

Marriage is today's theme. The pharisees may well be trying to trick Jesus to pronounce on Herod's divorce and him arrested like John the Baptist. Jesus repeats from Genesis that God's ideal for marriage is one man, one woman for life. Yet like Moses, Jesus knows that that our hearts are hard, sometimes through no fault of our own. Elsewhere Biblical teaching is more nuanced and Christian practice down the centuries certainly more pragmatic. There is nothing greater than a good marriage, and nothing more painful than a bad one. Personally, I believe, like in all pastoral matters, we should both hold onto the Christian ideal and give each other compassion and grace when we fall short. May our hearts be like little children's; ever soft before the Lord and each other.

NHWS HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Gathering	388	Jesus Shall Reign
Gradual	74	Oh for a Heart
Offertory	33	Of the Father's Love
Comm.	471	We Love the Place
Sending	186	Tell out my soul

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 6 th Oct: if it's	We'll move services
cold	into the hall
13 th Oct Sun 10 am only	Revd Michael Bolley
No 8am Sun 13 th Oct	(11 th -19 th Oct
No 10am Wed 16 th Oct	Rev Ulric on leave)
Sunday 20 th October	Eucharistic service with
Healing Service. Revd	opportunity for prayer
Michael Bolley	and anointing with oil
Sunday 27 th October	John Arnold
5pm Fireworks display	Church gardens
Friday 1 st Nov 7pm	To be confirmed
Service of Remembrance	
Saturday 23 rd Nov - All	Church Hall 12-3pm
Saints Christmas Bazaar	

GIVING/ BOILER UPDATE

Our 40-year-old boiler is no longer serviceable and needs replacing. The cost is around £30,000, which we do not have in reserves. It would warm our hearts and bodies if you would consider increasing your weekly offering, or a one-off donation to:

"All Saints Church Hillingdon Parish Church" Sort Code: 20-89-16 a/c number: 00107344

THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS

We lift up to the Lord all who are being cared for in the parish, in particularly those who have asked for our prayers;

Michael Worrell, Simon Matthews, Barbara Skelton, David Rance, Joan Taylor, Daphne Dix; Macey Ann Brazil, Veronica Samuels, Gill Mayer; Beverly Leavy, Hazel & Helen Parris, Lynn Taylor, Mark Callaghan, Susie Bromham, Georgie Isaiah, Marion Fogell, John Clarke, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones

May they know his grace, strength, blessing healing and salvation

We remember those whose anniversary falls at around this time: Ann Noble, Eileen Holland, Hugh William Shaw, Roger Bowerman, Annie Barns Stephenson, Diane Menike

MAGAZINE EDITOR REQUIRED!

John is stepping down from editing the church magazine, so if anyone feels inspired to take up the reins, let us know. Next edition on hold ...

VISITS / HOME COMMUNION

If you know of anyone who needs a visit, home communion or prayer, please let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 01895 262024 ulricgerry@icloud.com

Thank you for everyone for the Harvest decorations and amazing lunch last Sunday.

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Sunday 6 October 2024 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Either Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought. her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Or Job 1:1; 2:1-10

PSALM Psalm 8

- R O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world?
- Your majesty above the heavens is praised
- out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
- that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
- the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

- What is man, that you should be mindful of him;
- the son of man, that you should seek him out? R
- You have made him little lower than the angels
- and crown him with glory and honour. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands
- and put all things under his feet. R
- All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea. R

SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their

salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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