



Welcome to  
**St. John the Baptist, Midsomer Norton**  
**5th Sunday after Trinity 12.07.2020**

**9.30 am**                      **Said Eucharist**      Celebrant - Fr Tony  
Intercessions led by Maureen West

*Please Pray For:*

**The Residents of:-** Withies Park, Laburnum Close & Laburnam Grove.

**The Sick:** Rachael Macfarlane, Judy Flook, Miranda Cooper, Rose Stenner, Paul & Margaret Knott, Irene Leet, Faye McDermott, Anne Hatton, Rob & Glyn Gilliland, Gerrard Monks, Trevor Bell, Fr Roy Boots, Nicholas Hambleton, Mary Hickmott, Helen Plummer & Daniel Plummer, Betty Chiplin, Ethan Horwood, John Lewis, Patricia Flagg, John Denning.

**The Departed:** Jonathon Cook.

**Years Mind:-** Ray LeGrove, Gladys Grantham, Ida Wilton (T) Alice Denning, Audrey Wardle, Rose Bridges (W) Sue England, William Stenner, Joan Farmer, Janice Proctor, Daniel Haxell, Marjorie Lane (S) Lily Sims, Ivy Hall, Wendy Filer.

## **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.

## **A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 8 1 - 11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law? indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Alleluia alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower.  
Whoever finds this seed will remain for ever. Alleluia  
**Praise to you o Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13 1 - 9 , 18 - 23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 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.'

**Praise to you o Christ**

### **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.

## **Because of Covid 19 Restrictions**

*Please remember to take this sheet home with you but leave the order of service book in your pew seat.*

*Also a reminder to let Carol know by email or phone if you hope to be able to go to next Sunday's service.( carolmoore226@yahoo.com or 01761 412226 )*

*We also hope you are able to visit our web site to read 'Church Alive' our monthly magazine which continues to be produced by Linda.*

*[www.stjohnschurch.org.uk](http://www.stjohnschurch.org.uk).*

