

Lectio Divina

Please don't be put off by the Latin name 'Lectio Divina' which simply means 'Divine Reading'.

What is Lectio Divina?

It is an ancient, reflective method of reading and encountering Scripture. It allows the Scriptures to be a means of God uniting us to himself as we re-read the same passage through listening, meditation, prayer and contemplation.

I need to stress that this is not a course, so you can join any or all of the sessions. It is certainly not academic and there is nothing to prepare or write unless you wish to make your own notes. The whole session will just flow as it takes us. There will be silences as well as times to say anything you feel moved to say, or you may even have questions to ask, but there is no pressure to say anything if

you don't feel moved to do so. I shall choose the text for each meeting and shall be leading sessions at 7.30pm lasting around 45 minutes maximum on Zoom on the second Mondays of October (11th) November (8th) and December (13th) and we'll see how it goes from there.

I feel that I have gained enormously from Lectio Divina in the past and would love to share similar experiences with you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to see me in church or contact me otherwise.

I do hope you'll join me.

All good wishes,
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The Vicar writes...

As I write the church hall and kitchen has been cleared in readiness for the builders to come in and start the long-awaited works to install an Accessible Toilet at the ground level of the Church and refurbish our kitchen. What an incredible blessing from God this is through the generous giving into our 'Centenary Fund' over the years. The project should be completed by the end of October.

During October, we will be visited by the newly installed Bishop of Stockport, Rt. Rev'd Sam Corley on Tuesday October 12th as part of his two-day tour of the Knutsford Deanery. Due to my own personal health circumstances (there is nothing to worry about) I am having to limit the numbers of people coming to the church that day. I expect we will show +Sam the improvements made to the church building in recent times, including the latest project of course, and a display of the missional projects we have run with the inspiration of our Reader, Mary Daw. After lunch, the plan is to take a short prayer walk in the parish.

We will also be resuming our activities for younger members through Sunflowers and Young Church and our service pattern has been modified to come closer to what we were doing before Coronavirus existed. I have tried to ensure that the revision meets the needs of everyone. We also have a Lectio Divina monthly event on Zoom starting this month (*see the back page*) with Reader Hil Savage and this provides another opportunity for us to experience the presence of God as we meet.

I close this editorial by sharing a prayer with you that was on the Chester Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for September 21st.

A prayer for the month

Lord Jesus, we pray for the reawakening of the enthusiasm of our children as we restart Young Church and Sunflowers this month. May we build on the firm foundations laid before the pandemic.

Yours, in Christ

Paul

Occasional Offices

Baptism
4th September **Theodore Michael James Burton**



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Readings for Services - Sundays and Wednesdays

	MP = Morning Prayer (<i>Audio</i>) E = Eucharist	6.30pm
Sunday 3 October HARVEST FESTIVAL	MP/E Joel 2.21-27 1 Timothy 6.6-10 Matthew 6.25-33	Celtic Eucharist Joshua 3.7-end Matthew 10.1-22
6 October Wednesday William Tyndale	E Proverbs 8.4-11 2 Timothy 3.12-end John 17.6-8,14-19	
Sunday 10 October Trinity 19	MP/E Amos 5.6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 4.12-end Mark 10.17-31	
13 October Wednesday Edward the Confessor	E 2. Samuel 23.1-5 1 John 4.13-16 Matthew 21.12-17	
Sunday 17 October Trinity 20	MP/E Isaiah 53.4-end Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45	
20 October Wednesday	E Psalm 124 Romans 6.12-18 Luke 12.39-48	
Sunday 24 October Last Sunday after Trinity	MP/E Isaiah 55.1-11 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 John 5.36b-end	
27 October Wednesday	E Psalm 13 Romans 8.26-30 Luke 13.22-30	
Sunday 31 October Fourth Sunday before Advent	MP/E Deuteronomy 6.1-9 Hebrews 9.11-14 Mark 12.28-34	