

MONDAY
20 JULY
Micah 6:1-4. 6-8
Psalm 50:3-7. 14
Matthew 12:38-42

TUESDAY
21 JULY
Micah 7:14-15. 18-20
Psalm 85:1-7
Matthew 12:46-end

WEDNESDAY
22 JULY
Mary Magdalene
Song of Solomon
3:1-4
Psalm 42:1-10
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
John 20:1-2. 11-18

THURSDAY
23 JULY
Jeremiah 2:1-3.
7-8. 12-13
Psalm 36:5-10
Matthew 13:10-17

FRIDAY
24 JULY
Jeremiah 3:14-17
Psalm 23
or Canticle:
Jeremiah 31:10-13
Matthew 13:18-23

SATURDAY
25 JULY
James the Apostle
Jeremiah 45:1-5
or Acts 11:27 – 12:2
Psalm 126
Acts 11:27 – 12:2
or 2 Corinthians
4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

REFLECTION



Sometimes we are blinkered because we're so used to thinking in a certain way that alternative explanations pass us by. This week Jeremiah points out the failings that the people do not recognise in themselves, while the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew's Gospel want a sign, as if Jesus' words and actions are not enough. Jesus places himself in the context of the Old Testament story of Jonah, who spent three days in the belly of the sea monster. Jesus will spend three days in the earth, but will the scribes and Pharisees recognise the sign and make the connection when it happens? And why have James and John not understood that requests to sit at Jesus' right and left are not the point?

In the second half of the week Jesus explains how difficult it is for hearers to understand the parables he tells. We have the benefit of the explanations he gave to the disciples, but have they become so familiar and stale that they no longer speak to us? Can we recognise the signs that God is giving us, each time we read them?

PRAYER

Lord, teach us to listen and to really hear, whether it be your words or those of other people. Help us to lay aside our own assumptions and be open to new interpretations and to other points of view.

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INNER JOURNEY, OUTER JOURNEY

PART III – WATERING THE SEED

Concluding our series of extracts from James Roose-Evans' classic book.

After being accepted as a candidate for ordination I developed an acute and painful depression that continued for weeks. I was convinced that it had nothing to do with any anxiety as to whether or not I would be accepted for ordination, and so I did what I often do in such circumstances: I sat down and drew the situation. I began by drawing a picture of what I was feeling: at the bottom of a dried-up well. My pen sketched a deep vertical tunnel with a little stick figure at the bottom, representing myself. At the well-head I drew a friar lowering a bucket from a winch which had a traditional tiled roof surmounted by a cross, rather like a sketch for a church. As I drew I saw that the bucket contained single drop of moisture. Then at the bottom of the well I noticed a slight opening, and so I began to draw further, realising that I had to make myself very small in order to crawl through this aperture. Beyond lay a cave. In the cave was an altar and on that altar lay a seed, circular in shape like the Host at Mass. I knew it was my task to take the single drop of moisture from the bucket and water the seed. It was, of course, the seed of prayer one must water daily. My pen began to sketch slender tendrils growing out from the seed, climbing up through the dark earth towards the light, massing together to form first the roots, then the trunk and, finally, the branches of a mighty tree stretching up into the sky, standing beside the well-head where the friar was lowering the bucket containing the drop of moisture. Inside the roots, trunk and branches I drew many faces which are the spirits of all creation – women, men and children – forming the living Tree of Christ.



James' blog can be found at: www.jamesrooseevans.co.uk. Inner Journey, Outer Journey is available from Redemptorist Publications: 01420 592974. Product code: 1852. ISBN: 9780852315569. Price: £9.95

LIVE the WORD

SUSTAINING YOU THROUGH THE WEEK

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Sixth week after Trinity

Monday 20 July to
 Saturday 25 July
 2020

The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity, Micklegate, York Weekly Pew Sheet (19 to 25 July)

Public worship will resume on Sunday 19 July. All are welcome to attend in person. However, if you are unable to come in person you can still join by telephone or internet.

For those at home, the weekly pew sheet and service book will be posted to you. If you have internet access, [both are available online](#). You can join from 5 minutes before the start time.

To join by calling from your telephone

Please see the details under each service. Dial the number and when asked to, enter the meeting ID.

To join if you have internet access

Join via clicking the Zoom link (under each service below) or go to our Facebook page [Holy Trinity York](#) and watch the video.

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God of healing and peace, we give thanks for this place in which to worship you. Guide each of us as we enter and leave to keep it safe, as we seek protection for all from the Coronavirus; in the name of him who gave his life for us all, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday 19 July – Holy Communion at 11am

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Gwynne Wright

Readings: Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 833 5466 8538

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Monday 20 July – private prayer

The church will be open for private prayer from 11am to 2pm.

Monday 20 July – Midday Prayer (Sext) at 12.15pm

Readings: Psalm 126; John 20: 21-23

Music: Taizé Alleluia and Hear our prayer

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 891 7539 5996

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Thursday 23 July – private prayer

The church will be open for private prayer from 11am to 2pm.

Thursday 23 July – Midday Prayer (Sext) at 12.15pm

Readings: Psalm 133; John 17: 18-23

Music: Taizé Kyrie and In our darkness

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 886 1962 3771

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Loving God, thank you for this house of prayer where we praise and thank you for all you have given us. Help us to go out into the world, refreshed by your Spirit, to do what you have called us to do in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.