

St James C of E

PARISH OF ROUNDS GREEN

Sunday 21 June
2020



Worship Songs

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[Be Thou My Vision](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBiiSI9lvel>



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[Amazing Grace \(My Chains\)](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrwkCOUOlil>



Bible reading

Romans 6:1-8 - New International Version (NIV)

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.



Bible reading Rom 6v1-8

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Great Things

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>



Thought for Today

Click here to see a video recording of Jill's thoughts

<https://stjamesroundsgreen.com/openingtimes/our-church-services/>



Thought for Today

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TRINITY 2 SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2020

By Jill Macdonald

Rom 6v1-8

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

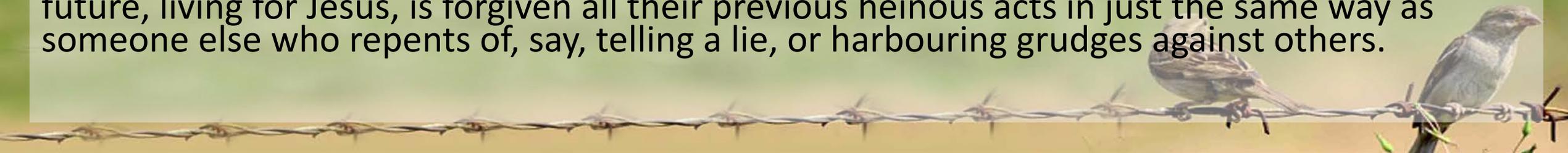
Last week I mentioned some reasons why people decide not to follow Jesus Christ.

Well, a few years ago, a lovely lass started to join us for worship and to investigate what the Christian faith was all about. She was young and lively, and it was a delight to have her with us.

However, after a little while of learning about Jesus and faith in him she hit a stumbling block and, sadly, felt she couldn't continue with us, or the faith at this time.

That stumbling block was the fact that anyone who turns to Christ, and truly repents of their sins, is completely forgiven of all sins.

So, for example a mass murderer or paedophile, who sincerely repents and walks into the future, living for Jesus, is forgiven all their previous heinous acts in just the same way as someone else who repents of, say, telling a lie, or harbouring grudges against others.



Thought for Today

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Rom 6v1-8

She just couldn't accept a God who would do that. She felt that some sin was beyond forgiveness from anyone and the perpetrators should be damned forever. Our prayer is that at some time in the future God will give her new revelation.

But, I'm very glad to say that the God of the Christian faith doesn't think like that. He is the one and only God who willingly died on a cross, taking the punishment for our sins, so that we could be forgiven, if we repent and choose him as our Saviour.

The chapter of today's reading starts in a very interesting way.

In just a few words it's kind of saying: 'Well if God loves to forgive, why don't we give him more to forgive? If forgiveness is guaranteed, we might just as well carry on sinning!'

St Paul's response is very clear. NO! Definitely not!

You see, sin is serious business, especially to God; and while we may put sins in some sort of badness order, a hierarchy if you like, to God 'sin is sin': and Jesus died for ALL sin.

He doesn't say, 'Oh that sin isn't too bad so I'll forgive that; ummmm, that sin is much worse I'll have to think about whether I'll forgive that one; but flippin' heck that sin is massive so no way can I overlook that one!'



Thought for Today

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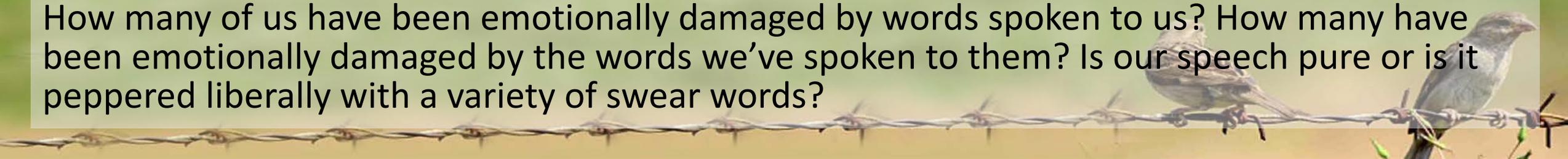
Jesus died so that ALL our sins can be forgiven!

However, God's forgiveness doesn't make sin less serious. In fact, the death of his Son, Jesus, shows us the dreadful seriousness of sin. Jesus, God himself, paid with his life so that we could be forgiven.

Nonetheless, it's so important to always remember that the availability of God's mercy and forgiveness to us is not an excuse for careless living, moral laxness and continuing to actively go on sinning.

Yes, God's standards are high. His high ideal for us is that we will be holy - just as he is holy.....which, of course, is completely unattainable without the mercy of God and the power of his Holy Spirit, who helps us to make different, new, Godly decisions in all areas of our activities: work, play, caring for and responding to others, the words we speak!

