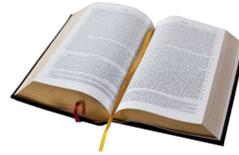


## This week's service

Today's service  
is led by Nigel Worth  
with Rev Mike Firbank preaching

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## This week's reading



Joshua 1:1-11

## A thought from Mike

What do we do when we can't see beyond the horizon?; what do we do when there is a sharp bend, and we can't see around it? What do we do if the hill rises steeply before us, and we can't see over it?

From the hill above the river Jordan - the wrong side of the river - you can barely see Jericho. If you want to see clearly, you're going to have to cross the Jordan and walk towards what you can't yet clearly see. What's your Jordan at present?

## Prayer for this week

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Vision Day Update

We have decided to postpone the vision day until hopefully March or April. We are carrying on with our Vision Sermons each Sunday service during January but will give plenty of notice to everyone when we have agreed a new date. We want to encourage as many people to attend and be involved as possible.

## Minster Service on January 30th 10am at Gresley Old Hall

Gresley Old Hall is massive and easily fits over 200 - so there's plenty of space for Social Distancing

Bishop Libby is preaching and leading communion

Theme: Faith under adversity

Masks on for whole service

No Refreshments



## Church Vision

Over the next few weeks, in preparation for our Vision Day, we would like everyone who worships at St. Peter's Church, to share their vision about the next steps on our journey of faith together. How do you think the Lord wants us to grow as a church?

If you can, please pray every day about this. Please note down what you believe should be part of our vision.

These prompts may help you:

1. What do you love doing most? How would you like to use the things you love to bless one another and/or our wider community?
2. Please make a note of any verse(s) that you believe the Lord has given you.
3. Share any dream, thought or vision that you believe is from the Lord.

You do not have to answer each of these prompts but please contribute what you can because, as part of the Body of Christ at St. Peter's, we all have an important part to play in blessing and encouraging each other.

Church diary for the next month

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
led by Sean O'Toole  
Sandra O'Toole preaching

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10am Minster Service at**  
**Gresley Old Hall**  
with by Bishop Libby

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

**Bonus note: The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra, so no need to clean.**

23.01.2022	Val & Andy
30.01.2022	Nige & Deb
06.02.2022	Christine
13.02.2022	Deb P & Alicia
20.02.2022	Jane
27.02.2022	Bill
04.03.2022	Val & Andy

Becky's Sponsored 75km Walk throughout February 2022

**SDYFC** are passionate about not just seeing a generation survive in their wellbeing, but to **completely thrive**, propelling them further into their calling and identity in Jesus. Did you know that 75% of young people who are diagnosed with a mental health illness **aren't receiving the help they need?** (Children Society 2021). To put that in perspective, if our young people all had a mental health illness, then only 10 out of the 40 we work with would be getting the correct support. To put that in another perspective, if this was physical health, for example a broken leg, **only 10 out of the 40 young people** would be getting a cast, regular check-ups, and other necessary provision for their healing and recovery.

In response to this, Becky will be walking 75km, throughout February. Every 1km representing that 1%, **because every individual matters**. We ask of you to consider whether you are able and willing to support SDYFC financially with the delivery of the wellbeing course we run, which costs £42 per young person including the youth worker's salary, preparation time, materials, and resources. Money donated will fund necessary support and care for young people, continued training for the team, and covering the cost of resources. **Join with us as we reach out to young people who are in need of hope.**

**'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'** – Matthew 11:28

Link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/sdyfc-girls-mental-wellbeing-group?member=16481797>

A last word is necessary to keep the record quite straight. There has never been any intention that once carried out, the North Aisle area would be available for jumble sales or table tennis tournaments. It will not. But it will be an area that can be used to encourage people to meet one another on a Sunday — and at other times — over tea or coffee: an area where there can be interchange, talk-back, growth in fellowship, increased understanding; Some may be sceptical; they may see change of this kind as inevitably 'for the worse'. But we have the Seventies to cope with.

The Church must do or die. Its Lord did — he served and preached and challenged and gave His life: but he rose again.

So the time has come for the Church to rise, to come alive:

'there is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune'.\*

What a challenge we have. Can we meet it, and move out, alive and demonstrably concerned about other people? Really, it is a question of 'we must'.

**Yours sincere Friend and Rector, Trevor Beedell**

\*Julius Caesar Act 4, scene 3

A vision for the church from the Parish Magazine February 1970 continued