

St James C of E

PARISH OF ROUNDS GREEN

Sunday 17th May
2020



Worship Songs

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Praise is Rising

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioL62cqH3iM>



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[Holy Spirit We Welcome You](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDWDoe0YjVM)

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Bible reading John 14:15-21 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Bible reading John 14 15-21

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDH0o8ops0I>



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Great is the Darkness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQ8qe3CggWo>

Thought for Today

Acts 2:42-end

Click here to see a video recording of Jill's thoughts

<https://stjamesroundsgreen.com/openingtimes/our-church-services/>



Thought for Today

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2020

By Jill Macdonald

John 14: 15-21

It's true to say that we're a small fellowship at St James. I guess if everyone all came on the same Sunday we could have around 45 folk; and that's including all the children and young people.

No one person, whatever their age, is any more special than another.

We are all valued equally.

We all have a part to play in keeping our church an active witness for Christ in the Lion Farm community and beyond.

And we all have seasons:

some of us are in the very mature age bracket now and aren't able to be as practically active as we once used to be. Many of our lovely members in this group were key people in running our church years ago.



Thought for Today

John 14: 15-21

Then a few of us are in the bracket where we need to actively work for a living, and we have young families.....so, at the moment, the demand on our time means that we can't be so practically involved in running the church – that season may well come in the future! And a few of us are in the thick of things right now concerning keeping St James active and ongoing.

So, where am I going with this? What's it got to do with the Holy Spirit? Well, try and stay with me if you can!

Hopefully they will forgive me, but I'm going to use 2 people in our fellowship to illustrate what I want to say later. I don't name them because of any sort of favouritism: I mention them merely to help our understanding.....I hope!



Thought for Today

John 14: 15-21

The first is Chris.

Now I know that he's paid to be with us but if we didn't have him, our Christian presence in the community would be greatly diminished! If his salary funding stops he will have to go elsewhere to find paid work.....he's not old enough yet to retire!!

As things stand, at the moment, none of us left would be able to be out and about on Lion Farm being a Christian witness to the same extent as he is. Our Christian influence wouldn't disappear because we'd still be here, but it would certainly plummet significantly!

And because we have Chris we have Rachel – so if we lose him we lose her.

Now I know full well that somebody else would be able to operate the music machine – may be eventually, as efficiently as Rachel does. Jenny often does this for us now.

But it really isn't just a question of operating the machine. Rachel is excellently gifted in choosing appropriate songs for the day's readings; finding new songs for us to learn to keep our worship fresh; producing incidental music at the drop of a hat; and importantly keeps our worship flowing and meaningful. Without Rachel our worship would far less powerful. With her we can forget about the mechanics and relax into deeper worship.

Thought for Today

John 14: 15-21

So, would we survive if they had to move on?

Well, I'm sure we would, but certainly, initially, our effectiveness in the areas of 'community presence' and 'worship' would, in my opinion, be noticeably watered down.

Having them fully part of our fellowship means that we can 'do' and 'be' church more effectively than without them.

So, how can this help our understanding of the Holy Spirit!

Like a diamond with many facets, there is so much that could be said about God, the Holy Spirit: but for today it's suffice to say that the Holy Spirit is the very presence of God within the Christian; and he is the one who enables us to live as God wants us to live in the world. He is the powerful person of God who is on our side, working for us and with us: and he wants to be intimately connected to us on a daily basis.

However, do we really recognise his presence in us?

Do we allow him command over our lives?

We should be asking him to fill us with his almighty resurrection power when we start every day.



Thought for Today

John 14: 15-21

But do we?

If we tell people that we are Christians are they surprised because we don't seem to have values and lifestyles that are any different to them.

If we forget to acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit in us, and we don't recognise our need for his power to be fully active through us, then our witness for Jesus to those around us will be vastly diluted, perhaps lacklustre, and at worst invisible.

