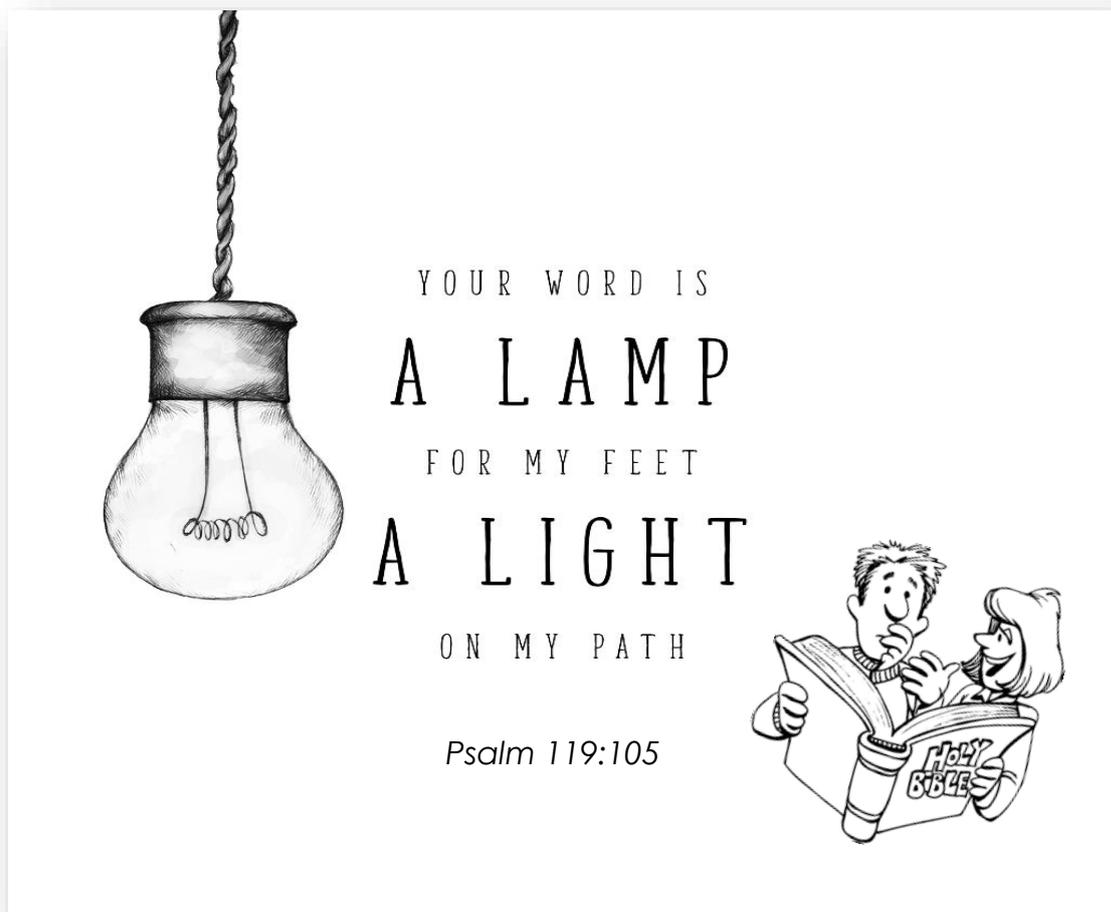


The Parish Church of St Mark, Mansfield

Family Eucharist on Bible Sunday



Sunday 28 October 2018 9.30am

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant: Rev James Curry

About the Bible . . .

- Over 100 million copies of the Bible are sold each year.
- The word “bible” is from the Greek *ta biblia*, which means “the scrolls” or “the books.” The word is derived from the ancient city of Byblos, which was the official supplier of paper products to the ancient world.
- The full Bible has been translated into 532 languages. It has been partially translated into 2,883 languages.
- The Bible is not a single work but a collection of works from a wide variety of authors, such as shepherds, kings, farmers, priests, poets, scribes, and fisherman. Authors also include traitors, embezzlers, adulterers, murders, and auditors.
- John Wycliffe produced the first translation of the entire Bible from Latin Vulgate into English. However, after he died, the Catholic Church exhumed and burned his corpse as punishment for his translation work.
- William Tyndale produced the first printed edited of the New Testament in English. He was later burned at the stake for his efforts.
- The first authorized Bible printed in English is the Great Bible of 1539. King Henry VIII of England declared that it should be read aloud during the church services in the Church of England.
- The Bible is the most commonly stolen book in the world, most likely because it is so available in hotel rooms and places of worship.
- The Bible is the best-selling book in history, with total sales exceeding 5 billion copies.
- The world’s largest Bible weighs 1,094 pounds. Built by Louis Waynai in 1930, the book is 43.5 inches tall and a laid open width of 98 inches.

