

THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, ST PAUL'S, ST MARY'S SUNDAY 14th June 2020 1st Sunday after Trinity

There are no public services at the moment. Do make time for your own prayers.
Remember that although you may be isolated, no Christian is ever alone.

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In these days of prolonged lock down, it's not uncommon for people to report that they feel a lack of motivation and direction during this time. Some people find that they were very focused at the start as they set out to learn a new language or to dust off an old musical instrument but that the initial zeal has dwindled.

Jesus is confronted by a crowd of people in the gospel reading today who are lost and a bit bewildered. They are a people who have lost their way. They are described as being "like sheep without a shepherd" which is quite a striking image. We're used to seeing sheep penned into a field but in Jesus times this was mainly only true at night and the rest of the time they would wander with a shepherd to guide and watch over them. Therefore, a flock without a shepherd was a huge worry for all concerned and it was never likely to end well.

Looking upon the listless flock Jesus is moved to the very core of his being and he loves them. Following this he summons his disciples and gives them authority as they are sent out to gather the lost and show that God's Kingdom has come near. It is the love and compassion of Christ for the world which demands this.

We too must look upon a world of the lost and listless, wayward and wandering, despairing and desolate. This could be people affected by lock down and the isolation it brings. This could be people who cry out for justice and equality. Our compassion, if we are to be truly Christ-like, must know no boundaries but gaze upon the whole range of human existence with one thing and one thing only: Love.

With prayers and good wishes to you all,

Fr Simon



Parish Chat – every Wednesday 7-8pm for a chatty zoom - no agenda, just a chance for a catch up.

To phone in, ring [0203 481 5240](tel:02034815240)

When asked for the Meeting ID, enter 812 4549 6516 then the # button

Skip the next code it asks for by just pressing #

Then when it asks for the password enter 566513 and then #

To join online, go to Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81245496516?pwd=d1FzU3Y3b0J6TnJtN2pPc2pHQlJTZz09>

Meeting ID: 812 4549 6516 Password: Minster

This week give Fr Simon a call on [01493 858410](tel:01493858410) if you're having trouble getting in.

NOTICES

Minster Open daily from 10am-12noon for private prayer (from Monday 15 June). Please follow distancing guidelines. There are no public services yet.

Online: If you're online you can find the "Parish of Great Yarmouth" on YouTube. We'll also do live streaming on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GtYarMinster. You don't have to be signed up to Facebook to view these.

Salvation Army Foodbank needs appropriate food or cash donations: 1-3pm, Mondays & Tuesdays or call 01493 858069.

Contact During Coronavirus: Ministry Team are trying to be in touch with church members. If you, or someone you know, is in need please do make contact through the Parish Office: there are volunteers who can help people. If you have prayer requests email or phone the parish office.

Regular Giving with no weekly collection plate our income is much decreased. 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. Or please post to The Parish Office (address above)

Parish Magazine: The June magazine is out now, if you have any articles for the July issue please contact Pat Stringer.

Weekly Bulletin: This bulletin is emailed every Saturday. Contact Parish Office to be added to our circulation.

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: Wendy, Susan, David, Sheila, Brenda, Eileen. Pray for those ill with Coronavirus, for our local hospitals and all keyworkers. Pray for the work of the Pathway Cafe & Support Centre. Remember before God the recently departed: Deirdre Hogg, Marie Plane, Stephen Goodman, Phyllis Gillyland.

COLLECT

O God,
the strength of all those who put their
trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of
our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your
commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

PSALM Psalm 100

R *The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a
song.
Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL

(Short or long reading)

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, (9-23)

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed

him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

