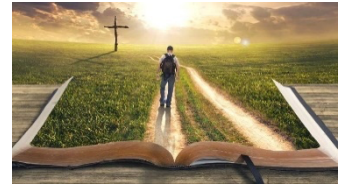


Sunday 17th November 2024: Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.
For use by the Central Norfolk Circuit at 10.30am or some other suitable time.



Theme for today is “All in the hands of God”

Our call to worship: We come to worship the Lord who surrounds us, does good to us, invites us to trust and reminds us to follow scripture to lead the life destined for us.

Hymn: StF 56 H&P 499 King of glory, king of peace

Prayers of adoration and confession

Think of the past week and say both ‘thank you’ and ‘sorry’ to our loving God.

Hymn: StF 327 Jesus is King, and I will extol him

Readings: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 Hebrews 10: 11-25 and Mark 13: 1-8

To think about

During the last few weeks we have heard the budget speech in the house of commons from the chancellor of the ex-chequer, we have witnessed the election of the new leader of the opposition who is now setting out what the Conservative party will stand for over the next five years and we have seen Donald Trump elected as the 47th President of the US. Listening to all three, I wonder who can I trust?

Message from a Circuit Friend

Looking at our readings for today, I wondered at first what the connection was:

In 1Samuel 1: 4-20, we have the story of Hannah pouring her heart out to God of her pain and misery of not being able to conceive, then in verse 20 we read of her sorrow turning to joy as she bore a son.

Reading on in chapter 2 we have that lovely canticle of Hannah’s praise to God for this child Samuel, as she leaves him at the Temple in the Lord’s service, as she had promised.

In Hebrews 10: 11-14 & 19-25 we read of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and how we can, with confidence and faith, be assured of a life to come. To share with others this promise, encouraging and enabling others to know of the wonderful love of Jesus.

Then we read in the gospel of Mark 13: 1-8 Jesus predicting, uncomfortably, what was to come. Reading this, and looking at our world today, I thought, this could have been written right now, as we have nations rising against nations – earthquakes – famines, earthly kingdoms rising and falling – people speaking and acting as if in God’s name, when God is saying “This is not in my name!”

All these passages speak of the future, of God’s plans, and the knowledge that he has it all in his hands. Most of all I think it is one of trust, challenge and choice.

Today we have to trust in the sacrifice given by Jesus.

In this ever-changing world we are being set a challenge, not to be lead astray, but to rely on God’s promises. Jesus offers us a new and living way, to hold fast to the hope he gives, living our lives to the best of our abilities sharing and caring for each another, until our kingdom finally comes, he can change sorrow into joy! the choice is ours!

From Dee Moden, one of our Local Preachers

Hymn: StF 455 H&P 63 All my hope on God is founded

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for our world... for the church... for our communities... for our families and friends...

Offer to God your offertory for the week, and say the Lord’s Prayer...

Hymn: StF 134 H&P 457 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Closing blessing - We say together the Grace.