How many of us have been emotionally damaged by words spoken to us? How many have been emotionally damaged by the words we've spoken to them? Is our speech pure or is it peppered liberally with a variety of swear words?



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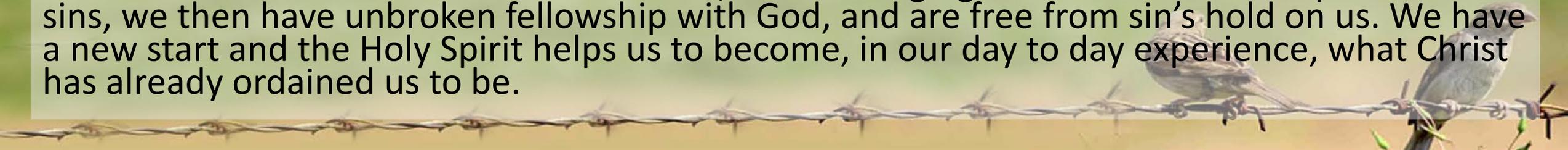
However, within the world around us 'sin' isn't a word used very much; and many people will avoid thinking about what it might mean with regard to themselves personally (although many of us are super quick to spot the 'sin' in others!): but unless we come to a place where we realise that, left to our own devices, we are actually pretty rotten sinners who frequently have unkind and selfish thoughts, words and actions, the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross won't have any impact or influence on our lives.

It's only when we finally come to that point when we're fed up, or maybe even ashamed, with the way we are, with the repetitive mistakes we keep making, and we realise that we can't make any difference to the way we behave ourselves, but Jesus possibly can, that a new way of living can begin.

For me it was.....

It is then that our 'old self' (as Paul describes it), our sinful nature, can die. The power and hold that sin has always exerted over us died with Christ on the cross.

And just as Jesus rose from the dead, we too can rise up from our old sinful nature and be alive in Christ. For when we come to Christ, acknowledging our sinfulness and repent of those sins, we then have unbroken fellowship with God, and are free from sin's hold on us. We have a new start and the Holy Spirit helps us to become, in our day to day experience, what Christ has already ordained us to be.



Thought for Today

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Rom 6v1-8

This wonderful transformation probably won't happen instantly but usually occurs over time; and it's so exciting when we become aware of God's mighty work in us, along with the realisation that we are no longer weighed down with the heaviness and guilt of our sin!!

And finally, the other thing that we need to remember is that we cannot 'kid' God: we cannot delude him or dupe him: we cannot hide anything from him. He knows our hearts: and he knows when we're being genuine and when we're not. He knows if our repentance is sincere or just a sham.

And he will work in our lives and bless us accordingly.

What we must not do is judge others as to their level of repentance. That's between them and God alone.

Our responsibility is to repent of our sins, keep burying our 'old self', and be fully alive in Christ, constantly being transformed into his likeness and performing those acts of love and kindness he's already prepared for us to do.

