

Hollinfare St Helen October 25 21st Sunday after Trinity

Today we welcome our area dean designate Rev Martin Cox to lead our worship
Our hymns are...

33 Angel voices ever singing Our opening hymn was written by Rev Francis Pott and it is his best-known. The music was composed by George Edwin Monk who was Master of choristers at York Minster for 25 years.

372 O Jesus I have promised (omit v 2 and 5) Rector John Bode, the writer of this hymn, when a student at Christ Church, Oxford, gave the famous Bampton Lectures ("for the exposition and defence of the Christian faith") in 1855.

90 Come down O love divine Bianco de Siena wrote this hymn during the 14th century. Five hundred years later, Richard Littledale translated his words into English.

518 The hand, O God, has guided Published in 1864, this hymn was written by Edward Plumptre and reflects on God's guidance throughout history.

This morning's readings...

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to his followers in Thessalonika

You know for yourselves brothers that our visit to you was not fruitless. Far from it. After all the injury and outrage which to your knowledge we had suffered in Phillipi we declared the Gospel of God to you frankly and fearlessly, by the help of our God. A hard struggle it was. Indeed, the appeal we make never springs from error or base motive. There is no attempt to deceive. But God has approved of us as fit to be entrusted with the Gospel and in those terms we speak.

We do not curry favour with men, we seek only the favour of God who is continually testing our hearts. Our words have never been flattering words, as you have cause to know, nor, as God is our witness, have they ever been a cloak for greed. We have never sought honour from men, from you or from anyone else, although as Christ's own envoys we might have made our weight felt. But we were gentle with you as a nurse caring fondly for her children. With such yearning love we chose to impart to you not only the Gospel of God but our very selves, so dear had you become to us. This is the word of the Lord

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Hearing that He had silenced the Sadducees the Pharisees met together and one of their number tested Him with this question: "Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind. That is the greatest commandment. It comes first. The second is like it. Love your neighbour as yourself. Everything in the law and the prophets hangs on these two commandments." Turning to the assembled Pharisees Jesus asked them "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David" they replied. "How then is it," he asked "that David by inspiration calls Him Lord? For he says 'The Lord said to my Lord sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.' If David calls him Lord how can he be David's son?" Not a man could say a word in reply and from that day forward no one dared ask him another question. This is the Gospel of the Lord

Please remember in your prayers...

Those with health problems at this time ...Bill Collins, Jackie Collins, Robert Saunders, Beryl Shaw, Margaret Stephens, Lucy Mills, Colin Mawdsley, Elizabeth Harris, Karen Stefan, Elaine Brennan, Christine Frost, Ian Massey and Louise Bennett. Those whose anniversaries occur this week: one of our former vicars Rev Anthony Oscar Corble, Anne Macaulay the wife of Rev John Macaulay, Josephine Howarth, Debbie Thomason, Sally Ann Marshall, Josephine Walker, Alice Davies, Elizabeth Gratrix, Derek Buckley Hall, Margaret Jackson and Kay Elizabeth Archer. We pray also for our founder Hamlet Massey who established our church to pray for his soul 529 years ago.