



This week a Prayer for Rest and renewal

Jesus, I am weary.
 I spend each day busy but feel I accomplish little.
 Help me to set healthy boundaries and prioritize by Your Holy Spirit. I have my to-do list, but what do You have for me today?
 Help me not to miss your divine appointments.
 Set my focus on things above and keep my eyes on You.
 Reveal to me what I should hold on to, and what I need to let go.
 Empower and equip me for the work you have for me.
 Give me the lasting strength of abiding in You. Renew my mind, body, and spirit, Lord, and make me whole. Amen

Pew News

**A Community enriched with
 Christian Faith, Worship and
 Values**



The sick and those in need of our prayers. Vi Cook, Charles Stone, Paul Haslem, Roger Barnes, Jan Ross and Ruth-Calvert-Smith.
 Plus all people affected by COVID19 who are isolating and those who mourn.
 Merciful Father hear our prayer, comfort and support those whom we pray for.

ONLINE SERVICES
**9.30 pm from All Saints Church
 Dulverton or on catch up on YouTube
 Sunday service weekly at:**
All Saints: 9.30 am
St Nicholas Brushford: 11.00 am
St Mary's Brompton Regis: 11.00am
Skilgate: Sunday service times vary
Upton: open for private prayer
Withiel Florey: 3rd Sunday of the month

Those who have died:
 All those who have died in service to others in the NHS and caring professions and those who have died as a result of this pandemic. Let us remember all those whose anniversary of their death falls at this time.

Parish Office
 Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for this coming week, but emails will be monitored.

Pause for thought.
 "The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you. To gain that which is worth having, it may be necessary to lose everything else." – *Bernadette Devlin*

	Sunday 27 June Trinity 4 - Green	Sunday 4 July Trinity 5 - Green
Dulverton	9.30 Eucharist Revd Andrew <u>Hazlewood</u>	11.00 UBS Eucharist Revd Barry Priory
Brushford	11.00 Eucharist Revd Andrew <u>Hazlewood</u>	No service
Brompton Regis	11.00 Eucharist Ven. Simon Hill	No service
Skilgate	9.30 Patronal Eucharist Ven. Simon Hill	No service
Upton	No service	No service
Withiel Florey	No service	No service
Principal Service Readings	2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43	2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13

- **1st Sunday** of the month **UBS*** service at one of the Benefice Churches.
- **2nd Sunday** OTM** 9.30 Eucharist Service
- **3rd Sunday** OTM 18.00 evensong, lay led short service
- **4th Sunday** OTM 9.30 Eucharist Service sometimes family service
- **5th Sunday** OTM 9.30 Matins/ Service for Church Family-lay led.
- All Saints Church Opening times:
- **Sunday** - for Service
- **Monday** - Closed
- **Tuesday** - Closed
- **Wednesday** open for private prayer and visits
- **Thursday** - Closed
- **Friday** open for private prayer and visits
- **Saturday** Closed for Cleaning

*United Benefice Service **Of The Month

• **PLANT SALE + COFFEE**
SATURDAY 3RD JULY, 10.00 - 12 NOON
11 NICHOLAS CLOSE, BRUSHFORD, TA22 9AS
PARKING AT THE PARISH HALL
IN AID OF ST NICHOLAS CHURCH.



Collect for 4th Sunday After Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord

Psalm 130 : I Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; ♦ Lord, hear my voice

FIRST READING : 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. **8** I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. **9** For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. **10** And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— **11** I now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. **12** For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. **13** I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between **14** your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. **15** As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. **22** Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet **23** and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' **24** So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. **25** Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. **26** She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. **27** She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, **28** for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' **29** Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. **30** Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' **31** And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' **32** He looked all round to see who had done it. **33** But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. **34** He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' **35** While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' **36** But overhearing* what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' **37** He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. **38** When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. **39** When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' **40** And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. **41** He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' **42** And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. **43** He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Old Testament Reading : 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 (not used in the Morning Service,)

