



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



St John the Evangelist, Parish of Malone

Fifth Sunday before Advent. Bible Sunday

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 23rd October 2022
9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
6:30pm Choral Evensong

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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 **Isaiah 45:22-25**

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:

‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.’

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,

are righteousness and strength;

all who were incensed against him

shall come to him and be ashamed.

In the Lord all the offspring of Israel

shall triumph and glory.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading **Roman 15:1-6**

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, ‘The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.’ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Luke chapter four beginning at verse sixteen. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

Luke 4: 16-24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.” ’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town.

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 26th Zoom Compline is at **7:30pm**. Passcodes for Zoom are emailed in the latest Update to parishioners.

Thursday 27th September 10.30am Eucharist Ss Simon & Jude (tr) 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 30.10.22

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Sunday



Notices:

- Welcome to all our visitors. If you need assistance with anything, please ask one of the Churchwardens.
- Under GDPR guidance we need to tell you that we will be recording the service and/or livestreaming today. The cameras will point towards the nave altar and pulpit and only on occasion, towards the entrance doors. Those coming to and from the side areas and exiting will be in the camera view for a short time.
- **We are collecting for South Belfast Food Bank** again. Please leave your contributions in the vestibule on the way in. Thank you.
- Prayers for the sick and all those in need are offered on Thursday morning at the Eucharist. You can send names for the list to the Rector via his email.
- If you're **new to the parish** please ask the Churchwardens or a member of the clergy about the following: GDPR, Free Will Offering Scheme, Gift Aid Magazine, organisations or wanting to know more about life at St John's. We'd be delighted to help and to get to know you.
- **Coffee/tea** will follow this service as new teams get up and running.
- Parents & Toddlers is meeting again in Seaver Hall Tuesday 10am-11:30am

READINGS: Bible Sunday

1. What is the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of texts in two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament comprises the sacred scriptures of the Jewish

people at the time of Christ. These writings formed the authoritative scriptures of the earliest Christians. Alongside the Jewish scriptures, writings from within the early Christian community, which came to be known as the New Testament, took on a similarly authoritative role. Among these writings, the gospels bear witness to the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. The epistles, or letters, help to spell out the centrality and the significance of this for a Christian way of life within the developing Christian movement, and also address practical problems faced by the early believers.

The biblical texts provide a 'normative record of the authentic foundation of the faith. To these the Church has recourse for the inspiration of its life and mission; to these the Church refers its teaching and practice.' (ARCIC Final *Report*, p.52). Because scripture is uniquely inspired it conveys the Word of God in human language.

It is likely that from an early date, when Christians gathered together for worship, they read from such writings of their own as well as from the Jewish scriptures. The Church continues this practice with readings from the Old and New Testament in its worship.

2. Do all Christians share the same Bible?

All Christians recognise the same twenty–seven early Christian writings as belonging within the New Testament. There are some books which the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches regard as part of the Old Testament but which the Protestant Churches do not. Protestant Churches generally refer to these books as the Apocrypha, that is, the 'hidden' books.

These include, for example, Ecclesiasticus, the Wisdom of Solomon and the books of the Maccabees. The Church of Ireland considers the Apocrypha as worthy of reading by the Church 'for example of life and instruction of manners' (Articles of Religion; 6), but not for establishing doctrine.

3. Is the Bible historically accurate?

While there is very considerable historical accuracy in scripture, the experiences of Jews and Christians through the ages bear witness to the truth of the Bible at a deeper level than its recording of data alone. As well as history, the Bible includes poetry, prophecy, parable, story and other types of literature. In their different ways these continue to convey the truth of God.

4. How should the Bible be interpreted?

The Bible tells of God's relationship with God's people through the centuries. This record always needs to be interpreted in the context of the church's faith,

prayer and worship, and in such a way that what scripture said for its original audience is faithfully re–expressed for the modern world.

5. How does the authority of the Bible relate to human reason and the church’s tradition?

Christians must keep returning to the Bible as they continue to explore the truth of God, for scripture ‘containeth all things necessary to salvation.’ (Articles of Religion; 6). The Church of Ireland believes that the church’s teaching must be founded on and consistent with scripture. We also have a responsibility to use our reason in understanding the Bible in the context of tradition, which is how the church’s interpretation of scripture has developed.

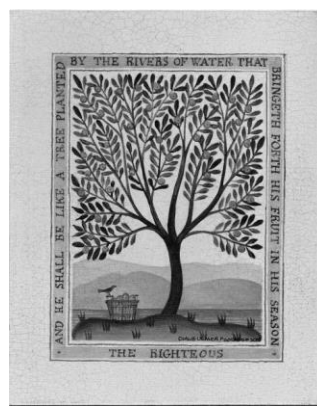
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Organising your wedding in St John’s

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.



‘BY STREAMS OF WATER’: EXPLORING THE PSALMS



Parish study course Tuesdays 7:30pm 1st-29th November On Zoom

This year’s Autumn study course in the parish is entitled **‘By streams of water’: exploring the Psalms.**

The course will be on Zoom: a link to each session will be emailed. Each session will begin at 7:30pm and last for 40 minutes. If you are interested in registering for the course, please email Rev. Brian Crowe at briandcrowe@aol.com.



If you are considering donating any items to the foodbank then we would really appreciate any of the following...

Tinned meat Tinned potatoes/ Smash Long life juice Tinned soup Toiletries Toilet roll Washing up liquid Washing powder You can either pop the items directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the foodbank.

We are 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



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ITEMS REQUIRED AT PRESENT: *Please place in the baskets in the entrance vestibule/porch.* Long life juice; Tinned fish; Tinned spaghetti; Tinned fruit; Jars of jam; Tinned rice pudding; Tinned potatoes or Smash; Toiletries – soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste etc.

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Please take this booklet home with you for the readings, notices and reference during the week and recycle.