



Sunday 30th July, 2023, 8th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings Ch 3 vv 5 – 12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶ And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Matthew Ch 13 vv 31 – 33, 44 - 52

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Collect:

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free
from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;

glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

Please Turn Over

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

Those who have died..

Today: Sunday, 30th July, 8th Sunday after Trinity:

09:30 **All age worship** St John's, Hipswell

11:00 **Holy Communion** St Cuthbert's, Colburn

Monday 31st July

18:00—19:00 **Wardens' Hour** St Cuthbert's meeting room

Tuesday 1st August

NB: No art group: restarts 5th September

NB No Bible Course this week: Session 6 on Tues 8th August

Saturday 5th August

10:00-12:00 **Open Morning @ St John's** All welcome!

Next week: 6th August, Transfiguration of our Lord

09:30 **Holy Communion** St John's, Hipswell

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

Open Morning *All welcome!*

@ St John's



Saturday 5 August

10am 'till 12 noon



Were you married or baptised at St John's? Do you have memories of attending Sunday school at St John's? Have you wondered about visiting?

We'd like to invite you to our open morning... so come along and say 'Hello!', enjoy a friendly cup of tea and cake, have a look around and maybe light a candle.

Hipswell CEVC Primary School: It was wonderful to have 150 pupils & 14 staff, plus Governors, in St John's recently for their upbeat end-of-year service in St John's. We sang and danced, & focussed on giving thanks for all that we have been given and experienced during this last year. Ten children from years 5&6 came forward to read lovely prayers which they had written. We heard about how Jesus helped Zacchaeus to find new joy and peace, which gave him the desire to be hugely generous towards those around him. It's lovely, isn't it, how when we experience Jesus' touch in our lives, our hearts are naturally softened towards God and towards other people. So we instinctively want to be more generous—with our time and attention, but also with our money! How blessed we are in *both* our churches by those who give generously & often sacrificially, so that the work of God's mission *can* continue to flourish in our communities.

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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

Quiz: Many thanks to Marie for being our 'Quizmaster' last night, to the fundraising team for their help, and to all those who came along!

Community Gardens: It's exciting that members of **SEND Parent & Carer Support** were able to come out on Tuesday evening to have their first session of gardening. They cleared and started to work on their allocated raised bed, beginning to create a sensory garden with their children & young folk. We look forward to seeing it develop!

Please Take Me Home With You