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. **17** David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. **18** (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: **19** Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high



places! How the mighty have fallen! **20** Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. **21** You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields!* For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. **22** From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. **23** Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. **24** O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. **25** How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. **26** I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. **27** How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

Diary of Saints Days

Mon 28th June *Irenæus, Bishop of Lyon, Teacher of the Faith, c.200*

Tues 29th *Peter and Paul, Apostles*

Wed 30th

Wed 1st July *Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873*

Friday 2nd

Saturday 3rd *Thomas the Apostle*

WATCH AT HOME
ONLINE SERVICE

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URL to this Week's Service on Youtube

Morning Eucharist Service 9.30 posted online by 15.00

Last weeks Service can be watched on youtube at

All Saints now has new technology installed that will allow us to stream services to YouTube. You can now go on to YouTube and watch the mornings service in full.

Missing Out on something Good?
 Launched at the beginning of May 2020 the Daily HOPE phone line has reached over 2.5 million minutes of listening to prayers, hymns and reflections. Our hope and aim was to offer something for the elder generation who don't access things online. The freephone line seems to have been a wonderful help and encouragement to tens of thousands. In providing another means of sharing faith . The details of Daily HOPE (0800 804 8044).

Saint Thomas

One of the Twelve Apostles, Saint Thomas or "Doubting Thomas" was initially skeptical about Jesus' resurrection, but later proclaimed Jesus, "My Lord and My God."



Synopsis

Saint Thomas was born in Galilee Israel circa the 1st century. When he first heard of Jesus' resurrection, he questioned it, earning him the nickname "Doubting Thomas." As cited in John 20:28, he later proclaimed Jesus as "My Lord and my God" upon his resurrection. He spent the following years traveling and spreading the gospel. St. Thomas died on December 21, 72 in Mylapore, India.



Parables of Jesus from the Book of Mark

- The Lamp - Mark 4:21-25
- New Cloth on Old Garment - Mark 2:21-22
- The Divided Kingdom - Mark 3:23-27
- The Sower - Mark 4:1-20
- The Mustard Seed -
- The Heart of Man - Mark 7:14-23
- The Tenant Farmers - Mark 12:1-12
- The Budding Fig Tree - Mark 13:28-33
- The Faithful vs. The Wicked Servant - Mark 13:34-37

News of New Rector:

Dear All,

We have interviewed two candidates for the post of Rector. The interview panel have selected a preferred candidate who's name has been submitted to the Bishop for approval.

At this stage we cannot release the name of the successful candidate until the Bishop has approved and offered the position and the candidate has accepted.

We were spoiled by two very capable candidates that any Church, Parish or benefice would be proud to have as part of their team.

We pray for our preferred candidate and trust they are also happy with the outcome. We pray for the success of our selection and thank God for providing us with such a wonderful choice.

We pray also for the alternative candidate that they may find a suitable position if that be their desire.

We thank both candidates for their response to our call and thanks also to the interview panel and all their hard work.

The interdependence of the human race and the animal creation

If I decide to accept and move my people on to a reservation, I will make one condition: the white man must treat the beasts of this land as his brothers. What is a man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, man would die from great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to the man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.

Chief Seathl (c.1786-1866) of the Duwamish Tribe, Washington Territory speech, 1854.

FYI

Please, Please, **Do not attend Church** if you have any doubts about your situation. If you are elderly, vulnerable, have underlying health problems, have to travel out of your village, have been in contact with others that have COVID or you are not feeling well. STAY HOME, STAY SAFE, SAVE THE NHS.

God will understand. God cares about You.

If you DO attend: Church - please wear your mask before entering Church, Please cleanse your hands with sanitiser on entry to church and on Exit. Please keep 2 metres apart throughout your time in church. Please do not socialise in groups. Please take anything you bring to church away with you. Please take any PN or papers you use in Church away with you. Do not leave anything behind. You will not need a hymn book.

God has given us a brain to use, to keep ourselves safe and others safe, let us use it to the full.



**Prayers for Inclusion and Acceptance Praying with the “World Church” 18 April 2021-24 July
Looking at a world perspective sometimes helps to get our own situation in perspective.**

Sunday 27th June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity : God, May we look to You in uncertain times.
Let us take the words of your Son to heart: “Do not fear, only believe”.

