



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Second Sunday before Advent

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today.
An audio *loop system* is in operation for

those with hearing aids. The order of service is available to download from the website and the 10.30am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel. Those baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion, according to conscience.

Today: Sunday 17th November 2024
9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel
10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist

The Eucharist ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004

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Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

Grant that we, having this hope,

may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory,

we may be made like him

in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Daniel 12: 1-3**

12'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth* shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading **Hebrews 10: 11-14, 15-18, 19-25**

11 And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ 'This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds',

¹⁷he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Mark chapter ten beginning at verse forty six. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

Mark 13: 1-8

13As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' 2Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' 3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' 5Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!"* and they will lead many astray. 7When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope.
Bring us at the last to that pure life for which we long,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Services this week

Wednesday 20th Zoom Compline 7:30pm.

Thursday 21st Columbanus, Abbot 615A.D. 10.30am with prayer for those in need will take place in the Side Chapel. The prayer list is in the Side Chapel.

A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.

Next Sunday: Sunday next before Advent. The Kingship of Christ 24.11.24

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Sung Euchaist Coffee/tea follows this service and all are welcome.

No 6:30pm Choral Evensong this week as there is an special service of **Music & Readings for Advent on December 1st at 6:30pm.**



Notices: | Sign up for the regular email Update at secstjohns@btconnect.com

Contactless Payments The Select Vestry has made a new contactless payment device available in the parish from today and may be used for any donations you'd like to make at social time after the service in the hall.

Giving and Stewardship in St Johns' much of our income received is through the Free Will Offering Scheme using either envelopes or increasingly, by Standing Order. Standing order forms are available by asking the Churchwardens or contacting the Office or secstjohns@btconnect.com. Alternatively if you wish to make a donation then the account details for St John's are also available from the Wardens. Your donations help us maintain our buildings and support ministry and outreach here in St John's and more widely.

Organising your wedding in St John's

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. When considering getting married please check possible dates with the Rector before confirming any other arrangements. It is expected that couples will make a regular commitment to the life of the Church in preparation for marriage.

Hospital Visiting

The Rector would appreciate knowing if parishioners are going into or are in hospital or discharged and is pleased to offer pastoral support.

Safeguarding

The Rector, select vestry and parish leaders are committed to uphold the good practice to the parish's ministry with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Should you have any concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish please contact a member of the

Parish panel.

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READINGS *How are we to respond when we face the violent upheaval of our world, or when others use mockery to dominate us in personal power plays? What does it mean to trust in God's grace and protection, to live out the peace and justice of God's Reign in a world of war and injustice? The call to peace is always a difficult one to answer, both personally and collectively, but it is a call we must face in worship this week. May our worship lead us into a deeper commitment to Jesus' way of peace.*

READINGS cont'd:

Daniel 12:1-3: In a time of great trouble, the people whose names are written in God's scroll will be rescued, some being resurrected to life and others to disgrace. But, those who are wise and lead others to righteousness will shine like stars.

Psalms 16: A Psalm in praise of God's protection and blessing, God's instruction and guidance, God's presence and God's ways of life.

Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25: Jesus offered the perfect once-for-all sacrifice and then sat down at God's right hand. He perfected God's people, and now we can enter God's presence with confidence because of our faith, the cleansing of God, and our high priest in God's house. In response we are to hold on to our hope, and motivate each other to acts of love and goodness.

Mark 13:1-8: As they leave the temple, Jesus' disciples are awed by the size and beauty of the building, but Jesus predicts that it will be destroyed. When the disciples ask for a sign, Jesus warns them about false messiahs who will come, reports of war, earthquakes, and famines. But, these, he explains, are just the beginnings of the end.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

Violence, destruction, war and ridicule are common troubles that we all face in the world – perhaps even more so as we seek to follow Christ. The temptation is to respond in kind, offering violence for violence and using force to overcome force. However, the way of Christ, revealed through the Scriptures, is the way of peace, forgiveness, and faith in God's ultimate justice. This way is demonstrated by Hannah's prayers in the face of Peninnah's taunts (and in her song when she presents Samuel at the temple), in Daniel's prophecy of the shining resurrected ones, in the Psalmist's celebration of God's protection and guidance, and ultimately in Jesus' self-giving on the cross. It is interesting that, in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' warnings are associated with the disciples' awe at the temple building, which represented wealth and power (both of a spiritual and political nature, although Jesus revealed in his life and death that the latter seemed to have become more prominent). It is when we get absorbed in the trappings of power and wealth that we become violent and oppressive. In a time when children were wealth, Peninnah's mockery of Hannah was as much about power as it was about womanhood. Daniel's prophecy, likewise, reflects on the conflicts of power against power. The way of "powerless peace" that Jesus demonstrated, which brings us into right relationship with God, and enables us to support and encourage one another presents a stark contrast to these violent power plays.



South Belfast **Foodbank**

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Urgently needed food items - in order of priority.

Long Life Juice UHT Milk Oats Jams/Honey/Spreads Tinned potato/Instant Mash Pulses (chickpeas/kidney beans/lentils) Coffee/Tea Tinned Fruit Custard/Rice Pudding Shampoo/Shower Gel | Household cleaning items - Fairy liquid / anti-bac spray/ washing powder etc

Donations to the Foodbank can either be placed directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the Foodbank. Or please place items in the baskets in the church entrance vestibule/porch.

Open for donations every Wednesday 1-3pm and every Thursday 10am-12pm. Our warehouse is Unit 4, 23 Sunwich Street, Belfast, BT6 8HR Any questions regarding donating please call us on 07743332489 or email us on info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE 2024

In the Beginning: How are we to understand Genesis?

This year's Autumn Study Course will explore how the opening chapters of Genesis, 1-11, are not offering a scientific or historical account of human origins but, rather, something quite different: a theological, moral, and spiritual reflection on how are to think of human origins in light of faith in the Creator, the God of Abraham, the God and Father of Jesus Christ.

The first session will address the background to Genesis. Session 2 will be on the accounts of creation (Genesis 1 & 2); Session 3 on the Fall (the original sin of Adam and Eve, Genesis 3); Session 4 will be on the Flood (Genesis 6-9); and Session 5 on the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11).

The course will be Zoom, beginning on Tuesday 5th November, concluding on Tuesday 3rd November. Each session will begin at 7:30pm and end at 8:10pm. To register for the course, please email briandcrowe@aol.com

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