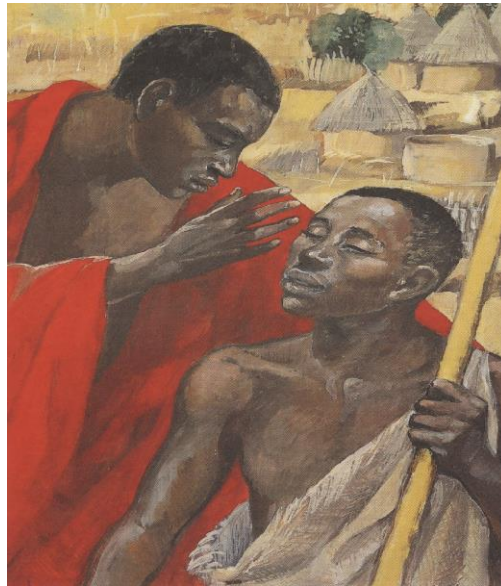




## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Jesus cures the man born blind Jesus Mafa 1973

### Fifth 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 27th October 2024**  
**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel**  
**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**  
**6:30p.m. Choral Evensong with Cantemus NI**

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

**The Gathering** *page 201/125*  
Presiding Revd Dr B. Crowe  
Opening Hymn 491

Collect of the Day

**Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading

Psalm

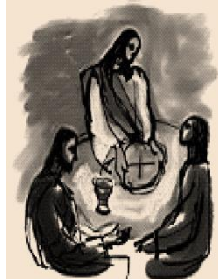
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Second Reading

Gradual Hymn

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Gospel (stand)



Sermon

The Rector

**The Peace** (stand)

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The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Motet

Be thou my vision - Chilcott

Great Silence

Post Communion Hymn

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**Going Out**

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Blessing

Dismissal

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia & Fugue in A Minor (BMW 561)- J S Bach

Office Setting

How

**Collect**

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Help us to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## First Reading Jeremiah 31: 7-9

7 For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.'

8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here.

9 With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Second Reading Hebrews 7: 23-28

23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. 25 Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

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 10: 46-52** 46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' 49 Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' 52 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen**

### **Services this week**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Zoom Compline 7:30pm.**

**Thursday 31st Ss Simon & Jude 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: All Saints Sunday. Fourth Sunday before Advent 27.10.24**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel**

**10.30 a.m. Sunday First for All Saints** Coffee/tea follows this service and all are welcome.



**Notices:** | Sign up for the regular email Update at [secstjohns@btconnect.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

*The Scriptures are clear – God is in the business of restoration. How this restoration happens, and what its results are, can be surprising. This week reveals the importance of restorative relationships in our experience of God's restoration, and in the quest for a world of justice, peace and love.*

*May we seek to build these restorative relationships as we worship together this week.*

Jeremiah 31:7-9: God's promise to restore all of Israel's people, including the weak and marginalised, and bring them into a life of peace and well-being.

Psalms 126: When God restored the fortunes of God's people, they were so joyful, and now they continue to pray that God will bring them prosperity and joy.

Hebrews 7:23-28: Jesus is an eternal priest who constantly prays for God's people. He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day because he offered himself once and for all.

Mark 10:46-52: As Jesus enters Jericho a blind man named Bartimaeus shouts out asking for Jesus to have mercy on him. Then Jesus calls the blind man, and asks him what he wants. When he answers that he wants to see, Jesus heals him, and he follows Jesus.

#### REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

There is no question, when faced with this week's readings, that God is biased toward restoration. Every reading speaks about God's restoring, saving work in some way. Job has a transforming encounter with God and is restored beyond the prosperity he had enjoyed before his trial. God's people are assured of God's restoration by Jeremiah, who includes the weakest and most marginalised people in this promise. Both Psalms reflect celebration at God's restoration from trouble or from exile. In Hebrews Jesus is portrayed as the one who intercedes for God's people and who offered himself as the only necessary sacrifice. Finally, Bartimaeus receives his sight, which not only restores his vision, but also his life. The key to these stories, though, is that they are not just about restoration of circumstances, but are about restoration of relationships, especially with God. Ultimately this is the truth in all restoration stories. It can be comforting to have our outward circumstances restored, but it is when our hearts are restored, when we are delivered from the fear, self-protection, defensiveness, and isolation our brokenness or suffering has brought on us that we are truly saved. The challenge for us this week is to be people who find our restoration in relationship with God and others, and who, as we work for justice, remember the humanity of those we serve, bringing them into safe, healing relationships.



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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

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## 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](mailto:briandcrowe@aol.com)

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