Monday 28th June Let us pray for the Diocese of the Seychelles as they celebrate the anniversary of their independence.

Tuesday 29th June (Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Seychelles Independence Day)

Almighty Father, let us remember the examples of St Peter and St Paul, two of your most loyal disciples. May we seek to emulate the conviction of their faith through our deeds and words

Wednesday 30th June We pray for the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA) and their work in bringing together diverse communities across the continent. CAPA is an effective advocate for interreligious and intercultural dialogue, as well as a powerful campaigner against human trafficking and gender-based violence.

Thursday 1st July Lord, we pray for those amongst us facing personal challenges. May they find strength and comfort in You.

Friday 2nd July We pray for all Christians dealing with doubt and uncertainty. May they be embraced by Christian fellowship and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Saturday 3rd July (Saint Thomas) : Let us remember the life and works of St Thomas the Apostle. May we cast aside our scepticism and choose the way that Jesus taught us.

Gospel reflection for Fourth Sunday after Trinity. Seth L. Scott (part of)

... Jairus' fear for the life of his daughter is realized as men arrived from his home to report that during this delay, his daughter died (Mark 5:35). In the minds of these men, death marked the end of Jesus' ability to help, but Jesus' plans and purposes are different from ours and Jesus reiterated His call to Jairus to continue in his belief, acknowledging Jairus' reality with “Do not fear, only believe” (Mark 5:36). Extricating Himself from the throng, Jesus proceeded with His inner three disciples (Peter, James, and John) to Jairus' home. Upon their arrival, Jesus challenged the reality of the crowd of mourners already gathered, stating that their pronouncement of the girl's death was incorrect (Luke 8:52). Again, using touch and calling her in Aramaic, Jesus commanded the little girl to get up (Mark 5:41). From death to life, the 12-year-old girl got up and walked around. Both the parents and the disciples were astonished, “out of their minds with great amazement” (Bible Knowledge Commentary).

Here Are 3 Lessons from the Story of Jairus' Daughter in the Bible:

The story of Jairus' daughter cannot be separated from the context of Mark's narrative as this section has a “sandwich” structure, with the incident of the woman with the issue of blood dividing the story of Jairus's daughter in the middle to connect the stories together. This connection between the 12-year-old girl and the woman with a 12-year-long hemorrhage provides two examples of the same three lessons from this passage.

Lesson 1: Our Faith Resides in the Person of Christ, Not Our Plans

Both Jairus and the woman had a plan that Jesus disrupted. Jairus rightly believed that Jesus could heal his daughter to make her well, needing only to lay His hands on her, but this belief was challenged and produced fear when his daughter died. The woman's plan was to remain unknown and unseen, retaining her position on the outside and seeking only physical relief from her perpetual bleeding. Jesus disrupted both their plans because our faith does not reside in a thing, like the laying on of hands or the touch of a garment, but in relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus challenged Jairus to stop fearing and keep believing in Him, even when it seems impossible.

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Jesus expanded the woman's plan by not just healing her physically, but by seeing her and connecting in relational terms, providing wholeness to her healing and addressing her felt need and her actual need of relationship with Him as His child.

Lesson 2: Trust Jesus to Define Reality and Truth, Not the Crowd

The disciples were confounded with Jesus' question about who touched Him, stressing what they thought seemed obvious that everyone was touching Him as the crowd pressed upon them. Mark notes that as Jesus looked around, to the probable confusion of the disciples, the woman knew and responded. The crowd viewed the woman as unhealable and unclean, beyond help (5:26), but Jesus saw her and sought her, changing her reality through relationship with Him and bringing her from death to life. She was not beyond His capacity or concern. The men who arrived from Jairus's home believed that death meant the end of Jesus' ability to heal Jairus's daughter. "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" (Mark 5:35). The professional mourners laughed at Jesus when He said "The child is not dead but sleeping" (Mark 5:39). When all hope seems lost – when life goes from bad to dead – we need to see things not like the crowd, but like Jesus. Each touch matters. Even death cannot contain or disrupt the purpose and provision of our Savior (1 Cor. 15:20-26). When the troubles around us seem insurmountable, the waves are crashing over the gunnels and we have tried everything we can try, "Do not be afraid, only believe" (Mark 5:36).

