



*The United Benefice of
St Mary's Church, Cromford &
Holy Trinity Church, Matlock Bath*



THE CHURCH NOTICES

August 2017

THE AUGUST SERMON THEME IS

“JONAH”

JONAH FLEES FROM THE LORD

JONAH'S PRAYER

JONAH GOES TO NINEVEH

JONAH'S ANGER AT THE LORD'S COMPASSION

Nick's Notes

NO! Oh God help! Great revival! Cob on!

Aah, to what am I referring? Four chapter headings, perhaps, for the book of Jonah which we'll be enjoying :) at the Sunday services during August. (NB No whales!) Jonah is probably one of the best known Old Testament stories, and he is probably only known for the alleged whale.

To start us off I suggest it's about two things amongst others. Firstly, Missional God and His love for the world. 2 Peter chapter 3 verse 9 says: "*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*" Are there any alleluias to this? The follower of Jesus is no longer perishing but is rather having the life of God transforming from the inside. This was accomplished on the cross by our Lord and Saviour, His broken body and shed blood let us never forget. Secondly God and His dealings with Jonah. God shows Jonah what He's like through His great love for the lost even those outside the covenant with Israel, a stunning concept to God's ancient people! God also shows Jonah what he Jonah is like and seeks to mould Jonah's character through obedience to His purposes."

As has been pointed out to me and which I'd noticed there's quite a bit of illness in our congregations never mind in the Parishes. In Luke's Gospel it says in chapter 5 verse 17 "*One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.*" Strange in a way as the power of the Lord seems with Jesus all the time. Please pray that the power of the Lord will be in our churches as we pray for healing for each other, and outside the church.

We have oils consecrated in the Cathedral in both our churches so let's use them. See James chapter 5 v 15-18 which goes like this: "*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.*"

We have hearts to be Missional congregations, let's work at our Home Groups on being Missional, or even more Missional which ever pertains to your Home Group.

I'm of a mind to lead a Fellowship Group weekly or fortnightly on Wednesday evenings in Trinity Hall with the simple agenda of being Missional, this would include worship, teaching and *ministry* - ministry here meaning using the gifts of the Spirit. What do you think? Do we keep the Home Groups as they are with the same frequency? How do we add to the good things in our Home Groups adding a Missional edge and multiplying with new disciples. to our Home Groups? Please reflect on this & give it some prayer,

Do you remember “Building the bridge whilst walking on it” ?

When we commit to a vision to do something that has never been done before, there is no way of knowing how to get there.

We simply have to build the bridge while we walk on it.

With prayer for healing and re praying and re thinking though our Home Groups we may be taking a step or more forward on this bridge. Food for thought for those not in Home Groups too.

I had some revelation the other Sunday at Holy Trinity (1 Corinthians chapters 12-14) that said we had some sin to sort out in the fellowship. When asked at the church prayer meeting what sin I wasn't sure. However we do need to practically love one another more, for example by not always keeping to our close friends on a Sunday morning. Do you think we still have an independent spirit that sometimes struggles with authority? Over to you now for reflection, prayers, humility. And response.

At last I've carved out some time to go on retreat which will be from Sunday 6th August for a few days, initially in Sheffield at the Church Army Centre and also to the Whirlow Grange Retreat House. Prayers please.

It was good to be signed off by the cardiac specialist though I'm continuing with physio. My appointment with the muscular skeletal consultant went very well, he advises natural products such as tumeric, cherry and omega 3 to help with the continuing 'not heart related' chest pains and other age related aches and pains in my knees etc. Thanks again for your love and prayers.

Enjoy the summer, safe in His love and care,

Every blessing,

Nick

Please pray for five of our young people, Lilly, Ella, Ellen, Sam and Tom who are going to New Frontiers, (who Church in the Peak are part of), which is the New Day Christian Camp from 31st July - 6th August near Norfolk.

There are around 50 youth from Church in the Peak with 14 leaders including Emily. Val & Nick are visiting on the Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Give thanks too that on the last Friday evening youth group there were 39 youth from the area at the BBQ at Cromford Methodist, wonderful!

