

**Parishes of Stainton with Hemlington,  
Hilton and Brookfield  
12th Sept –  
15th Sunday after Trinity**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT HOME**

**Thought for the day**

**A word once let out of the cage cannot be whistled back again.**

**The tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!**

**And the tongue is a fire** *James ch3 v 5*

**COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

**POST COMMUNION**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The book of the prophet Isaiah.**

ch50.4–9a

The servant of the Lord said:

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens –wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**Psalm 116.1–8**

**R I will walk in the presence of the Lord**

**in the land of the living.**

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. **I will walk**

**in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living**

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray you, save my life.'

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living**

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living**

7 For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.

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*In the reading below it seems that the exasperated Church Elder has come across another disaster caused by gossip. We would do well to take James' passionate outburst to heart not least in our conversations within our church communities.*

**A reading from the letter of James.**

Ch 3.1–12

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.  
5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!  
6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.  
7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,  
8 but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison.  
9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.  
10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.  
11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?  
12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.** ch8.27–38  
**Glory to you ,O Lord**

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?'  
28 And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

29 Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.'  
30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.  
31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.  
32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.  
33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'  
34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.  
35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.  
36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?  
37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?  
38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

**Praise to you , O Christ**

**PRAYERS** - *please add your personal petitions to the outline below*

**We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us . It's not just in some of us, but in all of us .Nelson Mandela**

**With these words in our mind we pray for our families and friends; for those we will meet and walk alongside today, this week, in the coming months. We pray for our church communities as we feel our way back to normality as the pandemic ebbs and flows. We hold before God people daring to return to work, and those on holiday. We ask God's blessing on young people returning to schools and colleges.**

**We pray for those we know who are ill; who are lonely; depressed; who need our prayers and our care. Help us Lord to reach out as your followers to any who feel unloved. We pray that our churches will demonstrate Jesus' love for all people. We hold before God any who are making the last journey from this world into His safer keeping; we grieve with those who will face the loss of their presence and the challenges of bereavement.**

**We end with thanksgiving for all God's gifts to us. The pleasant weather we have enjoyed. The crops ready for harvesting. Our homes; our church; the freedom to worship. Merciful Father hear our prayers Amen**

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