

St James in the Front Room, Selby

Service Outline for Week Commencing 22nd March 2020

WELCOME to the first of our worship in the Front Room – an opportunity to worship God together while apart! To fully participate please ensure you have access to Youtube for this act of worship. Please view the following link for an introduction to this new style of St James' service:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ld_SRgP7sNc

WORSHIP

In the absence of a worship group there is a vast array of worship songs on Youtube (and elsewhere). Each week we are going to give links to songs we would encourage you to watch and worship along to, knowing that other St James' members are sharing in this time of worship. The following two songs may not be familiar to all but they offer wonderful assurance and comfort in a time of uncertainty.

'Raise A Hallelujah (Lyrics) ~ Bethel Music' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3RRU25dpPg>

'New Wine Worship ~ You Restore My Soul (Lyrics) ft. Lauren Harris'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyhprYTERlk>

REFLECTION

We are putting our current 1 Samuel series on hold until we are once again able to worship together in one building. Over the next few weeks we are going to consider how as disciples of Jesus we consider and respond to the current situation caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Read: Mark 4:35-41

Kids! While Jason is talking, we would love you to get some crayons or colouring pencils and draw a picture of Jesus and the disciples in the storm on the lake. We would all love to see them, so get your mums and dads to take a photo or scan and add them to our Facebook page.

Ian Paul's blog *Psephizo* included an article on 'Coronavirus and the fear of death' written by Jeremy Marshall. Drawing on some of his thoughts, Jason offers a perspective on how we might respond to fear in our current situation. See Youtube link:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI0JCYDYRrg

For personal reflection or discussion with your front room fellow worshippers....

1. What are your greatest fears about the current situation?
2. While it is right to see Jesus as our friend (John 15:15) are we as willing to live 'in the fear of the Lord' (Acts 9:31)? What do you think is meant by the fear of the Lord?
3. Where can you see God working in the current national crisis? How is he calling you to play your part?

PRAYERS

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Please pray for...

- Healing for those who are suffering from Coronavirus
- For all hospital staff and medical researchers seeking to combat the virus
- For those in isolation, feeling alone and grieving the loss of others' company
- For Christians to fulfil the commandment to love our neighbour as ourselves
- For school teachers and heads as they seek to provide resources for home learning while continuing to take responsibility for schooling children of key workers
- For all mothers on this Mothering Sunday, especially those mums who will be taking on the extra responsibility of full-time care for their children or grandchildren from this weekend onwards.
- Those on our newssheet prayer list
- For people and situations that are on your heart.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom Come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom,
The power and the glory
are yours .
Now and for ever
Amen

FINAL SONGS

'Brenton Brown - Lord Reign In Me' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzEkhTwiODc>

'My Lighthouse with lyrics (Rend Collective)' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD

In the following week please keep an eye on our Website, Facebook page and Jason's Twitter account for updates, inspiration, worship and prayer resources and ideas, things to do with bored kids and more. These will be updated on a regular basis, so do keep in touch. Next week we meet again – same time, same place!

If you are Safeguarding checked with St James' and would like to offer to help others in need of provisions etc. please email the parish office Parish.office.stjames@gmail.com or phone 01757 709678. If you have a need of help or support in any way please do the same. We are doing our best to catch up with a fast-changing situation and we are getting there as quickly as we can! Thanks for your patience while we adjust to this new situation. *Jason*