

Reflection for Trinity 10

Last Sunday I spoke about the stories we tell about our church. I had noticed a few recurring themes. This got me thinking about a questionnaire I gave out two years ago where I asked people to describe this church. Some words came from a list and some were suggested by individuals. I then used a programme which makes each word larger every time that it is selected, so larger words indicate that they were chosen most often. What do you notice?



Do these choices seem relevant today? What words might you choose to describe our church?

Revd Sarah

Codes for Zoom No further Zoom services planned at the moment.

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NEXT SUNDAY 28.08.2022 Trinity 11

SERVICES: 10.30am in Church

READINGS: OT Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18
NT Hebrews 13: 1-8. 15, 16



GOSPEL Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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St Thomas, Exeter

21st August 2022

Trinity 10

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Hymns:

366 O God, our help in ages past.

227 I come with joy, I child of God.

467 Tell out, my soul.

Wednesday 24th August

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

2-4pm Young at Hearts

Thursday 25th August

No St Thomas Tots

10.30am Knit & Natter in St Thomas Park.

Friday 26th August

9.30am Morning Prayer.

10am Staff Meeting.

Saturday 27th August

12.30pm Ladies Lunch at The Royal Oak



Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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. **Amen**

Isaiah 58.9b–14

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hebrews 12.18–29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to

death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13.10–17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?'

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high. If you are coming to coffee, we also recommend wearing a mask until you are seated in the Hall.

Knit and Natter Summer 2022 In June, July and August we will meet in St Thomas Pleasure Ground or at 19 Maple Road according to the weather, every Thursday from 10.30am to mid-day. Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10-11am. (Note earlier time)

St Thomas Tots are on holiday on 25th August and start again on **1st September**.

