

Sunday July 3rd 2022: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
For use by the Central Norfolk Circuit at 10.30 am or other suitable time.



Hymn StF 56 H&P 499

King of Glory, King of Peace / I will love thee;
and that love may never cease / I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request / thou has heard me;
thou didn't note my working breast / thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art / I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart / I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried / thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied / thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven / I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven / I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort / to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short / to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593 – 1633)



Prayer

Give thanks to God, say sorry, sit quietly and know how much he loves you.

Psalm set for today: Psalm 30

Gospel Reading set for today: Luke 10 v 1 – 11, 16 – 20

To think about

What strikes you from the Gospel passage? Read it again – now what strikes you?

Message from a Circuit friend

Here Jesus is sending out seventy men to go to towns to proclaim God's word to the people. In doing so, he instructs them on how to conduct themselves. Do not be cluttered up with material things. How often do we pack for a holiday and clothes we thought we could not do without, return unworn. If we worry too much about material things they can get in the way of the true purpose of God. We need to be on guard against distractions. How often have we gone to church, anxious to speak to people about the arrangements for an upcoming event and overlook our real reason for being at church at all. Jesus warns them against seeking to profit from their preaching. The same goes for all of us, if we only attend church to see what we can get out of it, then we are in the wrong place. God knows what we need, it is not for us to seek what we think is best for us. Once we have heard God's word we then have a great responsibility to abide by that word. To accept his invitation and live on as if it has nothing to do with our daily lives, is as good as rejecting the invitation in the first place. We have a great gift, so let us use it for the benefit of all and see the harvest home. Amen

Steve Jones (Local Preacher, and member of Holt Methodist Church)

Hymn StF 462

Come with me, come wander, come welcome the world
where strangers might smile or where stones may be hurled;
come leave what you cling to, lay down what you clutch
and find, with hands empty, that hearts can hold much:

*Sing hey for the carpenter leaving his tools! Sing hey for the pharisees leaving their rules!
Sing hey for the fishermen leaving their nets! Sing hey for the people who leave their regrets!*

Come walk in my company, come sleep by my side,
come savour a lifestyle with nothing to hide;
come sit at my table and eat with my friends,
discovering that love which the world never ends:

Come leave your possessions, come share out your treasure,
come give and receive without method or measure;
come loose every bond that's resisting the Spirit,
enabling the earth to be yours to inherit:

John L Bell and Graham Maule CCL no. 667973

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for the Methodist Church and the Connexional Team after the Methodist Conference and for the new President and Vice-President: Graham Thompson and Anthony Boateng.

We pray for our own Circuit and for our search for a new Administrator from September.

We pray too for Rev Cliff and Christine as they prepare to leave our Circuit in July and for Rev Jonny and Seb as they prepare to come to live in Holt and to serve in the Holt section.

We pray for Rev Anne on the last month of her sabbatical, for the other members of staff as they take time for holiday, refreshment and restoration, for members of our circuit churches as they have holidays this Summer – at home and abroad.

We pray for young people – those who have finished exams and are awaiting results, those who are seeking employment, those who are looking forward to new schools, colleges or university in the Autumn. We pray for all students and teachers in these last weeks of this school year.

We pray for our world, our country, our local communities, our families and friends, ourselves.

Offer to God your offertory for the week, and say the Lord's Prayer...

Hymn StF 404 H&P 315

God's spirit is in my heart / he has called me and set me apart.

This is what I have to do / what I have to do:

*He sent me to give the good news to the poor / tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
tell blind people that they can see / and set the down-trodden free,
and go tell everyone / the news that the kingdom of God has come,
and go tell everyone / the news that God's kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me / so I'm sending you out to be
my witness throughout the world – the whole of the world:

Don't carry a load in your pack / you don't need two shirts on your back;

God's workers can earn their own keep – can earn their own keep:

Don't worry what you have to say / don't worry, because on that day

God's spirit will speak in your heart – will speak in your heart:

V1 and refrain Alan T Dale (1902 – 1979) v 2 – 4 Hubert Richards (b 1921) CCL no. 667973

May the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us, and all those we love, this day and always, Amen.

Connexional News: Rev Graham Thompson, who was the Chair of the East Anglia District prior to Rev Julian, is serving as the President of the Methodist Conference from now until the Conference in June next year. We send him, and his wife Alison, our love, prayers and support for the travelling, hard work, and responsibility that the Presidency will involve. He will be visiting his old District in April next year and be attending the Spring Synod.