

**THE PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH**  
**GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER, ST PAUL'S, ST MARY'S**  
**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Trinity Sunday**

Services as follows: Facebook at 10am and 11am in the Minster.  
Evening Prayer on Facebook / YouTube Thursday at 7pm.

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Today's Gospel reading for Trinity Sunday recalls the visit of a respected Jewish teacher to Jesus, secretly, by night.

Nicodemus is hungry for knowledge of God, but too afraid of losing face in front of his peers to admit it or seek that knowledge openly... He knows that Jesus is very special, and values his teaching and wisdom - but still the fear of revealing that truth mean that Nicodemus sneaks around by night to spend time with Jesus. Jesus is patient with Nicodemus and tries to teach him that knowing God is connected with repentance and receiving God's Holy Spirit - the Spirit of Truth - and Nicodemus cannot grasp what he means - he is still stumbling in the dark, Jesus says 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? -Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?'... As we see, Nicodemus is already living a kind of double-life, hiding the truth from his peers -he is not ready to live completely in the truth and have the truth live in him... which means he struggles to understand even the simple truths of Jesus' testimony about earthly things... and will really stand in the way of him attaining to the amazing truths about God... But even if Nicodemus is not ready for them, Jesus doesn't give up telling him those truths- and so we have them for posterity: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'



Revd Jemma

## NOTICES

**Minster Opening times** from this week the Minster will be open Monday – Sunday (excluding Wednesday and Thursday this week), from 10am-12noon for private prayer. Please follow distancing guidelines.

Sunday Eucharist is at 11am in the Minster, along with an online service at 10am. Wednesday Eucharist this week is 10.15am at St. Paul's. If you wish to volunteer to help keep the Minster open, please contact the Parish Office.

**Minster Maintenance:** Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June, 6-8pm. All welcome for a time to work on cleaning, tidying and maintaining the Minster.

**Wednesday Recitals** will commence on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30-1.15pm. Martyn Marshall will be giving an organ recital. Please spread the word.

**Memorial Service for Arthur Bowles:** There will be a memorial service for Fr Arthur in the Minster on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

**Vestry Hour** is now open again, Saturday mornings 10am-11am by appointment. If you or anyone you know wishes to book a baptism or wedding, please call the office on 01493 858410.

**Pathway Volunteers** – if anyone is interested in volunteering at Pathway, please contact Jennifer King:07723 120850. Pathway opens Mon, Wed & Fri serving a lunch. Any amount of time you can offer will help.

**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: <https://www.facebook.com/GtYarMinster> . You don't have to be signed up to Facebook to view these.

**Regular Giving** 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 May magazine is out now, if you have any articles for the magazine please contact Pat Stringer, email: [pat.stringer1@sky.com](mailto:pat.stringer1@sky.com)

**PARISH PRAYER LIST** If anyone wants someone prayed for please ask. 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: Brenda, Wally, Claire, Nancy, Peter, Mary, Susan. Remember before God the recently departed John Mobbs, David Hewitt (brother of Michael), John Gooch, Patricia Kearley, Richard Rich, Esther Ndiongu. Pray for St Nicholas Priory School: head teacher Maria Grimmer. Pray for all staff at James Paget Hospital and all those who work to care for others

### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal  
Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to  
worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from  
all adversities;  
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 Isaiah 6:1-8

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

### PSALM Psalm 29

**R** *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*



Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare;  
in his temple all cry, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

### SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### GOSPEL John 3:1-17

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come

from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

### POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

