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St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 27th August 2023

"BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?" HE ASKED.
"WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"
SIMON PETER ANSWERED,

*"You are the
Messiah
the Son of the
Living God."*

MATTHEW 16:15-16

Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God, the Father
and from his Son Christ Jesus, Our Lord
Amen

Almighty God

**to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Hymn O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way that is true.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would count as your own;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him the Lord is his name.

God is love and we are his children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyries **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison,
Christe, Christe, eleison,
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison**

Gloria **Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia**

Collect **Almighty God,
we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are
worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all
virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Reading from **Romans 12 v1-8**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You

To receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us

All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,

Holy reverence, true humility;

Test our thoughts and our attitudes

In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail—

Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time

That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Gospel We read from Matthew 16 v13-20

*Hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*At end: give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord.*

Sermon

Song JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES,
beautiful saviour, Glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, name above all names
living among us, our saving Lord
Once dying, now you are risen,
Glorious brother, sharing our world.

Intercessions for today

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name

Let us share His peace.

Peace be with you

and also with you

Hymn **NAME OF ALL MAJESTY, FATHOMLESS MYSTERY,**

King of the ages by angels adored;
power and authority, splendour and dignity,
bow to his mastery, Jesus is Lord!

Child of our destiny, God from eternity,
love of the Father on sinners outpoured;
see now what God has done sending his only Son,
Christ the beloved One, Jesus is Lord!

Saviour of Calvary, costliest victory,
darkness defeated and Eden restored;
born as a man to die, nailed to a cross on high,
cold in the grave to lie, Jesus is Lord!

Source of all sovereignty, light, immortality,
life everlasting and heaven assured;
so with the ransomed, we praise him eternally,
Christ in his majesty, Jesus is Lord!

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own we give you.**

Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you Father
in every place and at all times.
You made us, and all the people of the world
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.
Your Word lights up our minds.
Your Spirit lives in us
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

As citizens of heaven,
we offer you our praise
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory;

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Father you never forget us
or turn away from us even when we fail you.
You sent your Son Jesus, who gave his life for us.
He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.

For on the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died
and rose again for us.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on us
and upon this bread and wine;
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

**With all your people
we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Song

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD: HAVE MERCY ON US

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace
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Distribution of Communion

Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing at this time.

Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious
and his mercy endures for ever
Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us that we may please you
in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn **JESUS IS LORD! CREATION'S VOICE PROCLAIMS IT,**

For by His power each tree and flower
Was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,
Sun, moon and stars in heaven
Cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
In flesh He came to die in pain
On Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
Yet gave His life a ransom
Thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death He rose, and all His foes
Shall own His name.

Jesus is Lord! God sent His Holy Spirit
To show by works of power
That Jesus is Lord.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen!

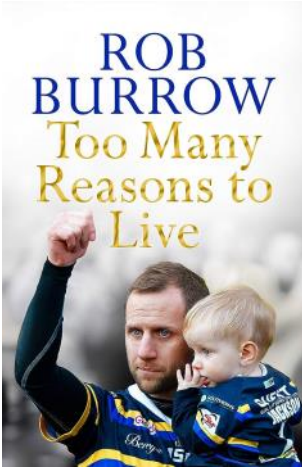
*Please do join with us for refreshments
served at the close of the service*



BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday 29th Sept

TOO MANY REASONS TO LIVE by ROB BURROWS

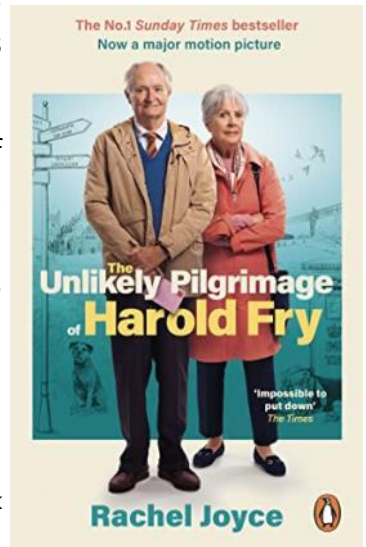


Rob Burrows is a retired international rugby league player who sadly developed motor neuron disease (MND). This book was written by Rob himself and tells the story of his life thus far – his rugby days, his diagnosis and his current state of health. We all agreed that there were far too much rugby details in the book but it did demonstrate the courage of the man, especially as he is very small and was initially ridiculed for even attempting to play rugby which is for big burly characters! As the story unfolds, the diagnosis made and the limiting symptoms take hold

of Rob, we were inspired by his openness and acceptance of his condition. Of course Stephen Hawkin and Doddie Weir both had MND but Rob certainly brought it into the public domain and he has done some amazing fund raising for research into the disease which sadly has no cure. What also came through the chapters of the book was the love and support of his rugby colleagues and his family especially his wife.

Our next book is "The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry" By Rachel Joyce. Harold is an ordinary man who has passed through life, living on the side lines, until he goes to post a letter one day...and just keeps walking.

We are meeting Sept 29th at St. Mary's, 7.30.
New members always welcome.



Vicki Clark



Autumn Time Socials

September Saturday 23rd - Walk & Talk

Its just a Walk in the Park followed by lunch at the Stables sign up today and join in the walk & talking starting from St Mary's

October Saturday 7th - Harvest Supper

Come ye thankful people come and join the harvest fun with a buffet supper and entertainment in St Leonard's Church Hall. Our Harvest Celebrations continue with Morning Worship on Sunday the 8th October at both churches 10am. Donations of tinned or dried goods are welcomed for the work of The Storehouse.

November Friday 17th - St Andrew's Ceilidh

Get your dancing shoes on and strip a willow as we gather at the Roses Club in Bonnyrigg for a fun night of music, dancing, food, fun and fellowship.

December Saturday 2nd - Christmas Fair

Come along and enjoy a coffee and spend time enjoying the stalls in hope that you can buy one or two Christmas presents for family and friends.

December Friday 8th - Panto and meal at the Stair Arms.

Oh no there isn't! Oh yes there is a meal and panto fun all in the one evening. You can come to both or just join with us for the Panto or the meal.....



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