Lesson 3: Our Time and God's Time May Be Different

Twelve years. Twelve years must have felt like forever for the woman with the issue of blood. She had tried everything and "had spent all that she had, and was no better but grew worse" (Mark 5:26). According to the Law, this woman's condition would have made her ritually unclean and exclude her from social relationships as anything she touched or that touched her would be made unclean as well (Lev. 15:25-27). Like a leper, this woman would have to live alone and isolated from others. For Jairus and his daughter, twelve years was too short. She was only twelve, still a little girl (Mark 5:41), his only daughter (Luke 8:42). The same amount of time, but the experience of these years was vastly different. This young girl lived her twelve years in relationship with her parents and community, about to enter puberty and womanhood herself, while this woman lived alone and unclean, outside the community. Jairus found Jesus upon His return to the shore and pleaded for Him to come and heal his daughter, but Jesus delayed to identify someone who touched Him in a crushing crowd of people. So close, but then she died. If only Jesus had been there, maybe she would not have died. This was the response of Mary and Martha to Jesus at the death of their brother, Lazarus (John 11:21, 32). If only God had intervened differently or sooner for something in our lives, we wouldn't be in this situation or have to experienced this loss or suffering. God's timing, purpose, and plans are often different from ours, but His purpose is always for His glory (John 11:4; 1 Cor. 10:31; 2 Cor. 1:20). God is working for us and in us for His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13), often using time and process to help us get to the end of ourselves and our own assumption of self-sufficiency, so we can learn dependency and sufficiency in Him alone (2 Cor. 3:5; 2 Cor. 12:9). Do not fear, but keep believing.

The Bible provides the story of the work of God as the Word of God throughout time, speaking in and to the lives of people just like you and me. From the fear and urgency of sickness and death that turn a respected community leader into an imploring father on his knees to the hopelessness and helplessness of a woman seeking relief from every source without results, we can relate. These are our experiences - suffering, struggle, fear, and loss. We attempt our plans, but see our capacity as insufficient or too late, feeling like life is too long or too short and God is delayed or absent in our need. But the lesson of this young girl and older woman is just the opposite. God loves us and seeks us out, crossing a sea in terrifying storms to show His mercy and compassion in our sinfulness (Mark 5:19). "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding (or plans or perceptions). In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths" (Prov. 3:5-6). Our faith resides in the person of Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave Himself for us (Eph. 5:2). While we may feel overwhelmed and alone, He is here and His timing and purpose are perfect (Ps. 18:30). He is working all things together for His good (Rom. 8:28) and for His glory (1 Cor. 10:31), conforming us to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29-30), making all things new (Rev. 21:5), because He loves us (Rom. 5:8; Rom. 8:37-39; Eph. 2:4-10).

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/lessons-we-can-learn-from-the-story-of-jairus-daughter.html>



**A prayer to increase faith:
“The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’” (Luke 17:5)**

Father, even the disciples that walked with Jesus needed to strengthen their faith. Jesus told them if their faith was only the size of a mustard seed, they could uproot trees and crumble mountains. Lord, I need more faith like the disciples. Increase my faith and make me a mover of mountains. Grow my belief in You alone so that I would be strong in the Lord and ready to battle against the doubts planted by the enemy. Lord, increase my faith!

FOOD BANK NEWS The Food Bank is an outpost of the West Somerset Food Cupboard. Donations of food can continue to be left at the following donation sites please:



- *The two Receptions at the Primary School
- *Outside ‘Sixpenny Buckle’ Jury Road
- *The Co-op
- *Outside Bilboa House, High Street
- *All Saints Church.

The Food Bank continues to provide boxes of food to those in need in the community and we would be most grateful to receive any of the items listed below.

