

# St James C of E

PARISH OF ROUNDS GREEN

## Trinity 18

10am Sunday

11th October 2020





# Worship Songs

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[O Lord my God](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHqgQjJrxl8>

## Bible reading

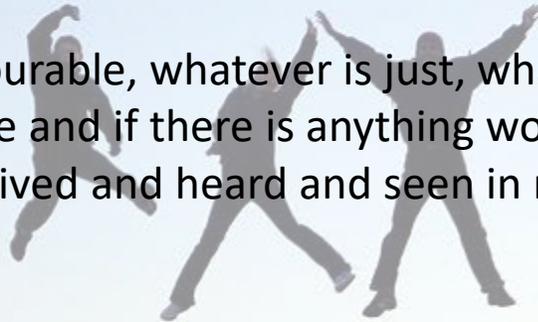
### **Philippians 2 v 1-13 - New International Version (NIV)**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.



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[Here I am to Worship](#)

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# Thought for Today

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

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



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### Philippians 4 1-9

The book of Philippians was written whilst Paul was in prison possibly in Rome or Ephesus. The whole book of Philippians can be summarised in one word. Encouragement.

It is a book of great joy and challenges us to be joyful in all we have. But what did Paul have to be joyful about, he was a prisoner in jail with little hope of being released. In fact, from my experience prison is a pretty joyless place. When I was in prison, I found my freedom was restricted from cell block to cell block, from prison corridor, to prison gym, from locked changing room to restricted sports facilities. I remember one time playing football and being taken to a changing room and locked in with my teammates, when we were all ready and at the set time we were taken down the locked corridors and outside to the steel fenced football pitches with barbed wire along the top. It was a truly depressing and joyless experience. There we met our opponents - inmates gathered from around the prison, a rag tag group of bullied, scared and neglected prisoners finding life behind bars very difficult. And yet for 90 minutes we were able to find joy and fellowship as we played football together. Invariably we won 15 or so to nil. But as a group of Christians visiting from Theological college, we were able to share something of Christ's love with the group of damaged individuals. In the midst of the joylessness of the environment we were able to bring hope, joy and love.

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This is what Paul is talking about in this bible reading today.

He calls us to be joyful in our union with God.

He calls us to be gentle spirited.

He tells us not to worry.

And Paul tells us to ask.

We are told in Habakkuk 3v18 that joy is a decision. It's easy to be morose and joyless, especially this year. But this is not God's way, and if we are feeling this way, if we are under pressure or out of sorts, then we need to take time out to reflect on how we are going to be joyful in all things. Two weeks ago, Jill ordered me, with her very stern scary teacher face to take the rest of the week off. I did so with some reluctance, there were things to do, people I had promised to help, I would be on my own without Rachel. But did the world end because I wasn't around for a few days.... No I don't think it did!!!

But those few days off, gave me space to do some things around the house, to drive out to Mid Wales, to play golf and fly my drone. But more importantly to put off some of the pressure and enjoy the world as God intended us to do. I will be taking more time off regularly in the future.

But Paul also tells us that God wants us to be gentle spirited. I love this phrase; it reminds me of the Stained glass window in our chapel of Jesus holding a lamb in his arms. As many of you know I am a keeper of rabbits, I love my rabbits, I love to sit with them gently stroking their heads and occasionally being licked back as a sign of their own acceptance of me. As a Christian I have always tried to be gentle in my interactions with people, to love as Jesus loved, to be slow to anger but quick to love. To love the unlovely as quickly as those it is easy to love. This is the way of God. We are to live in unity with each other, caring for each other with a gentleness that comes as we develop the fruit of the spirit Jill talked about last week. We all know people that are harsh in their actions and they can be difficult to be with, God calls us show a gentle attitude with everyone. This is a challenge for all of us today.

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Finally, we are told not to worry, not to be anxious about anything. This is so difficult; we are reminded on the news nearly every day that there is so much to worry about. A falling pound - a rising pound, joblessness, unfilled jobs, immigration – not enough people, wars and conflict around the world, government issues of this and that, Brexit, and COVID. Our worrying can cause us to lose sleep, become depressed, perform poorly, grow ulcers, and cause other health and mental problems.

But... we are commanded not to worry, but to put our faith in God, to fix our eyes on Jesus and His ways of doing things. As our faith in God grows so our need to worry about things grows smaller. Jesus tells us, that If we believe we have a good father God, then we should not worry about anything.

Proverbs 3 v 5 and 6 - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

When we follow Jesus, we make a conscious decision to say God knows what is best for my life, the art of Christianity is to follow Gods ways and trust in Him. If we do that then our need to worry is pushed away and we have the hope that is in Jesus.

When we do all this, we can focus on Pauls conclusion in verse 8 and 9 of Philippians. Paul reminds us that we are in control of our thoughts. As followers of Jesus we should be taking time to be directed and moulded by Gods Holy spirit and fill our minds with whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable.

Our challenge is not for this just to be head knowledge, but that it guides our actions both as individuals and as a church family together within our community.

We do not know what the world post COVID will be like, but we do know that as a church on Lion Farm and part of Gods wider church family we need to be a place that continues to radiates Gods joys and love to all.

So today lets switch on our joy button and share this joy it with everyone we meet.

Amen.

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[Praise You in this Storm](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAle3dI8NYM)

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# Prayers

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## **Intercessions for Trinity 18**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for your worldwide Church with the awareness that we haven't always glorified you with our lives as we should have, and so our witness to the love of God has been tarnished and destructive.

We bring before you especially this morning The Church of England, and the public revelations of the sinful, despicable behaviour of some of its leaders over the years, as well as the negligence in bringing justice to the perpetrators.

