

**The United Benefice of  
St Mary Higham Ferrers & St John the Baptist Chelveston**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

# *The Third Sunday after Trinity*



If you've ever been caught in a storm at sea, it can be a terrifying experience. The weather can change in an instant and the storm can blow up out of nowhere. We know too from our own life experience, let alone the sudden onset and terrifying consequences of the Covid pandemic, that these storms and tempests can arise and threaten to drown us in all aspects of our lives.

The Lake of Galilee, so large it's called a Sea, is famous for such sudden changes that can catch sunny sailors out and cause chaos. Jesus, exhausted by an endless series of crowds, is fast asleep and oblivious in the rear of the boat and his friends panic in the teeth of the storm that suddenly overwhelms them. We do the same of course. When Jesus is woken up he immediately deals with the crisis, but then seems to rebuke his friends: 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' Despite all that they had already witnessed of his power they are amazed all over again – that Jesus should have the command of the natural forces of the world fills them with awe. Such a realisation can fill us too with deep confidence in our Lord – the One we follow and in whom we can trust even in the wildest storm.

## **SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June – The Third Sunday after Trinity**

**9 am Family Eucharist at St John's**

**10.30 am Family Eucharist at St Mary's**

*Booking no longer necessary for services at St John's but if you prefer to do so please contact Brenda Elldred on 07816 771702, [brenda@elldred.co.uk](mailto:brenda@elldred.co.uk). Please see notices for information about booking for St Mary's.*

**THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> June                      10 am at St Mary's                      Holy Eucharist**

## **SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**10 am Celebration Eucharist for the Patronal Festival at St John's**

**10.30 am Family Eucharist at St Mary's**

**3.30 pm Family Worship – 'Wild Worship' outdoors at St John's (Patronal Festival)**

**Sunday Meeting Point** – The **Online Benefice Service** continues – join in alongside either the services in church, or at the usual online time of 10 am – or the service is available on the website all day and on archive pages at [www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk](http://www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk) from Monday.



**ZOOM MORNING PRAYER:** all welcome to join in on Wednesday mornings at 9.30 am for a short service of prayer to start the day – the Zoom link is the same every week: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847268214?pwd=MmErWkpHVGFMR2lxM3B2dzNUaHRxZz09>  
Meeting ID: 878 4726 8214 Passcode: 270307

**FAMILY WORSHIP** meets again next **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, 3.30 pm at St John's when we celebrate St John's Patronal Festival. For further info contact Michelle or Brenda. Look forward to seeing you!



**ONLINE CELTIC SERVICE on Wednesdays** – join in if you can at 7 pm for this peaceful online service of readings, music, prayer and time for meditation – but it will be available to access earlier or later to suit you.

*ORDERS OF SERVICE* for these services are available on the website and some are emailed out each week with this news sheet.

**WEEKLY SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST continue at 10 am on Thursdays throughout the summer months with the THIRD Thursday in the month being held at St John's (15<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> August)**



**A PRAYER FOR THE DAY IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND OTHER PRAYER RESOURCES DURING THE PANDEMIC** are available via the Church of England website at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>.

**RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES:** weekly resources for children and families to use at home related to the Gospel such as colouring and activity sheets, crafts, stories, videos and puzzles are emailed each week. If you aren't yet receiving these please let Michelle know: [michelleacd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michelleacd@hotmail.co.uk)



#### **ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES:**

- Services are available via the Benefice website: [www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk](http://www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk) and information is posted via Facebook, email and our WhatsApp Groups.
- A simple form of Daily Prayer is also available from the website, and can be delivered to homes. There are also many resources available from the Church of England website [www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online).
- Bishop Donald's weekly Video message is also available on our website, or on the Diocese website: [www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk](http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk).
- **VIRTUAL CHURCHYARD PRAYER WALKS:** A Prayer Walk for use out and about (click on the option for 'Prayers for Walkers'), and also 'virtual' versions of the Churchyard Prayer Walks with stations to help you pray and reflect as you meditate on the church, creation, the war memorial, the churchyard and graves.
- **CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY SERVICE** is a weekly online service broadcast from 9 am on Facebook and YouTube – [www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online). And there are many other prayer resources available via this link too.
- **DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE LINE:** If you are not online then services, music, prayers and reflections are also available on the **Daily Hope telephone line, a free telephone service available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044.**



#### **SUPPORT FOR OUR WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH:**

There is support and resources available via Northamptonshire *Redeeming Our Communities* Community Engagement Charity website: <https://rocnorthants.co.uk>

**SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY:** if you or anyone you know needs help with food shopping, picking up medicines, or just a chat over the phone, do get in touch with any of our Ministry Team, as well as Lynne Pocock who leads our Pastoral Group.



