



**Parishes of Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield**

**21st February, 1st Sunday Of Lent**

**Welcome to worship at home**

**Thought for the day**

If there is anything that we feel too ashamed to mention to God, then that's probably the most important thing that he wants us to say.

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**The Book of Genesis Ch 9 8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him.' As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.'

God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will

remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.'

God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

**Psalm 25.1-10**

**Your paths, O Lord, are love and faithfulness**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. 10 For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.

**The first letter of Peter.ch 3.18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. ch1.9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and

the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

### **Prayers**

God, our creator and redeemer, you love us and know us better than we know ourselves. With a word you created all things and so we pray that you will hear us as we pray; giving thanks to you for your church, the world and its peoples. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

So we pray for the worldwide Christian Church. Pray that the people who used to gather at St Timothy's, Hemlington will soon feel at home with St Peter and St Paul's Stainton. Pray for the people of St Peter's Hilton while their church building remains closed due to Covid19 restrictions. Remember before God Christians who are denied the freedom to worship who risk their lives and wellbeing to meet together in worship. We pray Lord, that you will help us all to feel your presence with us. Let our faith be strengthened. Help us to know that together we worship one Lord and Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.** Bring before God all who lead and inspire worship on line and in person ; Archbishops Justin and Stephen, Bishop Paul, Archdeacon Amanda, Vicar Claire, those who visit and pray for the sick and bereaved and those who carry out the maintenance and administration of our various churches. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Our Lord taught us to ask God our Father "do not let us be led into temptation" So we pray for all who, are struggling with temptations and addictions of many kinds. Lord, give them and us strength to resist the things that are contrary to your will and teaching. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

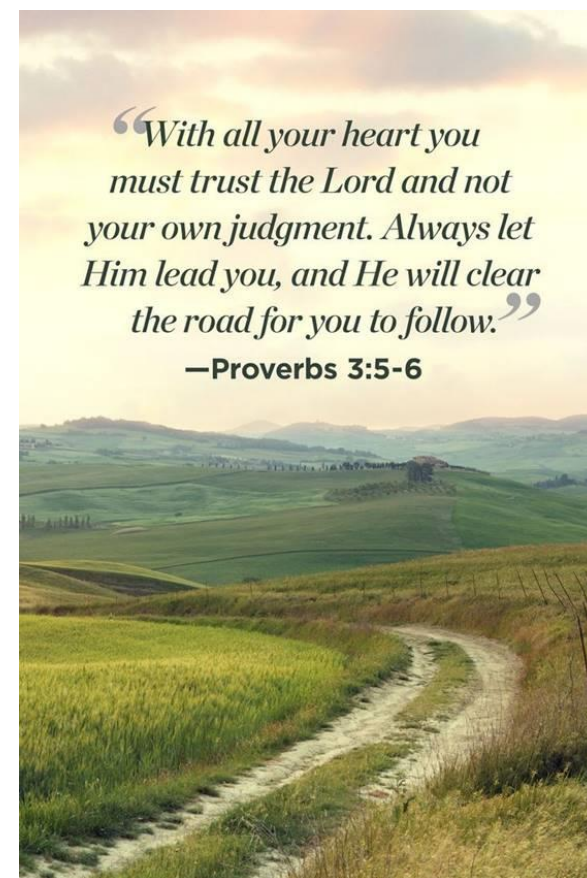
We continue to pray for those we know who are in need of prayer, the house bound, the sick and the dying. Those who are separated from their families in care homes, hospitals and hospices and for the work and devotion of those who care for them. For families divided in lockdown. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God be close to those who feel the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one whether recent or as each anniversary passes. Help us to support all those who mourn with our prayers, with words of comfort and with practical help as they struggle to come to terms with their loss. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Help us during the coming week to live the Good News to resist temptation and help us to live this season of Lent so as to come rejoicing to Easter Day **Amen**

**Let us say the Lord's prayer knowing that Christians worldwide are able to join us in our words and thoughts**

*I have too many flaws to be perfect.  
But too many blessings to be ungrateful  
Do your best and let God do the rest*



*LENT IS A JOURNEY THAT MOVES US FROM WINTER TO SPRING, FROM DEATH TO LIFE, BY WAY OF A CROSS.*

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