Church in the Peak are having an event on Saturday 29th July, from 10am to 12noon, inviting people to go for a free brew & cake & chat at the Cromford Institute. Please pray for this as well.

Blessings,

Nick

Emily writes:

Myself and 5 of the youth from Holy Trinity will be going to New Day for a week, on Monday 31st July.

Prayers for us all and for great weather would be appreciated!

Many thanks x

Dear Nick, Caroline, Julie, Ally and all of the Divas!

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting our playgroup at the Friday night DaleDiva concert which was a huge success and we are really grateful to all who helped in any way and especially to those who were involved on the night.

The money raised will make a huge difference to the children at the playgroup, Sarah has an amazing outside mud-kitchen and various other things lined up!

Thanks again,

Amy x

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report
for Holy Trinity School 2017

From the Holy Trinity School website, Sally Swain the Head Teacher writes:
“As a C of E Primary School, MBHT is also inspected under the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) framework.

We had our most recent SIAMS inspection during June of this year and are so pleased to say we received an OUTSTANDING grade! Please read for yourself - we are so proud of what we have done here as a whole school family!”

The introductory summary on the report says:

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Holy Trinity Voluntary Controlled Primary School as a Church of England school are outstanding.

- There is a distinctively Christian ethos within the school which is understood and can be articulated by the vast majority of stakeholders. This impacts positively on its provision and outcomes for the pupils.
- There are excellent relationships throughout the school based on Christian values. This results in a very positive & supportive learning environment.
- High quality collective worship, RE and the strong relationship with the local parish form a solid foundation for the Christian life of the school.
- Pupils are confident, well-behaved & developing into well rounded individuals in the knowledge that they are loved by God.

You can access the report at the Holy Trinity School website, here’s a sample:

“School worship is clearly well planned and thoughtfully delivered. Not enough pupils are involved in this stage, though the Church Council take suggestions from pupils, which are taken and fed back to the group. Children enjoy regular worship led by local clergy and gain insight into Anglican practice. A pupil commented that Rev. Nick 'is the friendliest vicar I've ever met!'. They also said how much they enjoy going to church because 'everyone is really friendly down at church' and 'it is lovely and quiet and peaceful'. Major festivals are celebrated in church and parents greatly appreciate being involved in these experiences. This reciprocal relationship has grown into a strength of then school in recent years. This approach is widening the Christian experience for both pupils and staff.”

Many congratulations to the children, parents, staff and Governors!

Thursday

12 noon: to 2.00pm; Matlock Bath Lunch Club at HT, all are welcome!

