

Prayer Page



When God answers a prayer, please let us know so we can enter it in here. You don't have to give any details if you don't want to, but the church would like to be encouraged, rejoice with you and thank Him!



Welcome to Newsletter 21: our way of staying connected and being All Saints church outside the four walls of our church building. **What's On** offers opportunities to get together. If you need a chat, please don't hesitate to contact Rosie or Viv or one of the Leadership Team.



What's on this week?

Sunday 9 th August	10.30 am	Morning Celebration	Amazon Chime Facebook Live
	7.pm	Chat on Chime	
Monday 10 th August	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Amazon Chime
	7.30pm	Woodland Way Life Group	Messenger (Derek)
Tuesday 11 th August	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Messenger (Derek)
	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Amazon Chime
	7pm	Chat on Chime	Amazon Chime
	7.30pm	Paddock Close Life Group	WhatsApp (Jane)
Wed 12 th Aug	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Amazon Chime
	2.30-4pm	Church Building Open for Prayer	
	7pm	Pray Together	Amazon Chime
Thursday 13 th August	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Amazon Chime
	7pm	Chat on Chime	
	7.30pm	The Rectory Life Group	Messenger (Tim/Tracey)
Friday 14 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Amazon Chime
Saturday 15 th August	8.30am	Men's Engine Room	Messenger (Derek)
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Morning Celebration	Amazon Chime Facebook Live

We congratulate Rev Viv Ridpath on her ordination as priest which took place at St Mary's Church, Stalham, yesterday (Saturday) and we welcome Rev Meg Guillebaud, who will be preaching on Sunday. Meg is a long-time friend of Viv's since their time in Rwanda. Viv has been given a home communion set in pewter from all at All Saints and Burgh Castle church to mark this occasion.

We pray for healing:

- ♥ Jane Mill now recovering at home, making good progress (small steps)
- ♥ Viv Ridpath for healing & restoration
- ♥ **For continued healing** for Rosie Bunn, Hilary, Judy Gammans, Barney Moore, Dave Hughes, Kunjumole Alexander, Jimmy, Shirley, Owen, Sally-Ann, Tracey, Pauline & Michael Parkinson, Pete, Debbie & Eleanor Lamin, Lisa, Reena & Regi, Susan Trevor Greenacre, Anita & Mark Abel, Peter Birchnell, Colin & Marion, Jim, Barbie, Danni, Richard & Sylvia, Steve Jones, Andy Trentham, Linda Baker, Mark (bone cancer) & Sarah, Simon and Anna-Poppi Lawson
- ♥ Amanda Louise Brown
- ♥ **Those who have lost loved ones recently**, especially the family of Derek, & those whose anniversary falls at this time.

Prayer for ourselves

God of grace, good to all,
 You have compassion over all you have made.
 When I am falling, hold me up.
 Raise me to my feet, so that I can walk with you.
 When I am in need, meet with me.
 Open your hands to me, to satisfy my longing.
 When I call out to you, hear my cry.
 Watch over me, that I may live in your love.
 When I am hurt, lend me your grace.
 Open my heart, that I may forgive.
 When I see need, help me to face it.
 Open my hands, to offer all I have and am.
 When I hear you, help me listen.
 Open my mouth, to bless your name. Amen.

Pray for the **NHS staff** in our local hospitals, doctors' surgeries and pharmacies, especially those from our own congregation/villages: Rosalind, Issy, Elaine, Regi & Reena, Jim, Debs, Kayleigh, Paul, Sam, Kevin, Louise, Simon, Neil and James.

We thank God for Rev Viv

Ridpath: ordained priest on Saturday. Thank you Lord for the journey you have taken her on and for the blessing she is to us and we ask your blessing upon her friends and family who support her.

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Matthew 14: 22-33 - Jesus walks on water

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Reflection

This week's Gospel story from Matthew 14.22-33 has many resonances with our life over the last few weeks. There have been storms around us and, like Peter, we have had to take a leap of faith to handle situations that we cannot/could not achieve on our own!

Remember that this incident happens just after Jesus hears the awful news of John the Baptist's murder (Matthew 14.1-12). We are told that Jesus withdrew by boat to a private and solitary place (Matthew 14.13) – a reaction we may be familiar with when something terrible happens. We just need time alone to get our heads around it. Or perhaps we reach out to others for comfort and reassurance, a shoulder to cry on, someone else to help us make sense of it all. Maybe Jesus was seeking time alone with his Father, to check in with him. **Which of these reactions – reaching out, and turning in – do you normally have when life is stormy? Are both important to help us weather the storm?**

As the disciples are trying to sail their boat through rough waters, Jesus is again up the mountain, trying to have some quiet time alone – something many of us will have struggled to find in these last few months. **How do you make space for reflection and prayer at the moment? Can you protect some quiet 'me time' each day?**

I really feel for the disciples, who are experiencing the worst kind of sea, with the wind against them and the short, choppy waves this often produces. Sailing like this is noisy and uncomfortable, as the boat bashes against the waves; and it can be scary if the waves are steep or the boat is small. It can make it very hard to reach your destination; at times when Tim and I have sailed a boat in a storm we have wondered if we would ever arrive at our destination! At times like that we draw on our trust in the strong boat and the encouragement of those with us to have faith that all will be well – as well as our faith in God. **What helps you to hold on to hope when it seems that the wind is too much against you?**

Out in the vast deep blue, miles from land, we are faced with the reality that life is beyond our control. How do we find the courage to continue after a world pandemic like Covid, or a man-made disaster like the terrible explosion in Beirut this week? Sometimes all we can do is take a leap of faith. But then maybe, like Peter, we panic when we find ourselves in at the deep end! As sailors, we can call on the RNLI to come to our aid; as Christians we can call on God, and each other. **Who do you turn to when you need rescuing? How can you encourage each other to hold on to hope and keep faith, when you find yourselves in at the deep end?**

Personal Prayer O Lord my God, you are worthy to be praised. You are the Son of God who walks on water, who mesmerises huge crowds with powerful words, but who also calms a frightened Peter – and you calm me and give me peace. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

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