More information on www.factretriever.com/bible-facts

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (Good News Bible)

Order of Service

The Gathering

Please stand when the bell rings

HYMN 379: God has spoken

*During the hymn, the choir, servers and priest process in.
The colour parties present their flags.*

Please remain standing

GREETING by the celebrant

The peace of God be with you

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

A young person brings forward the picture of St Mark.

Another young person walks forward with a Bible and says:

Here is Saint Mark writing his Gospel.

The Bible is our guide book to God.

Saint Paul said:

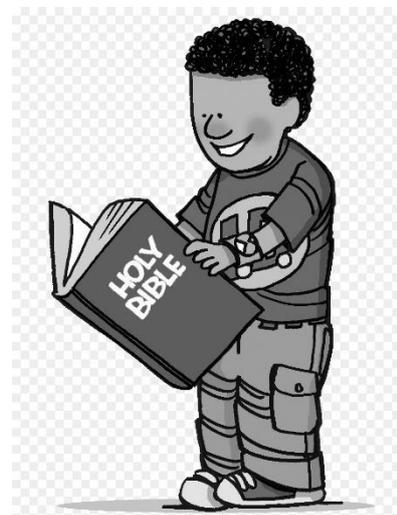
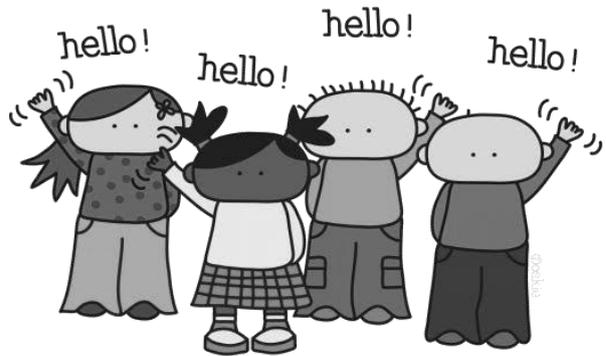
God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defence, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what.

Hebrews 4:12-13 The Message Bible

Let us say together:

**Your Word is the light we see,
a guide for our footsteps
to where you are found.**

**Your Word is the strength we find
when darkness threatens
to overwhelm.**



**Your Word is the power we need
to become servants
of a Heavenly King.**

**Your Word is the reason we live
in the sure knowledge
You are everything.**



PRAYERS OF PENITENCE led by the young people

Please sit or kneel to say sorry to God:

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

**WHEN YOU'VE DONE
SOMETHING WRONG
ADMIT IT AND
BE SORRY. NO ONE
IN HISTORY HAS EVERY
CHOKED TO DEATH
FROM SWALLOWING
HIS PRIDE.**

via thegospelofjesus.com

ABSOLUTION said by the celebrant

Jesus forgives my sins.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please stand

PERUVIAN GLORIA led by the celebrant

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

To Him be glory for ever.

To Him be glory for ever.

Alleluia! Amen

Alleluia! Amen Alleluia! Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus.....

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory Holy Spirit.....

COLLECT: THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY said by the celebrant

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,

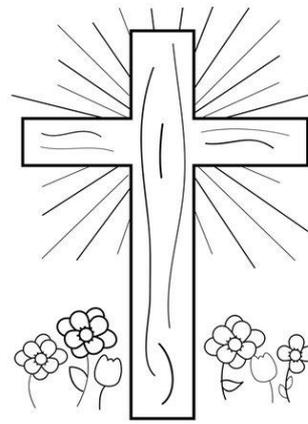
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen



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The Liturgy of the Word

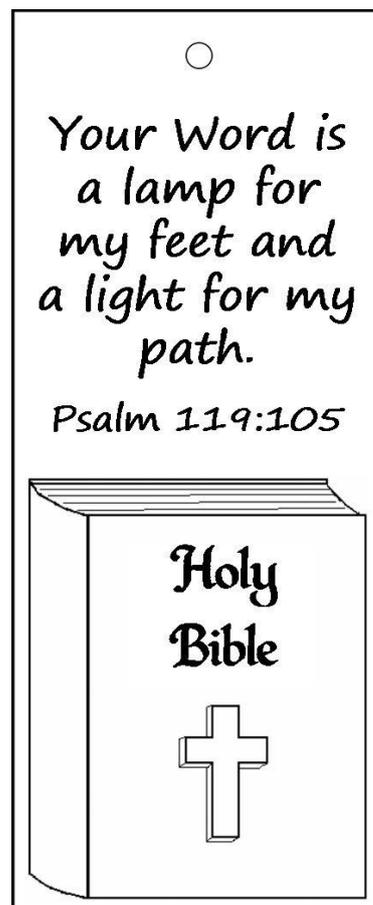
Please sit. Readings by the young people.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 119:105-112 [The Message Bible]

By your words I can see where I'm going;
they throw a beam of light on my dark path.
I've committed myself and I'll never turn back
from living by your righteous order.
Everything's falling apart on me, GOD;
put me together again with your Word.
Festoon me with your finest sayings, GOD;
teach me your holy rules.
My life is as close as my own hands,
but I don't forget what you have revealed.
The wicked do their best to throw me off track,
but I don't swerve an inch from your course.
I inherited your book on living; it's mine forever—
what a gift! And how happy it makes me!
I concentrate on doing exactly what you say—
I always have and always will.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



*Your Word is
a lamp for
my feet and
a light for my
path.*

Psalm 119:105

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2 [The Message Bible]

Paul tells his assistant Timothy to keep to the truth of the Scriptures.

Don't let those who are trying to deceive faze you. Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers—why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

I can't impress this on you too strongly. God is looking over your shoulder. Christ himself is the Judge, with the final say on everyone, living and dead. He is about to break into the open with his rule, so proclaim the Message with intensity; keep on your watch. Challenge, warn, and urge

your people. Don't ever quit. Just keep it simple.

You're going to find that there will be times when people will have no stomach for solid teaching, but will fill up on spiritual junk food—catchy opinions that tickle their fancy. They'll turn their backs on truth and chase mirages. But *you*—keep your eye on what you're doing; accept the hard times along with the good; keep the Message alive; do a thorough job as God's servant.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the hymn

HYMN 727: May the mind of Christ my Saviour

During this hymn the Gospel procession moves up the aisle

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35 [Message Bible] Read by a young person

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord

People have witnessed Jesus dying on the cross. Now there are reports that he is alive again!

That same day two followers of Jesus were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognise who he was.

He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find

his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognised him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?"

They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!"

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognised him when he broke the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated. The choir moves to the nave.

OUR INSTRUCTION BOOK FOR LIFE. DO WE USE IT WISELY?

Talk and dramatic presentation

OUR PRAYERS *led by the young people*

Please sit or kneel

Heavenly Father, thank you for Bible, your living Word, given to us to be shared, read aloud, and acted on through our worship and in our daily lives.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**



Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of John:

‘For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.’ *John 3:16 (Good News)*

Heavenly Father, Jesus suffered on the cross so that our wrongdoing may be forgiven. Help us to appreciate what He did for us.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus has advice when things get too much:

‘Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.’ *Matthew 11:28 (Good News Bible)*

Heavenly Father, help us to take up your offer, to stop worrying and to put our concerns onto You.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus reminds us of the most important instructions for living our lives:

‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second most important commandment is this: ‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ There is no other commandment more important than these two.’ *Mark 12:30-31 (Good News)*

Heavenly Father, it’s not easy to respect people we don’t like. Please help us to show concern for everybody we meet.

In our Parish this week, we pray particularly for the people living in Quarry Lane, Randolph Close, Ringwood Avenue and Robert Avenue.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Peter warns us:

‘Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy, the Devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.’ *1 Peter 5:8 (Good News Bible)*

Heavenly Father, please give us the will and the strength to resist what we know is not right.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Paul instructs us:

‘We must help the weak, remembering the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, ‘There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’” *Acts 20:35 (GNB)*

Heavenly Father, help us not to make excuses but to put ourselves out for those less fortunate than ourselves.

We remember also those who are unwell and ask that they may experience your special peace.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

The one thing definite about life is that eventually we will die, yet we avoid talking about it. Fortunately, in the Gospel of John, Jesus gives reassuring information for all who believe in him:

‘There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.’ *John 14:2-3 (Good News Bible)*

We remember loved ones who are no longer with us and thank God for the good times with them.