**FACEBOOK & WHATSAPP** – Please help keep everyone in contact by regularly checking and contributing on both Facebook and WhatsApp – if you haven't yet, please like and share our church Facebook pages and do the same for postings, which will help others find the information and generate more traffic!

St Mary's FB page can be found by searching for @highamchurch, and St John's at @StJohn'sChelveston.



### **CELEBRATIONS** 😊

If you have happy news/events (birthdays, anniversaries, achievements, etc) to share with the rest of the parish family via the news sheet please let me know - [jane@smathers.com](mailto:jane@smathers.com) or 01933 357707.

### **WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS**

It's great that weddings and baptisms can again take place in church - please pray for Emma & Jack to be married on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at St Mary's and for Lauren & Chris to be married on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at St Mary's.

There are several families bringing their children for baptism over the coming months which, due to the current restrictions on numbers for our 10.30 am, have to take place at an afternoon service for now. Please pray for Reginald, Emmeline-Jayne, Marnie, Mason and Eva – all of whom will be baptised over the summer.

### **OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR:**

Karen Addis, Richard Bedells, Madge Boxall, Daniel Boxall, Tony Brown, James Christie, Ken Clarke, Allison Cox, Marian Cox, Hazel Cragg, Gillian Dixon, Pat Ellis, Henry Flynn, Christine Franklin, John Garley, Peter Garley, Iris Gilbert, Cllr David Hamblin, Cynthia Hobson, Noreen Holmes, Peggy Horsfield, Sarah Knight, Tim McGuire, Laura May, Catherine (nee Matthias) & Tom Mayer, Sally Mayes, Freda Pack, Dora Paynton, Paul Paynton (Revd), Peter Paynton, Val Robinson, Jean Shield, Pat Spencer, Simon & Katie Stafford, Elizabeth Swindley, Martin Sykala, Margaret Tuffnail, Garth Ward, Sara Whatley.

**Chelveston:** Ralph Allen, Joan Amos, Joy Coker, Brittany Fowler, Hilary Goodman, Dinu Johns, Eric Kilsby, Brenda May, Tony Norman, Muriel Palmer, Margaret Sheppard, David Webber, Diana Wright.

### **IN MEMORIAM:** Shirley Lovell

*If you were unable to attend Shirley's Thanksgiving Service or watch the Livestream, you can still download the recording of the service from the link:*

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/sum6wxoihnyzimt/Shirley%20Lovell%2011%206%2021.mp4?dl=0>

### **YEAR'S MIND ANNIVERSARIES:**

Alan Ainge, Richard Hawkins, Evelyn Shaw, Annie Felce, Mary Jarvis, Gladys (Jill) Woodley, Mark Crosthwaite, Millicent Ackerley, Elspeth Patrick, John Webster, Enid Jacobs, James Hendry, Ernest Church, Wilfred Chamberlain, Elspeth Patrick, Brian Riches.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Moheb, Therese & Lilly - our family from Egypt who are applying for permission to reside in the UK because as Coptic Christians their lives have been in danger in Egypt – their first request has been denied so they will now need to go to an Appeal. Please pray for them during this very anxious time and for their family back in Egypt.

