Araunah to buy this field from him for this very worthy cause, Araunah refused and wanted to give it to him for nothing, but King David replied in verse 24,

"No, I insist on paying for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing" King David refuses to offer worship that costs nothing, because he knows that generous giving and sacrifice are an integral part of true worship.

That's got me thinking this week. How costly is our worship? How costly is the worship I'm going to offer this weekend? We haven't been able to attend church services for over 3 months. Hopefully, that will end soon. But in that time, we've discovered ways of worshipping God online that have been a lifeline to many. But have we maintained our generous giving to God's work? Have we increased it?

The mission of the church has continued unabated all this time. Clergy have learnt new skills in leading worship online and in mastering technology. The hungry have



been fed in very practical ways through food banks and soup kitchens. The sick have been ministered to, they dying and bereaved have been offered the comfort of the Gospel of salvation

in Jesus Christ and all this work costs money.

The one thing I've noticed in all the wonderful online services that I've been able to share in is that money has scarcely been mentioned at all. It's as if our English reserve has kicked in all over again. We don't like talking about money. How different our brother and sisters for



example in the Diocese of the Free State in South Africa which I visited a while ago. There, the offertory in the townships was the most joyful part of the Eucharist, with clapping and dancing and drumming

as people gave with exuberant joy out of the little that they had.

King David knew that generous giving is an integral part of true worship and so he said, "I will not sacrifice to the

Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So how costly is the worship we're going to offer to God this weekend? Now is a good time to review how much we give and also how we give. Giving through a Standing Order is much safer than handing over cash in church which has to be collected by one person then counted by another person and put in the safe and then taken by yet another person to the bank. Giving online makes life so much easier for our hard worked treasurers and sidesmen.

May God bless you in your worship this weekend and however, or wherever we worship, let's remember the example of King David who said, I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." Amen



Money Matters

Thank you to everyone who is giving by standing order. It makes a massive difference now that the church is closed, as we have lost the way to receive gifts by envelopes or cash in the collection plate.

Brindle St. James' church bills have only reduced marginally. The Finance committee has done extensive work in considering each detail of the costs and produced a cash flow forecast.

As a church, Brindle St James relies wholly on donations to operate. We want to continue and indeed do more, strengthened by the knowledge of our fellowship and the love our Lord has for us.

We are asking that everyone considers giving by bank transfer. **And if possible, increase giving to ensure our church's ministry can continue and be sustained at the end of this health crisis. Thank you.**



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