

THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, ST PAUL'S, ST MARY'S

SUNDAY 9th August 2020 9th Sunday after Trinity

During Sunday in August there will be Services as follows:

Facebook at 10am and 11am in the Minster.

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If you were at the Sea of Galilee with the disciples and found yourself climbing out of the boat at the end of the today's gospel reading, I wonder what image would stay with you more: Jesus on the water or Peter sinking? As you drifted off the sleep that night what picture would be on your mind: the surfing saviour or the dripping disciple?

The disciples' boat is battered by wind and wave, far from the shore. Then early in the morning they see a figure walking toward them across the water. They are terrified and think a ghost is after them but Jesus speaks to reassure them. "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

We all know what Peter did next. He seeks demonstration of Jesus authenticity with an invite to join Jesus on the water, which Jesus does. Peter defies the nature and walks out toward Jesus on the surface of the lake until rapidly he notices the waves and begins to sink. Jesus, as we well know, reaches out to rescue Peter, chastising him for his lack of faith. The response of those in the boat is to worship.

Do you see Peter or Jesus? It may be a matter of which one speaks to you. We all have those weeks when we feel like we are sinking and we're battered by waves. The message comes over clear to us: Jesus has authority and we when we falter we must reach out in faith. The surfing saviour and the dripping disciple go hand in hand. We can't remove one from the other. There will be in the inevitable times of sinking feeling but it is then we must look up. Besides, if we never sank we would never know what it is to be rescued.

With prayers and good wishes to you all,

Fr Simon



NOTICES

Masks in Church: We encourage the wearing of masks if you're joining in the Minster this week. From 8th August wearing masks in places of worship will be mandatory in line with government guidance.

Donations for Pathway during the lockdown we are providing packed lunches instead of cooked meals. We are looking for donations of 'extras' like crisps, cake bars, biscuits etc, which are individually wrapped. If you would like to donate we will have a collection table in the Minster during opening times.

Minster Open daily from 10am-12noon for private prayer and visitors. Please follow distancing guidelines. There will be a Eucharist service every Sunday at 11am, until further notice. The online service will still be available at 10am. If you wish to volunteer to help keep the Minster open, contact the Parish Office.

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.

Regular Giving Our finances are under great strain at the moment. 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.

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

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: David, Sheila, Brenda, Stephen, John. Remember before God the recently departed: Jean Cliff, Michael Wheeler, Wendy Woithe, Onyinye. Pray for those ordained within the Diocese of Norwich in the past week. Pray for the work of the Pathway Cafe & Support Centre. Pray for "Filling the Gap" and all projects supporting families through the summer.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from the first book of Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill;

and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

R Show us your mercy, O Lord.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and
to the faithful, that they turn not again
to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who
fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each
other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from
heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not

believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of
your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus
Christ our Lord.



Show us your mer-cy, O Lord.