Saturday

11.00am: to 1.00pm; *Open Church at St Mary's*

Sunday 6th August Trinity 8

Jonah 1

9.30am: *Holy Communion at St Mary's* Nick Grayshon

Jonah 1, Matthew 5 v 17-20

10.00am: Prayer in the Upper Room - all welcome

10.45am: All Age Worship at HT Nick Grayshon Jonah 1

Monday

9.25am: No Morning Prayer & Open Church at HT

Thursday

11.00am: No BCP Communion at HT

Saturday

11.00am: to 1.00pm; *Open Church at St Mary's*

1.00pm: *Wedding of Craig Wheeldon & Heather Radford at St Mary's*

Sunday 13th August Trinity 9

Jonah 2

10.00am: Prayer in the Upper Room - all welcome

10.30am: *Joint Service at Cromford Methodists*

David Green Jonah 2

10.45am: Holy Communion at HT Pauline Key

Jonah 2, Matthew 5 v 17-20

Monday

9.25am: Morning Prayer & Open Church at HT

Tuesday

7.30pm: Home Group at John & Hilary's

Friday

11.00am: to 1.00pm; *Open Church at St Mary's*

Sunday 20th August Trinity 10

Jonah 3

10.00am: Prayer in the Upper Room - all welcome

9.30am: *Holy Communion at St Mary's* Nick Grayshon

Jonah 3, Matthew 9 v 9-13

10.45am: Morning Worship at HT Nick Grayshon Jonah 3

Monday

9.25am: Morning Prayer & Open Church at HT

Saturday

11.00am: to 1.00pm; Open Church at St Mary's

Sunday 27th August Trinity 11

NO EVENING HOME GROUPS this week

Jonah 4

9.30am: *Morning Worship at St Mary's* Richard Maltby & Pauline Key
Jonah 4

10.00am: Prayer in the Upper Room - all welcome

10.45am: Holy Communion at HT Nick Grayshon
Jonah 4, Matthew 9 v 9-13

Monday

9.25am: Morning Prayer & Open Church at HT

Wednesday

8.00pm: to 9.30pm; Church Meeting in Trinity Hall

HT Coffee Rota

6th Aug **Brian & Maureen Newton**

13th Aug **John & Hilary Phillips**

20th Aug **Sue & Peter Dargeval**

27th Aug **Pat Russell** & Val Grayshon



The United Benefice Church Meeting will take place on

Wednesday 30th August

from 8.00pm to 9.30pm

in Trinity Hall

All are welcome to join in.

We hope you will come this month

Christian Aid 2017

Christian Aid Week
14-20 May 2017

The Christian Aid collection for 2017 in the village of Matlock Bath raised a total of £512. 63.



This is very good, considering we were a few collectors short, due to illness and other factors, and some areas had no collection.

Thank you to those who did take part and we are grateful once again for the generosity of people in our community and in the fellowship.

John Phillips

Churches Together in Matlock need to appoint a new Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Please email or contact the office for the brief job summary if you are interested to find out more.

Thanks, Caroline

Church Key List for Holy Trinity

Mike Pilling is compiling an up to date list of all current key holders within our fellowship at Holy Trinity.

If you have church keys for Holy Trinity, would you give the following details to Mike please either by email or via a note in the letter rack, (better to put this note in an envelope please for security purposes).

Please identify the tag number and which keys you hold (say which doors, filing cabinets etc).

If you do not need to have a set of the church keys any longer, then please let Mike know for collection.

Many thanks,

Mike

Tel: 01773 747349 Mob: 07702 390230

Churches Together in Matlock Prayer Service

Wednesday 6th September

7.30pm

All Saints, Matlock Bank



CTiM is hoping to organise another Praise in the Park in Summer 2018 and recognises that this needs to be supported by prayer.

This service will be the first of a series of prayer meetings / services at different Matlock churches. Please come and join us!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MATLOCK BATH

MATLOCK BATH LUNCH CLUB

***12 noon to 2pm at the church on Thursday 3rd August
and the first Thursday of every month***

SOUP and SANDWICHES

No charge, donations welcome.

We would be delighted if you would join us!



“Michelin Guide” Review: The Matlock Bath Lunch Club - by an attendee!

The Community Action Group at Holy Trinity are behind the Matlock Bath Lunch Club which takes place on the first Thursday of each month from 12 noon to 2pm in Trinity Hall. There is someone to greet you with a warm welcome as you enter the church and a variety of homemade soups on offer, served with a smile. Sandwiches are made to order and tea and coffees are available too.

It is a lovely relaxed affair with light chatter, plenty of laughter and no washing up afterwards. If you haven't been then I highly recommend it !

Pro-loco Art Competition 2017

The 2017 Pro Loco Art Competition is now open!

This year is the 38th Pro Loco Competition in Matlock Bath. The competition is open to all age groups.

All entrants must register to enter using the online entry form or request a paper copy of the entry form from the Clerk. Competition closes: Thurs 31st August.

All finished work will need to be 'dropped off' at a central location in Matlock Bath (location to be confirmed in due course) no later than Sunday 3rd September.

All work will be displayed on Sat 16th & Sun 17th September in the Pump Room of the Pavilion, where the public will be invited to vote for their favourite.

The Lilies Open Garden

Sunday 3 September from 11.30am - 5pm. Admission £3.50, children free. Home-made teas.

