



READINGS

Matthew 20: 26-28
Psalm 85
1 Corinthians 12: 1-6

Themes in the Old Testament - Sunday 15th November 2020

Themes in the Old Testament

David Durston's sermon this weekend is about how the experience of the Exodus shaped Israel's understanding of itself as a people and its relationship with God, and how the experience of the Exile reshaped it. It can be watched on our Youtube site on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9V2rf--r5MQuO0nbtVRI2Q>

A leaflet will be available and circulated online. On Monday evening 16th November at 7.00pm there will be an opportunity to discuss this on Zoom. - Please book places for the discussion group by phoning Harnham Parish Office on 07925 108856 or emailing reverendbecky@gmail.com.

Would you please PRAY for:



- ❖ the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo, The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala.
- ❖ the Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan especially for the Rt Revd Yohanas Benjamin Dirar, in the diocese of Wandj.
- ❖ our readers and organists.
- ❖ the Quakers in Salisbury.
- ❖ the World Health Organisation, hospital staff, paramedics, care workers and key workers and all who are suffering from the Corona Virus.
- ❖ those who live in Woodbury Yard and Lynwood Close.
- ❖ those who are sick, and all who care for them especially Rita Jacob, Ann Baker, Marion Webb, Angela Mould, Neil, Revd Brian Coleman, Revd Simon Wilkinson, Ann Parry, Kath Glover and Molly Hawksworth.
- ❖ those who have died especially Jane Elliott.

Sunday 15th	Private prayer YouTube sermon on the themes in the Old Testament	St Georges 9.30-10.30am
Monday 16th	Discussion about sermon	Zoom 7.00pm email Linda to book limited spaces
Tuesday 17th	Private prayer	All Saints 8.00pm – 9.00pm
Thursday 19th	Pause for Prosecco	Zoom 7.30-9.00pm
Sunday 22nd	Private prayer YouTube sermon for Christ the King	All Saints 11am- 12noon

The new Lockdown - Help is at hand!

If you, or someone you know, needs help with shopping, collecting medication, or other practical tasks during the new lockdown, please feel free to contact Harnham Community Network. We have volunteers waiting to assist, and can do so within the new Government guidelines.

Phone: 07900 815605 or email harnhamcommunity@gmail.com

Gift Sunday – 29th November

Gift Sunday will now be in lockdown but you can still give! Spread the word and actions of comfort and joy. Either post or put your gift card for the Women's Refuge through the door of the Parish Office, Parish Hall, Lower Street, Harnham SP2 8EY. Please mark the envelope "Gift Sunday". Do watch the online information about gift sunday on Harnham Parish Youtube.



GOOD NEWS

Linda would love to know what you have you been doing to keep busy, what you have observed over the past weeks, and anything that made you smile.
07925 108856 or emailing harnhamparish@btinternet.com



Congratulations to **Helen and Peter Evans** who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 21st.

David Baker is the November winner of the 100 Club draw.

HYMN REFLECTION by Malcolm Sturgess

We begin with a bit of a personal message this week. I have not been to church for nearly seven months, probably the longest period since World War II. I have not played the organ in the same period, and it begins to look as though, as a vulnerable 85-year-old, my organ-playing days are over, as I am not wanted because of Covid 19 clampdowns. I had intended to "book a place" at All Saints for Advent Sunday, maybe to make a new start, but then the Government issued the latest lockdown. All very, very disappointing. And then think of the Vicar, the Churchwardens and Linda, who have worked tirelessly to keep us all in the loop. Back to square one for them, too. Very disappointing. Almost everybody is finding life unsettling in one way or another. In the words of a sensible Internet troll, "We need to remind ourselves in these days of uncertainty that we have a Hope which is steadfast and secure, in the Rock of our salvation, The Lord Jesus Christ".

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?
REFRAIN We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rave, and the wild winds blow,
Shall the angry waves then your barque o'erflow?
REFRAIN

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
While your anchor holds within the veil.
REFRAIN

Will your eyes behold through the morning light
The city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
When life's storms are past for evermore?
REFRAIN

So, I looked up on the Internet hymns about disappointment. They're nearly all American, awful sentimental, egocentric stuff, but there was one which most of us probably know. It is also American, but has been sung in the UK for a long time. It is the anthem of The Boys Brigade, and the School Song of the Dollar Academy, one of Scotland's most famous public schools. Rather surprisingly, it has been used more widely in the last sixty years than it was previously.

The author, Priscilla Owens, was a Sunday School teacher, and the lively beat makes this quite a good hymn for children. The text is based primarily on Hebrews VI, 19. W.J. Kirkpatrick, the composer, was born in County Tyrone, but his family emigrated to the USA when he was two. He became a versatile musician, skilled on several instruments. Neither the words nor the tune could claim to be great works of art, but together they are upbeat, and if we could get together, would provide a good sing. Try to find this on the Internet as sung by the 7th London Boys Brigade; that will bring a smile to your face!

If you have questions, are in need of help or support, or would yourself like to help, please contact:
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