

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024:** Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For use by the Central Norfolk Circuit at 10.30 am or some other suitable time.*



**StF 56 H&P 499 'King of Glory, King of Peace'** by George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

### Opening Prayer

Think of the past week and say both 'thank you' and 'sorry' to our loving God.

**Psalm set for today:** Psalm 130

**StF 565 'Only by grace can we enter'** by Gerrit Gustafson

**Gospel Reading set for today:** Mark 3 v 20 – 35

### To think about

The 'sin against the Holy Spirit' is to call God's work the work of Satan – the religious leaders were saying that Jesus had 'an unclean spirit'. No wonder the family of Jesus were concerned! Imagine what it was like for Mary and for Jesus' brothers to cope with the embarrassment and difficulty of what Jesus was doing, with the consequent reaction of the religious establishment.

**StF 342 H&P 252 'All hail the power of Jesu's name!'** by Edward Perronet (1726 – 1792)

**Epistle reading set for today:** 2 Corinthians 4 v 13 – 5 v 5

### Message from a Circuit Friend

Looking at the set reading for today in St Paul's letter from 2 Corinthians, we have his life's view and experience beyond this mortal life. He gives us the understanding that we have over each of us on earth a protective covering, or tent (our flesh over our bodies), which we think will last. Paul thinks this is not so for, in heaven, we will have another covering which will replace the finite flesh with an infinite form that will last us in heaven (although I think we will still be recognised in our own form).

Looking back to chapter 12 v 1 – 6, Paul describes a man caught up in heaven. It is so glorious and wonderful and something to lift us out of this world into a world of indescribable magnificence that will last and be so very real an experience to us. In John chapter 14 we learn from Jesus that he is going to prepare a place for us and he will meet us there in his own home. Jesus says to his disciples, and to us today, in John chapter 16 v 16, "In a little while you will see me". Jesus refers to his death by crucifixion but it also means that he goes forward into heaven to meet us there when we die. These are comforting words, for Jesus is there to share his home in heaven with us. He will know us and be known to us in our new life in heaven. May we look forward to this new life when our times comes. We will see Jesus in all his splendour in heaven, and with the Father God, to welcome us.

**Della Collingwood (Local Preacher and Member of Wells Methodist Church)**

### Prayers of Intercession

We pray for our world... for the church... for our communities... for our families & friends...

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

**StF 361 H&P 228 'Man of sorrows! What a name'** by Philipp Paul Bliss (1838 – 1876)

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

**Circuit News:** Please pray for the **Testimony Service for Rev Jonny at Holt** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June (3 pm), to which all are welcome. If you are unable to come, please pray for Jonny as he prepares for his ordination, for Mrs Maggy Garton (Jonny's invited preacher), for Rev Julian Pursehouse as he leads the service, for Jonny's family and for all involved.

**Wider News:** Today is **MHA Sunday**. There is information at this link: [www.mha.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/mha-sunday](http://www.mha.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/mha-sunday).