Without the Holy Spirit's daily empowering we may well just blend in with the way of the world, being no different to anyone else, and certainly not really being noticed for our distinctive differentness as followers of Jesus Christ. Just like the absence of Chris and Rachel with their gifts would make our Christian effectiveness as a church fellowship less dynamic, so ignoring the need to call upon the Holy Spirit for his power will make us feeble ambassadors for our Lord.

Thought for Today

John 14: 15-21

If we only allow a trickle of the Holy Spirit's power to impregnate us then our Christian 'oomph' will be much less 'oomphy'.

If we only dip our toe into the ocean's edge there's not a lot of visual impact to be seen; whereas if we go right on into the water as far as we can and vigorously splash around the resulting effect will be noticed.

At the end of the day, it's our decision as to how much we ask the Holy Spirit to fill our lives.

So, I finish with this question for us all to think about.

How much do we want to be effective for Jesus in winning those around us for Christ?

For all of us, the answer to that question will determine how regularly, and how earnestly, we ask God's Holy Spirit to fill us to overflowing: and the answer to that will result in how effective we are as Christian witnesses wherever we find ourselves.



Sunday Activity

Find the words in our Wordsearch!

COMMANDMENTS
DWELLS
FATHER
FOREVER
GIVE ANOTHER
HELPER
KEEP
LIVE
LOVE
MANIFEST
MYSELF
ORPHANS
RECEIVE
SPIRIT
TRUTH
WORLD

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Prayers

Intercessions for Easter 6 (17.05.20)

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy.

Love of the Father, love of the Son, abide in your Church.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all people and fill us with your truth and power. Make us bold and stout hearted, full of vigour and energy, vibrant witnesses to the love of Christ in our communities. Challenge any narrowness in our vision which limits and restricts your work through us in the world.

Today we join our praises with all who worship and adore you, whether known or unknown.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer



Prayers

Loving Father, you challenge the structures of the world with a justice that reaches beyond self-interest. Anoint those in power with your keen, holy sense of justice and goodness, as they make decisions which greatly affect those under their rule. Hold before them the standard of true peace and keep them faithful to the ways of your commandments.

We pray for our own government facing stiff criticism at this time over their handling of the coronavirus. Make the steps that they need to take to lead us into the future be God guided and for the benefit of all.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

Loving Son, you challenge us with a new standard to live by. Confront us with the consequences of our actions and lead us to any necessary repentance. Give us the humility and the courage to put things right as far as we are able, in order to honour you and bring reconciliation wherever possible. Restore in all people the image of your glory and may we live our lives walking in your light.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

Loving Spirit, open our spirits to our need of you to live effectively for Christ. Remind us every day to ask for a fresh outpouring of your resurrection power so that we may shine as the people of God and draw others to the new life to be found in you.

We remember especially all those who are struggling whether in body, mind or spirit. Breathe upon them your life-restoring presence: and may we all rise up to sing of your goodness and mercy.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



Worship Songs (A camp action one, make up your own dance, don't forget the air guitar and remember no one else can see your dance moves – go for IT!!!)
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[God's Love is Big](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IFSTnFMN0g>



Worship Songs

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[I Hear the Sound](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2rSway6Cgc>



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



New Songs - Some we have sung a few times and others are new to us

- Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyOJInn5SZI>
- Who You Say I Am https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n_4
- While I Wait <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkE-gEzTYJE>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKLnySMbYM>
- Great Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
- Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29lxnsgOkmQ>
- Come To the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
- Good Good Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>
- What A Beautiful Name https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM
- Do It Again https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQlITxU

If you'd like to make a song suggestion message us on the Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesroundsgreen>

Lively Uplifting Songs - to dance around the kitchen to or bop in your chair

- Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALLjNQ>
- Falling Into You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlsthBWtxAI>
- Dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkb7yf_fYDU
- This is Living <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTojDT3Ky2c>
- Real Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xUI7aVsQ>
- Deep Down <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIX19TfG07U>
- Backseat Driver https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kME_Q5V82Us
- Love Broke Thru <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42ykMcndeo>
- Move <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX1G71WK-FA>

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