## BENEFICE PRAYER GROUP – Daily Intentions for the coming week

**AIM: To grow in faith as followers of Jesus Christ and to serve our local communities in love.**

<b>Sun</b>	This Sunday we pray that our faith and confidence in our Lord may hold us firm through even the wildest storms of life and we continue to trust God to grow the kingdom among us even in such times of difficulty as we currently face.
<b>Mon</b>	Today pray for those preparing for ordination this summer, for those coming for Baptism in the coming months and any considering confirmation. For our couples preparing for marriage – at St Mary’s we pray for Jack & Emily, and Lauren & Chris.
<b>Tues</b>	For honesty and integrity in public life and for those in leadership. For the wider world, and all continuing to suffer the ongoing effects of Covid amid concerns over the Delta variant. For the nations working together to respond to the challenges of climate change and world vaccination.
<b>Wed</b>	For our NHS staff addressing the current health emergencies. For all those involved in administering the vaccination programme across the world, that the wealthy nations may help the poorer nations to access vaccines and medical care.
<b>Thurs</b>	We pray for our local schools, children and families and for our local shops and businesses hoping for a summer with fewer restrictions.
<b>Fri</b>	We continue to remember those who have died as a result of the Pandemic and for all who mourn.
<b>Sat</b>	We pray for the Church and all God’s people – for all who have taken up new roles and ministries on our PCCs and Deanery Synod. We pray for the Leading Your Church into Growth programme that it may help us grow our churches, our faith and our mission. We pray for the ‘Giving & Growing in Love & Faith’ Stewardship Refreshed campaign at St Mary’s – that we may respond as generously as we can to help our church make even more of an impact in our community in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Please use this news sheet to help you pray for our churches  
and their mission during the week.**

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# NOTICES

**ST MARY'S & ST JOHN'S CONTINUE TO REMAIN OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:** St John's will be open daily during daylight hours and St Mary's will be open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 12-4 pm, and where possible on Thursday mornings. Necessary safety measures are in place for everyone to be safe.

**BOOKING SEATS FOR SUNDAY MASS AT ST MARY'S:** With one or two extra people returning to church each week it is advisable to let me know if you are attending. This is so that you can be allocated a seat and we can keep everyone safely socially distanced. Please note that you need to let Dave know you are coming to Sunday Mass by 5 pm on the Saturday, either by email at [dchs50@virginmedia.com](mailto:dchs50@virginmedia.com) or by text message or ringing 07941 306391. Thanks, Dave Stuttle.

## **CHARLOTTE HAS COMPLETED HER CHALLENGE!**



# THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED CHARLOTTE'S CHALLENGE

### We made it.....

We walked, canoed and cycled 83 miles, from Higham Ferrers to the sea. It was a tough challenge at times, the heat adding to the challenge. **All your support was really appreciated.**



**Together, we  
have raised a  
fantastic amount.**

**Including Gift Aid..**

**St Marys 600  
Appeal**

**£720**

**Save the Children**

**£375**

**Nene Valley  
Scouts**

**£450**

**This will make a  
real difference.**



**FLOWERS** at the welcome have been donated by Pat Catlin in memory of her son John on what would have been his 58<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**CONGRATULATIONS! TO ADRIAN DALE:** Adrian Dale has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honour's List for his outstanding services to the community in Chelveston, Caldecott and Cheslton Rise during the Covid Pandemic and has been awarded a British Empire Medal. Many congratulations Adrian Dale BEM and thanks from us all for everything!



**GROWING & GIVING IN LOVE & FAITH:** St Mary's is holding a Stewardship Campaign – the first for many years. This coincides with our 600 Appeal and awareness of the necessary ongoing work on our three magnificent buildings, as well as a thorough-going review of our finances. Absolutely key to all this though is our wish to reach out more fully in mission to our whole parish family. **Thank you to all who have already responded – the Stewardship Refreshed Campaign concludes**

**TODAY, 20<sup>th</sup> June so please respond as soon as you can – anything you can give, or any additional amount you can add, however small, will make a huge difference to the mission of St Mary's!**

**Thank you!** 😊

**LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH (LyCiG):** We continue to pray for growth in this new stage of the life of our churches as we share in praying the LyCiG prayer in our public worship and personal prayer. This builds on all we have been doing over previous years to grow in numbers, spiritual commitment and impact on our communities and needs all of us to play our part.