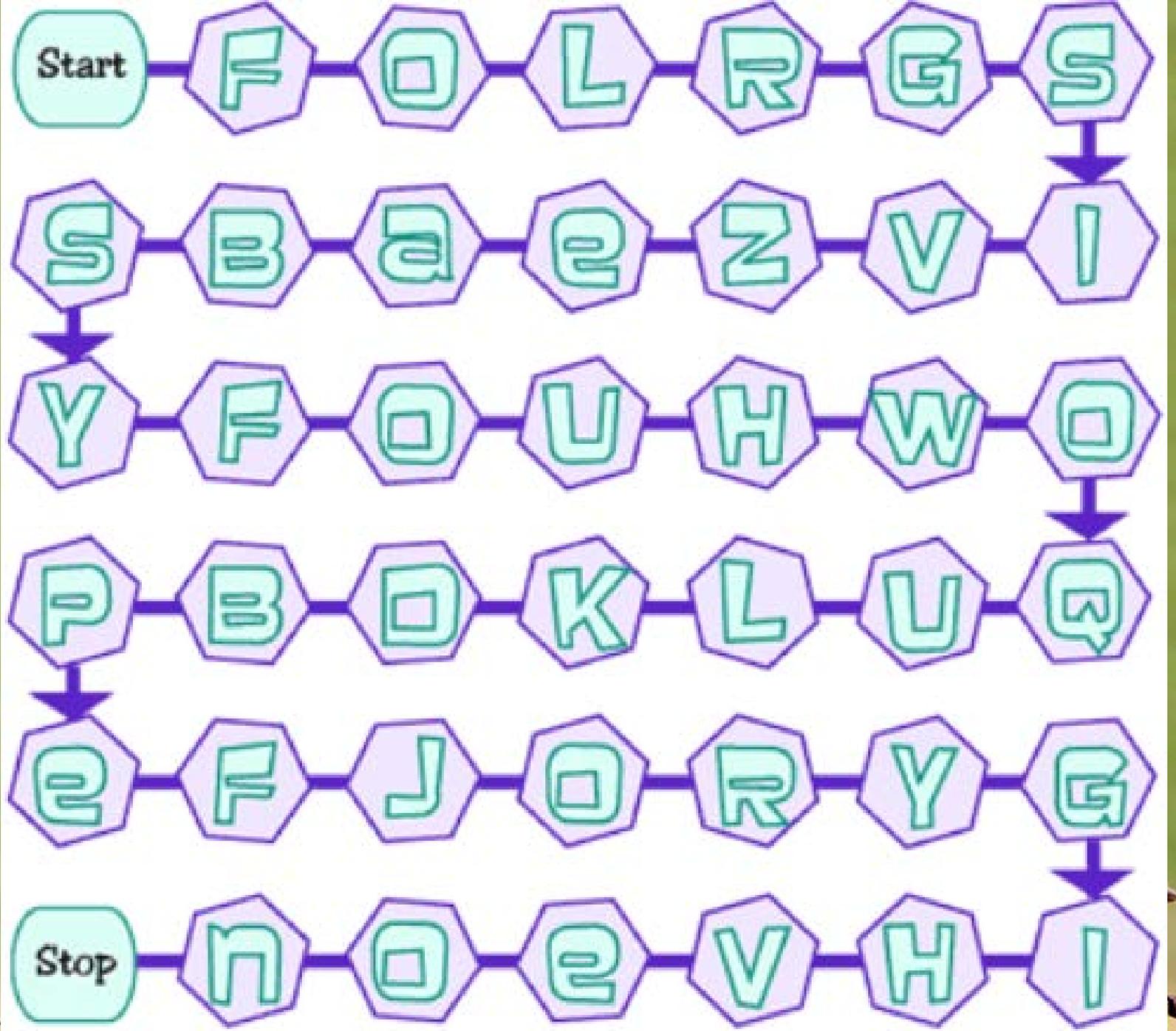
Amen.



Sunday Activity

Find the Hidden Message

Use the game board and cross out every third letter to reveal a hidden message.



Prayers

1

Intercessions for Trinity 2 - Sunday 21 June 2020

Lord of hosts, we put our trust in you.

Lord Jesus, your light penetrates the secrets of our hearts.

Be at the centre of your Church worldwide, and your church here at St James, that we may love you above everything else. Help us, we pray, to truly die to sin and live the abundant life only to be found in you. May we always be open to the prompting of your Holy Spirit telling us about habits, thought patterns, attitudes, language, and actions that need to be refined and changed into the likeness of Christ.

And when we fall into sin, please don't give up on us but draw us back to repentance and the security of your love. Give us grace to walk in newness of life.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer



Prayers

2

Lord Jesus, your love exposes both deeds of darkness and deeds of light.

In a world where inequality and unrest, injustice and favouritism, selfishness and corruption, are rife, we ask that you will give courage to those in authority to defend and uphold the good of all. We pray that you will bring about the fall from power of all those who use their position and privilege for their own personal gain and advancement at the expense of those under their governance; and instead raise up new leaders with Godly wisdom and hearts of compassion for the people they have been elected to serve.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

3

Lord Jesus, you hold everyone precious in your sight.

Look with compassion on all who are marginalised and rejected. We remember today the children around this church, and the world, who are abused, uncared for, ignored, abandoned on the streets; children who have never been nurtured and loved by those who should be parenting them and defending them from some of the harsh realities of life.

Thank you for all those people who work tirelessly to make a difference for good in their lives.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

4

Lord Jesus, show your great love and healing to all those who are struggling at this time: through illness, poverty, unemployment, grief, depression and anxiety. Prompt them to call out to you and gladden their hearts in their need.

We remember them before you now.....

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



Worship Songs

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The Blessing (Kids)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w>



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[This is Amazing Grace](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPQKj2Zptr0>



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



New Songs - Some we have sung a few times and others are new to us

- Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyOJInn5SZI>
- Who You Say I Am https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n_4
- While I Wait <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkE-gEzTYJE>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKLnySMbYM>
- Great Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
- Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29lxnsgOkmQ>
- Come To the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
- Good Good Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>
- What A Beautiful Name https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM
- Do It Again https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQlITxU

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Lively Uplifting Songs - to dance around the kitchen to or bop in your chair

- Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALLjNQ>
- Falling Into You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlsthBWtxAI>
- Dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkb7yf_fYDU
- This is Living <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTojDT3Ky2c>
- Real Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xUI7aVsQ>
- Deep Down <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIX19TfG07U>
- Backseat Driver https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kME_Q5V82Us
- Love Broke Thru <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42ykMcndeo>
- Move <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX1G71WK-FA>

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