

The Lighthouse



The Third Sunday after Trinity

Scripture Reading: Mark chapter 4 verses 35–41

Ticket to Ride

[The Beatles]

Dear Friends,

Trusting that this is a good week for you. Good to be able to share with you again. This week we are traveling with Jesus on the Sea of Galilee. The journey has its ups and downs as the boat bobs along. Sometimes there are joys and problems as we journey along. While a curate in Orpington in the 1970s I recall how some new people to our church fellowship were invited by the churchwarden for a cup of tea at his home. Not knowing the area, they set off in their car in good time but took the slip road onto the M25 by mistake. Yes, they went all the way round the M25, and never got their cup of tea. In *The Times* earlier this week, I read about a lady who set out to walk around the coastal paths of Britain starting at Minehead, but after just three miles she took a wrong turning from the coastal path and was cut off by the incoming tide, causing a rescue by the RNLI.

When I read the Bible passage set for today, I always imagine Jesus paying for 13 single tickets for the boat trip. Jesus and his disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee, moving from the Jewish side to the Gentile side: the side where they were very much at home to the side where they were strangers, the side where life is familiar to the side where life is all new, scary and unfamiliar. We may have never crossed the Sea of Galilee, but we have been in that boat. This is not just a story about the weather and a boat trip; it is a story about life, faith, choices and fear. Don't you find that the sea of life is sometimes rough? Like the water coming into the boat, we sometimes take on more than we can cope with. Each of us could tell a storm story. Storms happen. Storms of loss and sorrow. Storms of suffering. Storms of failure. What storm is brewing up in your life and who do you blame when things don't go right? The disciples blame Jesus for the storm on the Sea of Galilee, accusing Jesus of sleeping on his watch. 'Don't you care?' [Mark 4v38] Of course he cares! There are always storms on the Sea of Galilee, but it is the continual storms in our lives that Jesus is alert to, and where his peace and stillness override our fears and failings. Be thankful that he is awake to our needs, he comes to us, speaks the right word, and calms us. Be thankful that even with a little faith we are in the same boat as Jesus and by his grace and love he comes to our rescue.

Every blessing in Christ, Derek the Cleric.



'On the Storm' by Ivan Aivazovsky, 1872

Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air

Ideas for prayer

- + all those affected by coronavirus, here and around the world
- + our NHS workers, care workers and care home residents
- + key workers and those who provide essential services
- + our GPs, surgeries and staff tasked with caring for us and rolling out the vaccines
- + vaccination programmes, here and around the world
- + for co-operation among nations in dealing with the pandemic
- + our collective health and welfare
- + our nation and community life; our Government and its advisors
- + for wisdom and patience as we deal with changes to our ways of life
- + our teachers and school staff
- + our children and young people, their parents and caregivers
- + our young adults; our elderly neighbours and family members
- + our Armed Forces serving here and abroad
- + all who are worried about, or who have lost, jobs, livelihoods and businesses
- + all who are homeless
- + all who are suffering any injustice – racial, social, economic
- + anyone facing illness, hospitalisation or medical treatment
- + all who feel isolated and those who cannot be with their families
- + those who have died
- + all who make our worship services possible, all who attend online, in person or who visit the church via our Facebook pages
- + families bereaved at this time and those not able to use the church as they would wish to
- + for wisdom and safety easing restrictions
- + hope, encouragement and peace in all circumstances

Church Tower Abseil News!

Abseil is rebooked for Saturday, 2 October.

Services in June

20th June

9:30 The Gathering Contemporary Worship at Dersingham Village Centre

11:00 Traditional Worship – Holy Communion from the Prayer Book at St Mary the Virgin Anmer

27th June

9:30 The Gathering Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion at Dersingham Village Centre

11:00 Morning Prayer with Baptisms – Traditional Worship at St Nicholas Dersingham

Please do book in for all services by contacting Pauline, 544561 or secretary@stnicholasdersingham.org.uk



St Mary's Anmer

Photo: Church of England website

Information About Today's Service

Please note that livestreaming will not be available for today's service from Anmer, as 4G mobile internet coverage is unstable in this location. The service will be recorded and uploaded by mid-afternoon today.

Bible Readings for Sunday, 27th June

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

First reading – 2 Corinthians 8:7–23

Second reading – Mark 5:21–43



We pray for all Christians in countries where they are persecuted for their faith.