This 1 acre garden has been gradually restored over the past 10 years. It is situated at the top of a wooded valley, surrounded by wildflower meadow and ash woodland. The area adjacent to house has seasonal planting and many containers. There are mixed shrubs and perennial borders many raised from seed. Also you will find 3 ponds, the vegetable plot, a barn conversion with a separate cottage style garden. There is also a natural garden with a stream developed from the old mill pond.

Walks in large wildflower meadow and ash woodland both SSSI's.

Handspinning demonstration and natural dyeing display using materials from the garden and wool from sheep in the meadow.

Light lunches served 11:30am to 3:00pm, home-made teas all day. Locally made crafts for sale.

Chris & Bridget Sheppard
www.thelilies.com

Derbyshire Area The Royal School of Church Music **Lift up your Voice!**

2.30pm to 5pm Tuesday 19 September Thorpe, St Leonard DE6 2AW

Miles Quick, the RSCM's Head of Congregational & Instrumental Music will explore new vocal material from refreshing traditional hymns to Taize, Iona & worship songs & ways of introducing instruments into worship. There will be material for churches small & large, rural & urban, with music resources or none, choirs & singing groups.

Everyone is welcome; members of congregations, clergy, worship and music leaders, occasional singing groups, choirs, organ maestros, even reluctant keyboard players or shy instrumentalists. There will be something for everyone to take away. There will be a concluding act of worship using some of the music featured during the afternoon. Advance booking advised.

£8 per adult (£6 for RSCM members or affiliates), Students free.

Details from: Michael Halls Tel: 01335 372064 mvaehalls@gmail.com



Linda Webb, 56, from Stanton Lees who was on a short placement with Nick here in the United Benefice was ordained as a Deacon at Derby Cathedral on Sunday 2 July. She is now an Assistant Curate in the benefice of Atlow, Bradley, Hognaston, Hulland and Kniveton, near Ashbourne.

Talking about her journey to ordination Linda said: "I had been drawn to the Anglican church for several years and recognised that God was calling me to become an Anglican. Whilst working in the prison I covered some Anglican duties whilst we were without an Anglican Chaplain and felt very much at home. As a Charismatic Pentecostal I've been drawn by the Anglican Church into a spiritual experience of quiet and meditative prayer within the beauty of our liturgy."

She added: "Becoming a Deacon is to place myself where I can be used by God for the final years of my working life, wherever I can help and make a difference, using my experience from the past. I am looking forward to meeting and worshipping with people in the Benefice and to being a curate in this beautiful countryside. I hope to facilitate spiritual and community growth and connections wherever possible and find my place within the Vision of the Benefice."

The next issue of the United Benefice Notices for St Mary's & Holy Trinity is for September. Please send items to the office by Monday 21st August 2017 latest.

Important Notes for Our Visitors:

We especially **welcome** you to Church if you are visiting. Thank you for joining us. Please take our greetings back to your church. We pray that you will be blessed and encouraged by your worship with us today. If you live locally and would like to know more about us - please ask anyone present for more details and feel invited to join us again. If you intend to come regularly, please fill in one of our Welcome Cards which will help us to get to know you.

Holy Communion:

Should you require non-alcoholic juice, please pick up a RED card from the front-left pew & show it to the Communion administrators. The smaller chalice will contain non-alcoholic juice. Should you require wheat and gluten free wafers, please take a YELLOW card. We welcome all to the Lord's Table who are in fellowship in their own church, and who know and love the Lord Jesus.

Some Helpful Information:

A loop system is installed in church. Some of our sermons can be downloaded from our website or simply listened to then and there. There is a Crèche Room at the back of church. As yet we don't have Children or Youth church at St Mary's, however we do at Holy Trinity where young visitors are welcome to join our Young People as they leave for their children/youth church. At Holy Trinity, we do not take a collection, but should you wish to give, there are boxes at the sides of the doors into the body of the Church. A Collection is taken during a hymn at St Mary's.

For Home Group day and times, venue, hosts and leaders,
please see Notice Boards, Notices and the Website.

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