



## Christ Church Stocksbridge

### “Together at Home with Green Moor & Crane Moor”

### *“Jostling for Position ”*

**Sunday 19th September 2021**

#### Call to worship

At this time, in this place, let us worship God – with open ears ready to listen and hearts ready to receive, minds willing to be challenged and attitudes given to God. Come, we worship God as one. Loving, gracious God, who does not put us in order – greatest to least, best to worst, loved most to loved least, or any other order: be with us as we spend time with one another and with you. Help us to listen to you as you speak to us and challenge us, love us and encourage us. Quieten our hearts now to recognise you in this place today. Help us to reach out to one another with love, compassion and care so that we can all live our best life for you. **Amen.**

#### First Hymn StF 36

There's a quiet understanding  
When we're gathered in the Spirit  
It's a promise that He gives us  
When we gather in His name  
There's a love we feel in Jesus  
There's a manna that He feeds us  
It's a promise that He gives us  
When we gather in His name

And we know when we're together  
Sharing love and understanding  
That our brothers and our sisters  
Feel the oneness that He brings  
Thank You, thank You, thank You, Jesus  
For the way You love and feed us  
For the many ways You lead us  
Thank You, thank You, Lord

#### Children's Time - Activity / Children's Blessing

#### Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

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 Trespases, 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.

#### Joys and Concerns and Birthdays

#### Offertory Prayer

#### Second Hymn StF 370

1 Breathe on me, breath of God: fill me with life anew,  
that I may love as you have loved and do as you would do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God; fulfil my heart's desire,  
until this earthly part of me glows with your heavenly fire.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

#### The Weekly Lectionary Readings Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 54; James 3.13-4.3,7-8a; Mark 9.30-37

#### First Reading. Psalm 54

1. Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might. 2. Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. 3 Arrogant foes are attacking me: ruthless people are trying to kill me—people without regard for God.[c] 4 Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me. 5 Let evil recoil on those who slander me; in your faithfulness destroy them. 6 I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name, Lord, for it is good. 7 You have delivered me from all my troubles, and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

#### Second Reading. James 3 13-18

**13** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. **14** But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. **15** Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. **16** For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. **17** But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. **18** Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

### Third Reading

#### Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

**30** They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, **31** because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." **32** But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. **33** They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" **34** But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. **35** Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." **36** He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, **37** "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

### WORD

#### Third Hymn StF 661

1. Give me the faith which can remove  
and sink the mountain to a plain;  
give me the childlike praying love,  
which longs to build thy house again;  
thy love, let it my heart o'er-power,  
and all my simple soul devour.

2. I would the precious time redeem,  
and longer live for this alone,  
to spend and to be spent for them  
who have not yet my Savior known;  
fully on these my mission prove,  
and only breathe, to breathe thy love.

3. My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord,  
into thy blessed hands receive;  
and let me live to preach thy word,  
and let me to thy glory live;  
my every sacred moment spend  
in publishing the sinner's Friend.

4. Enlarge, inflame, and fill my heart  
with boundless charity divine,  
so shall I all my strength exert,  
and love them with a zeal like thine,  
and lead them to thy open side,  
the sheep for whom the Shepherd died.

### Prayers of Intercession

#### Fourth Hymn StF 476

One more step along the world I go  
One more step along the world I go  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you

#### *Refrain*

And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you

'Round the corners of the world I turn  
More and more about the world I learn  
And the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me

#### *Refrain*

As I travel through the bad and good  
Keep me traveling the way I should  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know

#### *Refrain*

Give me courage when the world is rough  
Keep me loving though the world is tough  
Leap and sing in all I do  
Keep me traveling along with you

#### *Refrain*

You are older than the world can be  
You are younger than the life in me  
Ever old and ever new  
Keep me traveling along with you

#### *Refrain*

#### **Blessing**

Lord, as our "Go to Guy", we pray that as we leave this sanctuary and take up our other roles and responsibilities, you will give us the right motivation and the right insight into your purposes, that we can strive to be the best we can be and do for you and accept with grace any accolades or good feelings that such actions may bring to us, in the certain knowledge that our intentions are always to serve you and never ourselves. Amen

#### **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.**