

THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH
GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, ST PAUL'S, ST MARY'S
SUNDAY 21st November 2020 Christ the King

Sunday Service Facebook at 10am.

Evening Prayer on Facebook / Youtube Thursday at 7pm.

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When I first lived in London some 40 years ago one of my treats was to go to the Tate gallery and look at one of my favourite paintings "The Great Day of His Wrath" by John Martin. This is a large painting some ten feet by six and a half feet in size and it depicts Jesus as Judge with the great and the good of Victorian society on his right and everyone else on the left going down to the pit, including a steam train!

I think the artist must have had the gospel reading for this week in mind when composing the picture. We have Jesus warning us about how we treat other people, a warning about true wealth not bricks and mortar or money in the bank but kindness, compassion and a willingness to go the extra mile.

The strange times that we are going through have brought these qualities to the fore and we don't need grand gestures to make a difference, a smile, a "good morning" extra bit of shopping to donate to the foodbank these are all going the extra mile, these are all examples of meeting Jesus wherever he is.

As Christians we are very lucky, we do not worship idols of stone and wood whatever their shape may be, we worship a living god who meets us day by day in those we meet

Amen

Fr Frank



NOTICES

Our Churches are Closed for Public Worship. We offer services online so please join us if you are able to. Online Sundays at 10am. The Minster is open 7 days a week, 10-12pm.

Cloths: Priory School who are having class assemblies at present. We need simple, plain coloured cloths (approx 4x4 ft) in green, red, purple and gold / white. Any offers to Parish Office.

Do you have a **Christmas Jumper** you no longer need? Priory School are collecting them for the children and can collect from you. Any offers to Kerry Jarmey, email address kjarmey3mr9@nsix.org.uk or phone 01493 843552. Or drop off jumpers at Rectory.

Stewardship. Income across the whole parish is much reduced this year and our finances are under great stress. Your support is vital. If you wish to set up a regular payment or make a one-off gift, account name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Yarmouth, sort code 20-99-21 and account number 60425850. Thank you.

December Services: the magazine will be released this week. Due to uncertainty over lockdown do watch this bulletin and our website for details of any services and events.

Electoral Roll is being revised. If you are a regular member of our church and wish to be added please complete a form. A form is available in all churches or contact Parish Office.

Minster Open daily from 10am-12noon for private prayer and visitors. We need helpers to keep the Minster open day by day. All volunteers are welcome, not just church members. Any offers please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Magazine: The November magazine is out now, if you have any articles for the magazine please contact Pat Stringer, email: pat.stringer1@sky.com

PARISH PRAYER LIST If anyone wants someone prayed for, ask any of the Ministry Team or the parish office. Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit or in need of God's loving care: Sheila, Brenda, Leah, David, Fleur, Della, Wendy, Bernice. Remember before God the recently departed: Lavinia Besford, Kathleen Kelly, Nigel Wetton. Pray for those who work to keep our community safe and limit the spread of the virus. Pray for all staff at James Paget Hospital and for the ministry of the chaplaincy team. Pray for our church school: St Nicholas Priory School; praying especially for staff at this difficult time.

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the
throne of heaven that he might rule
over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the
Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to
worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16. 20-24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

PSALM Psalm 95:1-7

R *Come, let us worship and bow down.*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our
salvation.
Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods. **R**

In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are
his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry
land. **R**

Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and
the sheep of his hand. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all

the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

POST COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Come, let us wor-ship and bow down.