

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## WORSHIP

16<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Vicky is taking our service  
and preaching today**

*This is a quiet communion service with a short reflection and no hymns.*

*Instead of a collection being taken during the service there is a collection plate at the back of the chapel.*

*If you are a UK tax payer you can donate by Gift Aid and for every £1 you give, St John's gets an extra 25p. Please put your donation in one of the Gift Aid envelopes in the back of the seats, adding your name and address. If you would like to give regularly by Gift Aid please see Jo Need. Thank you very much for your support.*

#### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

#### POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for those** who are ill, among them Ann Cooper, Lorna Pearce, Phyllis Keates, Caroline Hellicar, Demetra Varots, Luanne Higgins and Irek Piekarski



#### And for those who have died,

There is a special prayer area at the high altar chapel where you can light a candle. Do write any requests for prayers for situations or people on a slip of paper and pin it to the board there. All requests will be remembered at our weekday evening services.

#### Readings for next Sunday:

Wisdom 12.13,16-19. Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

#### SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month:** 10am Family Communion

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month:** 10am Parish Communion with children's church

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:** 9am Holy Communion

10am Sacred Space with children's church

#### CONTACTS FOR ST JOHN'S

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## BIBLE READINGS

### ISAIAH 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL - MATTHEW 13.1-9, 18-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

#### All: Glory to you, O Lord

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was

sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**