**SAVE THE DATE!!! 'COME ON BOARD!'** Here's an invitation to you all to 'Come on Board' with LyCiG. On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August come along to The Bede House at 7.30 pm to share (we hope!) some Middle Eastern nibbles and wine and explore together some of the ideas of LyCiG and how we can use this to help our church and mission grow even more.

The LyCiG Prayer:



*God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,  
and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Here are two things that are already happening partly as a result of LyCiG

**LITTER PICKING:** Litter has become even more of a problem and many of our local areas are spoiled by rubbish and litter which poses a threat to the environment and wellbeing. Sue Clarke began to do some litter picking during Lent and she and Dave Stuttle have now come up with a way of helping us address this problem and have provided some equipment which any of us can use while out and about, including hi-vis jackets (with St Mary's logo), pickers, refuse sacks and hoops to make the sacks stay open when picking up litter. They are currently stored in the Bede House but please let Sue or Dave know if you would like to borrow them. We will look to organise some litter picking teams together too.

**BLESSING OUR SCHOOLS:** Our local schools have been doing a fantastic job during the last very challenging year and we would like to show them how much we value them. We are planning to take into each school a special card and gift before the end of term and offer any assistance they might like from us when that is possible in the new school year – this may include assemblies, hearing children read, help in the playground etc. If you would be interested in helping as part of a future 'Schools Team' please speak to Rev Michelle.

**AL AHLI HOSPITAL, GAZA:** The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, part of the Anglican Communion, supports the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. The hospital is on the front line of the major humanitarian crisis, and is in desperate need of funds. Archbishop Hosam, the new Archbishop in Jerusalem, has issued an appeal to Anglicans worldwide.

You can find a link to this here: [Al Ahli Hospital Appeal 2021 | jmecca.org.uk](http://AlAhliHospitalAppeal2021.jmecca.org.uk).



**COMMUNITY SURVEY:** As part of the St Mary's 600 Appeal we are wanting to ask our local community what St Mary's means to them and how we as a church can best serve our community post Covid. We have put together a very short Community Survey which is available via the website – please have a look and complete it – and also encourage people you know from other community groups as well as friends and neighbours to do so too. We need the widest possible demographic and wish to consult as broadly as possible so please help us!

**FIRST STEPS.....** As we emerge from lockdown and wonder how our world will be, and as a result, how the church will be, Rev Michelle would like to find ways of having conversations with as many people as possible, both from our church family and within our Benefice over the summer months. What are we longing for and needing as life picks up pace again? Where have we most found God, and what has brought us peace during lockdown? How have St Mary's and St John's made a difference and what should the church be for people now? What is God calling us to do, or to stop doing? These were the questions we began to look at during our Vision Days back in 2019 – they are even more relevant now! Please let Michelle know any ideas you might have for how to set up some informal opportunities to talk together and to include community groups too so as a church we can explore our own 'Listening Project' – ideas might include walks together (Chris & Graham Newell are looking to offer some walks for small groups to join), coffee & chat in the vicarage garden, Zoom talks over a glass of wine, a meet up over afternoon tea and cakes and so on.

**STOP PRESS! 'First Steps...Walks'** are now planned for the first Tuesday of each month, starting on 6<sup>th</sup> July – meet at St Mary's ready to leave on foot at 11 am for a walk arranged by Chris & Graham Newell – each walk will be an hour, hour and a half max and will be an opportunity to walk and talk together about life, faith, Covid, God, hope or whatever you want as we go along together. Please let Chris & Graham know if you'd like to join and are looking forward to a series of mini pilgrimages together. The next dates will be 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**ST JOHN'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND 26TH & 27TH JUNE:** Join a weekend of celebration at St John's!

- On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June we will have the church decorated with flowers, refreshments served in the churchyard from 10 am – 4 pm (weather dependent of course), a plant stall, book stall and a jams and craft stall by the Raunds Brownies.
- On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a Celebration Eucharist at 10 am followed by refreshments.



Please do book with Brenda for the Patronal Festival Eucharist so we can manage social distancing for a larger number in church. Thank you.

Please do come along, and if you can help at all with cakes, plants or books or would like to help out on either day please speak to Brenda 07816 771702 or Shirley and Richard on 01933 354810.