COLOMBIA

Population 50.2 million. 47.7 million Christians (95%)

Most Colombians are Christians – 95 per cent of the population of 50.2 million. But Christians still aren't safe in Colombia, and persecution is getting much worse. In Colombia persecution is localised – and violent. Church leaders are threatened, harassed, extorted and even murdered because of the violence perpetrated by guerrillas and other criminal groups, especially in the country's more remote areas. In most cases, this violence is the direct result of Christians denouncing corruption and violence, pursuing peace and justice, and deterring young people from joining the gangs. This endangers the illegal activities of criminal groups and drug cartels. In indigenous communities, persecution is rather different. There is significant opposition towards Christians who have converted from the beliefs of their indigenous tribe, and these believers can face imprisonment, physical abuse and the confiscation of property, among other forms of punishment.

Prayer points

- Pray for courage and protection for Christians living in areas controlled by guerrilla and criminal groups.
- Pray for grieving families of church leaders who have been killed, that they would be healed from trauma.
- Pray for Christians from indigenous backgrounds to be strong and bold in their faith.

If you'd like to know more about the situation for Christians in Colombia, do take a look at Open Doors' website and watch list: [Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Colombia - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

A prayer for Colombia from Open Doors

Our God and Father, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Colombia. We pray for those who are facing the threat of violence simply because their very presence is a threat to those who would do evil. We pray You would bring about peace and reconciliation among armed groups in Colombia, and that violence would cease. We pray also for our indigenous family in Colombia, that they would be able to walk with You openly and without fear. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thanks to Rev Adrian for providing these prayers for the persecuted church.

A message from Edgar's family

Thank you everyone for making Dad's funeral service a wonderful and fitting tribute to him. The music was perfect, the choir sang so beautifully. The detailed organising, practising and planning that went on behind the scenes before and during meant that the service ran very smoothly.

I am so very grateful to you all for your love and care to our family at this very sad time.

With warm regards,
Sue and family.

We give thanks for:

- + God's grace, love and forgiveness
- + our families, friendships and church
- + our scientists, medics and care workers
- + our teachers, key workers and all people providing essential services
- + vaccines and progress in treating Covid
- + the arts, music and creativity
- + acts of kindness, courage, selflessness
- + the comfort and reassurance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Wordsearch – Jesus Calms the Storm

Thanks to Carol for this week's puzzle. All the words can be found in Mark chapter 4 verses 35 to 41.

W	B	H	E	Y	F	G	I	N	S	D	Y	S	R
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- CROWD
- SWAMPED
- SQUALL
- TERRIFIED
- FURIOUS
- CALM
- DISCIPLES
- STERN
- FAITH
- WAVES
- BOAT
- REBUKED
- EVENING
- SLEEPING
- OBEY



'Spotted Flycatchers' by Archibald Thornburn, 1860–1935
Public Domain

A Prayer of St Benedict

O gracious and holy Father,
 Give us wisdom to perceive Thee,
 Diligence to seek Thee,
 Patience to wait for Thee,
 Eyes to behold Thee,
 A heart to meditate upon Thee,
 And a life to proclaim Thee;
 Through the power of the Spirit
 of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

—Benedict of Nursia, c 550

Stopwatch:
 how quickly can you solve these anagrams?

- GRAN RESTS
- ONE JURY
- SKIM TEA
- WET HARE
- SILL NESTS

(All are words found in Derek's letter. Answers, last page.)

Services in July

Sunday 4th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 11th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin Anmer (viewable online later in the day)

Sunday 18th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship, Holy Communion in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Morning Prayer with Baptisms at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 25th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Michael and All Angels Ingoldisthorpe (livestreamed)



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"Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

–The Disciples' question from Mark 4:41

Services in August

Sunday 1st

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 8th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin Anmer (viewable online later in the day)

Sunday 15th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship, Holy Communion in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Morning Prayer with Baptisms at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 22nd

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 29th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

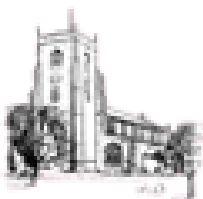
11am Traditional Worship – Morning Prayer (No Baptisms) at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Important Note

The livestreaming of services is reliant on internet connection, which can affect the quality of the broadcast. Where there is unreliable 4G internet connectivity at Anmer, services will be recorded and posted later on the YouTube channel: 'Dersingham Online Worship'.

Anagrams: strangers, journey, mistake, weather, stillness

With help from: wordman.com/anagram-maker



www.stnicholasdersingham.org.uk
dersinghamonlineworship.com

