

**Parishes of Stainton with Hemlington,  
Hilton and Brookfield  
19th Sept –  
16th Sunday after Trinity**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT HOME**

**Thought for the day**

**Plato reckoned that the only people fit for leadership and positions of power are those who would never want to do it , The truly great in God’s eyes are those who are prepared to be last of all and servant of all. Susan Sayer**

**COLLECT**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 the prophet Jeremiah  
11.18–20**

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, ‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!’ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

**Psalm 54**

**R The Lord sustains my life.**

1 Save me, O God, by your name;  
in your might, defend my cause.  
2 Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth. R  
3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.  
4 Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life. R  
5 Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.  
6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.  
7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes. R

**The letter of James. 3.13 – 4.3, 7–8a**

***James was the undisputed head of the church in Jerusalem. He is said by some writers to have been the first Bishop of Jerusalem.***

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.  
14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.  
15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.  
16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.  
17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,

without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.  
18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.  
1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?  
2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.  
3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.  
7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.  
8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark. 9.30–37**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

***This passage marks a milestone . Jesus had now left the north where he was safe and was taking the first step towards Jerusalem and to the cross that awaited him there . For once he didn’t want the crowds around him . He needed time to make sure his disciples fully understood his message and had taken it to heart. Without that his mission had failed.***

After leaving the mountain  
30 Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee.  
He did not want anyone to know it;  
31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’

32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.  
33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?'

34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'

36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

37 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you , O Christ**

#### INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to God the Father whose Son Jesus Christ has shared our sorrows and our joys:-

We give thanks for those of every age who have inspired us on our journey through life, and we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps . Keep us faithful to our heavenly calling

Lord Hear us -- **Lord graciously hear us**  
We give thanks for the skill and dedication of our healthcare professionals ,and we pray for an end to this pandemic. Let us trust too that this will pass.

Lord Hear us -- **Lord graciously hear us**  
We give thanks for the gift of life, and we pray for all whose health is marred by

sickness of body or mind. May we all know life in abundance.

Lord Hear us .**Lord graciously hear us**  
We give thanks for those who shared their earthly lives with us , and we pray for all who mourn their passing . Bring us safely with those we love to your heavenly home

Lord Hear us **Lord graciously hear us**  
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ AMEN**

*The World Peace Prayer.*

*Lead us from death to life,*

*From falsehood to truth,*

*From despair to hope,*

*From fear to trust.*

*Lead us from hate to love,*

*From war to peace:*

*Let peace fill our hearts,*

*Let peace fill our world,*

*Let peace fill our universe. Amen.*

**Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven , let us pray with confidence as our Saviour Christ taught us . Our Father....**

*A phrase which keeps cropping up on the internet seems to be referring to a lot of people as "the goat." Serena Williams seemed to be universally acknowledged as 'the goat', but then there were some debates about who else might be 'the goat', and sometimes people would proclaim themselves 'the*

*goat', or tell someone else, "You're the goat!"*

*Mohammed Ali was never shy about declaring himself 'the greatest of all time' and after his death his Intellectual Property was Incorporated under the title G.O.A.T.inc.*

*It has become an acronym for someone who is said to be or thinks themselves to be **the greatest in their sport.***

#### **This week's final thought**

People will forget what you said

People will forget what you did.

But people will never forget how you made them feel.

A little kindness, a little gentleness, can last a lifetime.

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