



## Christ Church Stocksbridge

**“Together at Home with**

**Green Moor & Crane Moor”**

***“To whom can we go ? ”***

**Sunday 22nd August 2021**

### **Call to worship**

Our God offers us hospitality, and God's welcome is generous. God is here among us, meeting with us in our worship and in our fellowship. God longs to meet our needs as we come with hands open and arms outstretched. Welcoming God, we come to you with open hearts and with open hands. We come with our faith and hope, and with our doubts and fears. Send your Holy Spirit to work among us, filling us and changing us to become more like Jesus. **Amen.**

### **First Hymn StF 563 O Jesus I have promised**

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| 1. O Jesus, I have promised<br>To serve Thee to the end;<br>Be Thou forever near me,<br>My Master and my Friend;<br>I shall not fear the battle<br>If Thou art by my side,<br>Nor wander from the pathway<br>If Thou wilt be my Guide.             | 2. Oh, let me feel Thee near me;<br>The world is ever near;<br>I see the sights that dazzle,<br>The tempting sounds I hear;<br>My foes are ever near me,<br>Around me and within<br>But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,<br>And shield my soul from sin |
| 3. Oh, let me hear Thee speaking<br>In accents clear and still,<br>Above the storms of passion,<br>The murmurs of self-will;<br>Oh, speak to reassure me,<br>To hasten, or control;<br>Oh, speak, and make me listen,<br>Thou Guardian of my soul. | 4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised<br>To all who follow Thee<br>That where Thou art in glory<br>There shall Thy servant be;<br>And Jesus, I have promised<br>To serve Thee to the end;<br>Oh, give me grace to follow,<br>My Master and my Friend.   |
| 5. Oh, let me see Thy footmarks,<br>And in them plant mine own;<br>My hope to follow duly<br>Is in Thy strength alone.<br>Oh, guide me, call me, draw me,<br>Uphold me to the end;<br>And then to rest receive me,<br>My Saviour and my Friend     |  |

### **Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving**

**Thank you, Lord, for your unfailing love. Thank you that even with all our doubts and fears and worries about the journey ahead, you are there by our side. Where else can we turn? To whom shall we go? Thank you that you are our rock and our salvation, our strength and our high tower. Thank you that as we choose to go on this journey with you, as we make decisions and plans, you are there, gently leading and guiding, always present. Praise you, Lord, for your constant love and faithfulness. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer SING**

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be your Name. Your Kingdom Come. Your Will Be Done on Earth, as It Is in Heaven. Give Us This Day our Daily Bread. And Forgive Us our Trespasses, as We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us. And Lead Us Not Into Temptation, but Deliver Us From Evil. For Yours Is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for Ever and Ever. Amen.

### **Introduction To Activity**

#### **Birthdays**

#### **Joys and Concerns & Offertory Prayer**

#### **The Weekly Lectionary Readings**

Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18; Psalm 34.15-22; Ephesians 6.10-20; **John 6.56-69**

#### **First Reading. Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18**

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. **2** Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. **14** "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. **15** But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." **16** Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! **17** It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. **18** And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.

## Second Reading John 6.56-69

56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” 59 He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. Many Disciples Desert Jesus 60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” 61 Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit[a] and life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. 65 He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.” 66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 67 “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. 68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

### SECOND HYMN StF 250 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea;  
day by day his voice still calls us  
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and work and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,  
'Christian, love me more than these.'
5. Jesus calls us: by your mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts in glad obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

## WORD

## Third Hymn StF 673 Will you come and follow me John Bell & Graham Maule

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## Blessing

### The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with us all, evermore. Amen

### Vesper

Take Oh take me as I am; Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. X 2

## Now let's all enjoy a cup of coffee or tea