We remember also those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Bernard Ford, Kate Everley, Robert Hemstock, Harry Thompson, Harry Willetts, Roger Parker, Arthur Cooper, Bert Hickman, Louis Jennings (priest), Jessie Sandon, Wilfred Smith, Edith Thompson, Joyce Buckingham

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

Right at the end of the Gospel of Matthew, just before he returned to heaven, Jesus assured us:

‘I will be with you always’ *Matthew 28:20 (Good News Bible)*

So, we never need feel lonely. Fantastic!

We say together:

Heavenly Father, bring your blessing into this meeting of your people gathered here today; speak to our hearts through the hymns we sing, the prayers that are said, and the reading and understanding of your word, that we might go refreshed into the world, and through our lives bring refreshment to others.

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

Jesus said; “When you pray, do not use a lot of meaningless words.”

Matthew 6:7 (Good News Bible)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

THE PEACE introduced by the Celebrant

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his
peace.



So may the peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We offer each other a sign of peace perhaps by shaking hands and
exchanging a kind word*

HYMN 715: Lord for the years

*If you wish to donate money for the work of St Mark's, please put your
offering in the plate when it is passed round during this hymn.*

*Children go to the altar ready with loud instruments to play during the
Eucharistic Prayer.*

The bread and wine are taken to the altar during this hymn.

Please remain standing

SETTING THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.



THE 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.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

We praise you for your glory

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,
everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

We praise you for your glory

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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.

Please sit or kneel

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his
disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you.'



Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St Mark, St Peter & St Paul and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen

Rejoicing in God's new creation, so we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *led by a young person*

Our Father in heaven.

Thank you for loving me so much that Jesus died on the cross for me. You know me so well: all my weaknesses and all my strengths.

Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

I want to let you use me to tell others about you.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Help me to understand what it is you want me to do. Give me the courage to be willing to do whatever you ask of me.

Give us today our daily bread.

Help me to trust you to enable me to do your will.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Forgive me if I have hurt others by what I have said or done.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Don't let me be swayed from doing your will.

Protect me from anything that may harm me,

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.
**Yes Lord, those are the things that really matter to me.
Help me to be ready to work for them, whatever the cost.
I know that you are always with me. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

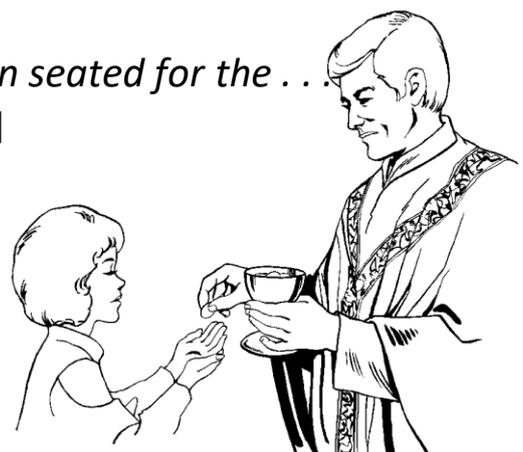


All are invited to come up to the altar when directed

After the choir have sung a Motet, we remain seated for the . . .

COMMUNION HYMN 389: Spirit of God

**'We urge you, our friends, to warn
the idle, encourage the timid, help
the weak, be patient with everyone.'
1 Thessalonians 5:14 (Good News Bible)**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION said by the celebrant

Please sit or kneel

Most gracious God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who lives and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

The Dismissal

Please stand

FINAL HYMN 507: **We have a Gospel to proclaim**

The colour parties receive their flags during this hymn

Please sit

NOTICES AND BANNES OF MARRIAGE

Please stand

THE BLESSING *by the Celebrant*

Go now in peace,
knowing that you have been born again,
not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Go in peace to Love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

The choir, priest and servers process out



LORD, you have
examined me and you
know me.
You know everything I
do;
from far away you
understand all my
thoughts.
You see me, whether I
am working or resting;
you know all my
actions.
Even before I speak,
you already know
what I will say.
You are all around me
on every side;
you protect me with
your power.
Your knowledge of me is
too deep;
it is beyond my
understanding.

Psalm 139:1-6 (GNB)

**Please join us in the
Hall for
refreshments and
the FAIRTRADE
stall.**

**The next Family
Eucharist will take
place at 9.30am on
Sunday 25th
November at
9.30am**

Please feel free to take home this booklet if you wish

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