- Custard & Rice Pudding
- Savoury Crackers
- Tins of Cold meat (ham, spam)
- Sugar
- Jam
- Teabags
- Tinned Fruit

Thank you to all of you who have donated both food items and money this year so far – both have been much needed and will continue to be so for some time yet. *Jenny Barker (Food Bank Co-ordinator)*

Prayer why not say this together at mealtime?

A Prayer for Family Mealtime

Lord we thank you, for the food before us, the friends beside us, the love between us, and your presence among us. Amen.

Little Gems 

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile. *Billy Sunday*

The real 'action' in the liturgy in which we are all supposed to participate is the action of God himself. This is what is new and distinctive about the Christian liturgy: God himself acts and does what is essential. *Pope Benedict XVI*

Christianity is a lifestyle. And being a Christian is more than a label. *Joyce Meyer*



Archdeacon Simon will be overseeing some of the governance work and communications in all its spheres. He also chairs the Vacancy in See Committee which is undertaking the work around appointing a new diocesan Bishop. Wide consultation is required for this and you can find details as to how you can join in, here <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/who-we-are/how-the-diocese-works/new-bishop/>



Bible Word Search, Vol. III: Fathers in the Bible



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56. Father of the Prodigal Son

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of some local people to plant tend and keep the All Saints Memorial Garden. It has not officially been opened yet due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When it is ready for opening, we will need a rota of volunteers to tend the garden and keep it looking good.

If you feel you would be able to volunteer, please contact Steve Ford (Church Warden) telephone 01398 323016 or the Parish Office 01398 323028

Outdoor Altar/ Worship Station

This is a community Altar, please make it yours for your worship, thoughts and prayers.

Please Remember that both the Worship Station and The Memorial Garden can be used for quiet prayer and reflection at any time. We simply ask that you observe the COVID restrictions and treat them with respect. Remember too, if you are uncomfortable in Church on Sundays, you can go to these places and offer up a prayer or thought to God, perhaps for those we cannot see at present, for those in need of comfort, to give thanks for safe deliverance, to pray for help and support. To give thanks to all who help us, in the medical professions. Available day and night, you are never alone.

When using these places of worship please use COVID safe practices, touch as little as you can.

Use the altar and memorial garden on your own.

Keep 2 metres away from anyone else.

Wear a mask and gloves or sanitise or wash your hands before and after.

Please treat the sites with respect and reverence and if you spot vandalism or problems please report it to Parish Office on 01398 323028.

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen.



55. Jairus' Daughter

As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt down before him. "My daughter has just died," he said, "but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand upon her." As Jesus and the disciples were going to the official's home, (Matthew 9:18-19 NLT)

When Jesus entered the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region. (Matthew 9:23-25 NIV)

And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: *I pray thee*, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. (Mark 5:21-24 KJV)

While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from Jairus's home with the message, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now."

But Jesus ignored their comments and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just trust me." Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter and James and John. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw the commotion and the weeping and wailing. He went inside and spoke to the people. "Why all this weeping and commotion?" he asked. "The child isn't dead; she is only asleep."

The crowd laughed at him, but he told them all to go outside. Then he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. Holding her hand, he said to her, "Get up, little girl!" And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! Her parents were absolutely overwhelmed. (Mark 5:35-42 NLT)



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55. Jairus' Daughter

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Come and visit
PLANT SALE and COFFEE
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I heard the voice of Jesus say..

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto
Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy
head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn
and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has
made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I
freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down,
and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life
giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this
dark world’s Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all
thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my
Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk, till traveling
days are done.



Story Behind The Hymn. “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Horatius Bonar was born in 1808 in Edinburgh, Scotland, the son of a ruling elder in the Church of Scotland. After a relatively uneventful upbringing, Bonar entered into the ministry himself, becoming pastor of the North Parish in the rural town of Kelso.

Not long after he entered the ministry there was a disruption in the Church of Scotland that resulted in the withdrawal of 451 ministers from the Established church, among whom were Bonar and a number of his friends. Together they formed The Free Church of Scotland.