Bring us all, from bishops down, to sincere repentance; and out of that repentance we pray that you'll transform us into people of purity, loveliness and truth who truly rejoice in your redeeming love for us.

May all our lives become ever more holy, just as you are holy, and may our joy in you be evident to all, drawing others into the kingdom.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

# Prayers

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Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise you for all the beautiful and peaceful places in our world where people live in harmony with each other and the earth: but we know that there are many other places where war and the greed of the human race has brought ugliness to both the people and the land: where hatred is the rule of the day and death, abuse, torture, pain and hopelessness encompasses everything.

We pray especially for Christians living in these circumstances, that they will be able to rejoice in you always, and by word and deed show others that there is a better way to live which can only be found in you.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



# Prayers

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Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for our community and for all those who work for the good of this place and the people who live here.

We ask you to bless The Action Centre and all the work the team there undertake to improve the lives of both adults and children who find life tricky and difficult.

We ask you to bless the council workers who regularly visit our area to empty bins and clear up litter. Inspire careless and thoughtless people to begin to take pride in their home turf.

We ask you to bless the school, particularly head teacher Camilla, who valiantly and expertly leads her team to offer the best possible education in academia and life skills for the children.



Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

# Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, we all know people who are struggling with illness or swallowed up with grief due to the death of a loved one.....we ask you to have mercy and bring healing and comfort to all we have silently named before you.

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

Amen



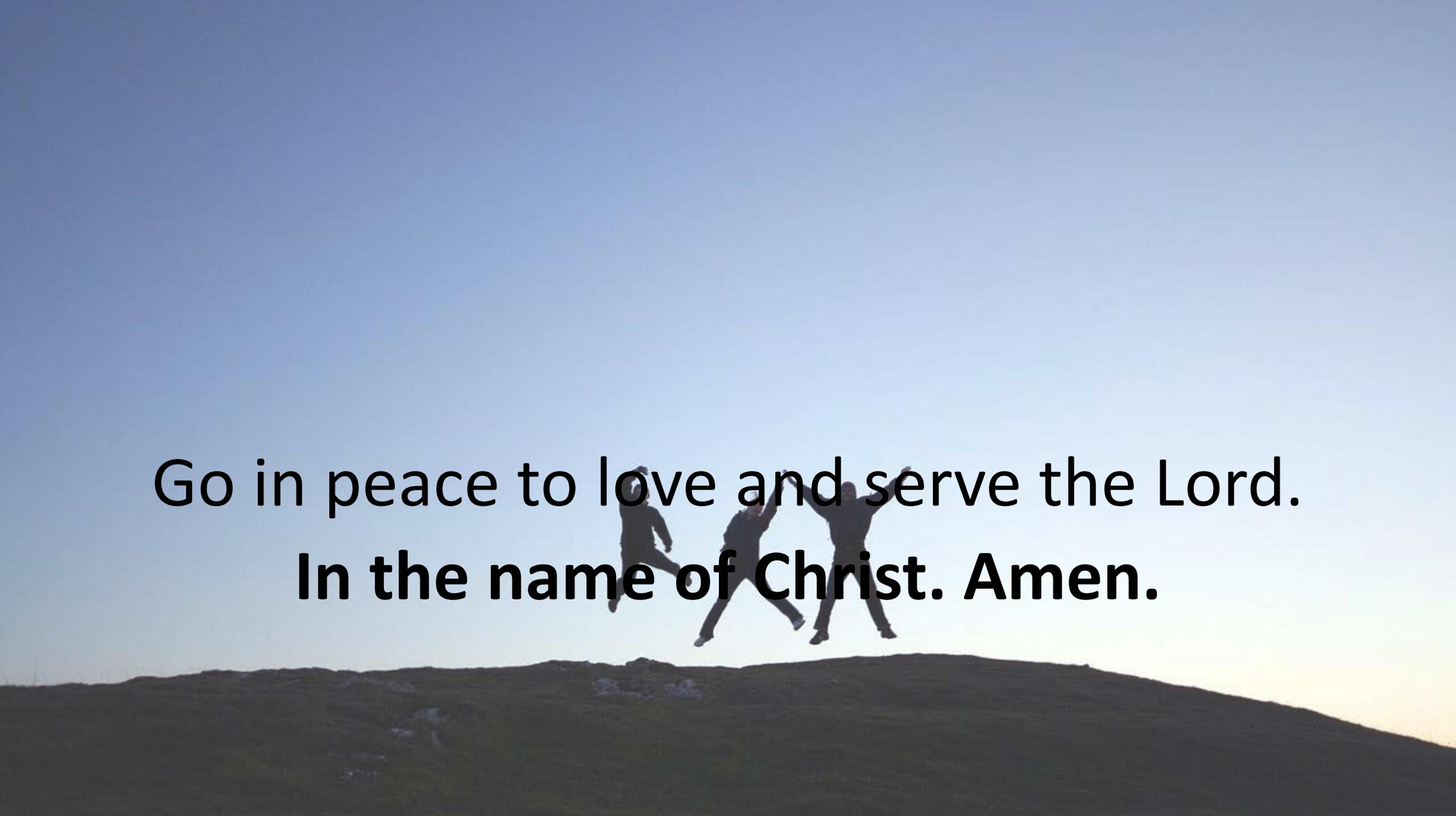
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[Happy Day](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=980UW6V1thI>

The image features a clear blue sky with a gradient from light blue at the top to a pale yellow near the horizon. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a hill is visible. Three people are captured in mid-air, jumping joyfully on the crest of the hill. Their bodies are dark against the lighter sky, and their arms and legs are outstretched in a celebratory manner. The overall mood is one of peace and joy.

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=29IxnsqOkmQ>
- 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM)
- Do It Again <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B-InQITxU>

If you'd like to make a song suggestion message us on the Facebook page  
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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](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](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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