

Sunday 13th August, 2023, 10th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19: 9 - 18

⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' 10 He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' 11 He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' 14 He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' 15 Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Matthew 14: 22 - 33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Collect:

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Those asking for prayer: Catherine, Katrina, Ann, Eleanor, Maureen, Tilly, Maurice, Joe, Angelika, Glen, Chris, Shirley, Lindbergh and Ivy.

Those who have died..

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09:30 **Service of the Word** St John's, Hipswell 11:00 **Holy Communion** St Cuthbert's, Colburn

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Monday 14th August

18:00-19:00 Churchwardens' Hour

Tuesday 15th August

19:00 Bible Course: Session 7, St Cuthbert's Community Hall

Friday 18th August

10:00-11:00 Meeting to Pray St John's. All welcome!

Next week: 20th August, 11th Sunday after Trinity

09:30 Holy Communion St John's, Hipswell

11:00 Service of the Word St Cuthbert's, Colburn

St John's Open Morning, Saturday 5th August

Despite the rather grey and wet weather, it was great to welcome several visitors to St John's, for our Open Morning! The village had been leafleted, by way of publicity, and one lady—a former Sunday School teacher at the church—was alerted by word of mouth by one of our regular members. Many thanks to the St John's congregation, almost all of whom were there, welcoming guests, serving refreshments or helping in various ways. A display board was set up, showing photos of various people and past events. It was very interesting to see the interior of the church, with pulpit, lectern, rood screen and choir stalls, before it had had the internal work done. There was also a 'fishing net display', filled with decorated 'fish' bearing the names of those whom people wished to pray for. It was encouraging to meet our visitors. Let's pray that some of them might now choose to worship with us on a regular basis!

Now for something lighter..

It was nice to see Maurice enjoying himself the other morning at the Wellbeing Café—the session featured in last week's pew sheet, at which Louise Finnegan gave a flower arranging demonstration. Then some of the other participants kindly decorated Maurice's hat with some of the spare flowers!



Safeguarding: Safeguarding Children, Young People, Victims/perpetrators We are committed to supporting victims of Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable Adults.

If you are suffering as a result of present or past experiences, we would encourage you to seek help. Various helpline numbers are shown below, or on the relevant web pages, on our website.

Hipswell Parochial Church Council (PCC) has adopted the Church of England's policy and best practice on Safeguarding, which may be found on the Church of England's website:

https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding

Our *Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)* is Marie Smalley, can be contact by email: mariesmalley02@gmail.com or by phone: 07852156134.

Our **Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers** (DSA) can be accessed by mail: safeguarding@leeds.anglican.org or by phone T: (0113) 3530 257

If a child or adult is at immediate risk of significant harm, in the first instance you should always contact your local Social Services team North Yorkshire (01609) 780780 or the local police (call 101).

National helplines:

Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 500 8000 Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 200 0247 MACSAS (Ministers and clergy sexual abuse survivors): www.macsas.org.uk

Parish Away-day, Reeth: Monday 21st August, Revd Caroline Hewlett's rectory and gardens in Reeth. Meet there from 12 noon for a picnic. Then either to go for a walk, or simply a stroll into town to get ice creams. Then a brief visit to the churchyard at St Andrew's, Grinton, from 4pm, followed by a short act of worship in church at 4.15pm, leaving there at 4.30.

We should be home by 5pm. Some limited transport available for those without access to a car, on a first come first served basis, leaving St Cuthbert's at 11.30am. To request a lift, please speak to **Andrew, Marie** or **Pauline**.

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