Bonar spent the next 20 years pastoring the congregation in Kelso, writing, and engaging in evangelism. Throughout his life he had been strongly influenced by Thomas Chalmers, and in 1866 he planted a new church in his home city of Edinburgh: the Chalmers Memorial Chapel. He was to serve that church until the year before his death in 1889.

In Bonar’s day the Scottish church had no substantial library of hymns since they sang metrical Psalms almost exclusively. Bonar had begun to write hymns before his ordination when he was serving as superintendent of a Sunday school. He found that the youth had little love for either the words or the tunes they were singing, so he set out to write a few hymns with simpler lyrics and already familiar tunes. These hymns were received wonderfully.

It wasn’t long after this that Bonar, apparently having a gift and an interest in writing verse, took to writing adult hymns. This continued as a habit while he served as pastor, and in the course of his ministry he published a number of hymn compilations.

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” was one of the hymns he wrote during his tenure at Kelso. This is perhaps his most famous song, having found good reception not only in Scotland but also in the wider English-speaking world.

What makes the hymn so widely appealing may well be its focus on the gospel call of Christ to come to him, look to him, drink, and rest, and the simple call to obey and to find in him all that he has promised. It is simple, sweet and encouraging.



June 20	Bill Gash	Andy Jeffries
June 27	Ginny Brown	Ruth Calvert-Smith

2021	First Reading	Intercessions
July 4	Frances Harrison	Ginny Brown
July 11	Annette Jeffries	Steve Ford
July 18	Ginny Brown	Andy Jeffries
July 25	Steph Newth	Frances Harrison

Jesus' Invitation to Rest in him

In the Gospels, Jesus practices regular rest. As a rabbi, he would have taken a weekly Sabbath according to the law. But he also draws our attention back to the ultimate source and purpose of this practice, often prompting questions from religious leaders at the time.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. ~ Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV

Boundaries are certainly an important piece of the Sabbath, but Jesus re-imagines the commands of "dos and don'ts." His life, and the teachings of Scripture, show us that rest is built into God's original design for creation. Taking a Sabbath is more than rest for a weary world; it is a bridge into the kingdom of God.

Sabbath rest outside in nature How to Take a Sabbath Rest: A Simple Approach

Taking a Sabbath day every week provides an opportunity for greater attentiveness to God's unconditional love and constant presence with us, in our body, mind, and soul. **There are no hard and fast rules for how to take a Sabbath. It is not about "getting it right," but accepting God's invitation into rest.**

The specific ways in which each person, family, and community practices the Sabbath will be different. Many Christians choose to rest on Sundays, but this is not obligatory. For example, clergy and those who serve their faith communities on Sundays often rest on Mondays. Students may select a new Sabbath day as each Term's schedule changes. Simply select the day that works best for you and commit to keeping it consistent for at least 3-4 months, if possible, before selecting a new day.

WE ALL NEED A DAY OF REST.

To Rest needs us to relax, feel safe, have trust.

It needs us to accept that we are tired, in need of recuperation, in need of renewal.

Rest of body mind and restless spirit

It needs faith from ourselves, and a recognition that God gives us permission.

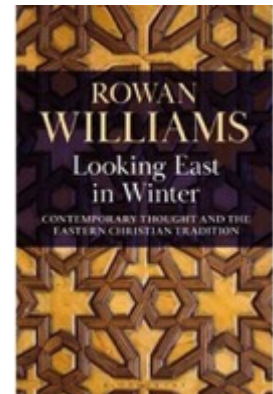
REST and be at peace with doing so.



From the Bookshelf

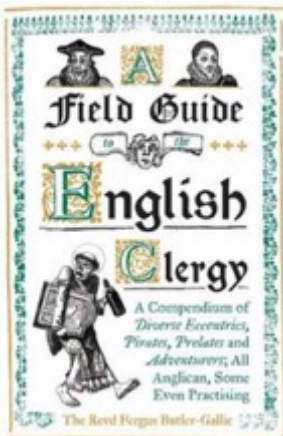
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