#### **TOURISM SUMMER EVENTS:**

- **The Music Festival** will run over the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> July/1<sup>st</sup> August this year with live music at the new Duchy Barns Garden on Saturday - and Brass on the Grass in St Mary's Churchyard on Sunday with refreshments to raise funds for the Heating Appeal.
- **The Garage Sale/Hidden Gardens and Summer Art Exhibition** will be held over the August Bank Holiday weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August with an Art Exhibition in St Mary's and refreshments being served in The Bede House throughout.
- Further details on all these events to follow. See below too:

**GARAGE SALE:** the Tourism Garage Sale is being planned for 28<sup>th</sup> August – St Mary's will be selling items on a stall in the churchyard in aid of the Appeal, so if you have bric-a-brac or items to sell, please let Sue Dennis know – we are happy to receive items any time from now on if you are spring cleaning!

**THE TREASURES OF ST. MARY'S HIGHAM FERRERS** project is now complete and online.

To access it visit the church website, where you'll find a link on the home page to the twelve stunning picture, and beneath them, a sound commentary. Click on whichever one(s) you want to know more about, and listen to a three minute tour. Happy listening 😊



**FACE COVERINGS FOR SANGAM:** I am a member of Girlguiding and visited the world centre in Pune, India called Sangam. Currently the people at Sangam are keeping safe concerning COVID, but I thought it would help them if we could send re-usable face coverings of the type that people have been making themselves, myself included. I am asking for people to make face coverings so we can send them as we understand the effectiveness of wearing them. I can provide a pattern if needed, or you can use your own. My phone number is 07519 396654 for any advice. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance, **Sandy Coleman**

**FOOD BANK:** If you're able to add something to your weekly shop we currently need :-  
**Long-life semi-skimmed milk; Sugar; Custard; Coffee; Jam** (sadly we can't use homemade 😞);  
**Washing powder; Men's deodorant.** Thank you for all your continued support.

**THE NEWS SHEET** is emailed out widely each week. If you know of anyone who doesn't receive it and would like to, please let me know on [jane@smethers.com](mailto:jane@smethers.com).

## **FUNDRAISING UPDATES**

**HIGHAM HOT 100:** here's the latest easy way we can all help with the Heating Project and 600 Appeal - a monthly draw in which you'll have the chance to win £150, £75 or £25! Each participant pays £5 per month, and with 100 contributors it will generate £3,000 per year for the Appeal just like that! Please see the flyer attached (also available in church from tomorrow) or contact Sue Dennis for further information 07773 586352 or [suedennis1105@gmail.com](mailto:suedennis1105@gmail.com).

### **Reminders:**

- On the church website is a really short survey that we would encourage you all to complete please. It will be useful information to use when we are submitting future bids for pots if money that may be available - your thoughts and opinions are really important to us. If you prefer to complete a paper copy then please let one of the appeal group know and we will provide one. Currently only 25 people have completed it.
- If you have been sorting out bric a brac items that we can use for the Town Garage Sale at the end of August please do bring them to church where will be storing them in the Vicarage garage until the big day.
- Next Sunday there will be leaflets about the appeal that we will need distributing to every home in Higham Ferrers. Would you be willing to put your name down to distribute some of these for us? It's vital that everyone knows about our 600 Appeal and hopefully will want to support it. Many hands (or feet) will make light work of this so please do help us spread the word.
- There are lots of exciting things being planned for when Boris gives us the go ahead for the world to open up once more so do please watch this space! In the meantime, thank you for the support that you have already given - we are pretty confident that the church will be warmer this winter.

**Donations** to the appeal in the form of cheques should be made payable to St Mary the Virgin PCC Higham 600 Appeal, or can be made using the BACS system (sort code 30-96-09; account number 84427260; account St Mary the Virgin PCC Higham 600 Appeal). Be assured that whatever you can raise, in whatever format, will be very gratefully received...thank you!

### **Fundraising contacts:-**

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## READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Job 38.1–11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>‘Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped”?

### PSALM 107.1–3,23–32\*

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6.1–13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, ‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’ See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

### GOSPEL: Mark 4.35–41

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

### FINAL PRAYER

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**