

# Your Word of the Week

## Bible Sunday

(the Last  
after Trinity)  
25<sup>th</sup> October  
2020

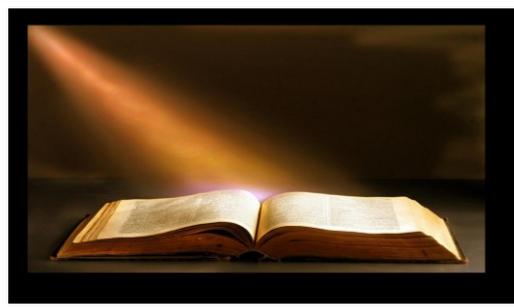


Christ Church  
Wheelock

St Michaels  
Crewe Green



St Matthews  
Haslington



### Bible Reading – Psalm 119: 9-16

(Good News Translation)

#### Obedience to the Law of the Lord

- <sup>9</sup> How can young people keep their lives pure?  
By obeying your commands.
- <sup>10</sup> With all my heart I try to serve you;  
keep me from disobeying your commandments.
- <sup>11</sup> I keep your law in my heart,  
so that I will not sin against you.
- <sup>12</sup> I praise you, O LORD;  
teach me your ways.
- <sup>13</sup> I will repeat aloud  
all the laws you have given.
- <sup>14</sup> I delight in following your commands  
more than in having great wealth.
- <sup>15</sup> I study your instructions;  
I examine your teachings.
- <sup>16</sup> I take pleasure in your laws;  
your commands I will not forget.



### Reflection from Vicar Jane

It has been said that Christians are people who inhabit the Bible. As God's people our understanding of God, our view of the world, (including suffering, life, and death), and our guidance for daily living, is all to be shaped by the Bible! Therefore, the bible is at the heart of church life, for example, in Bible reading and song, and why it is used for teaching. The Bible reminds us of who we are and who we should be.

The psalmist (Psalm 119) tells us that the Bible is God's word, it is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Vivienne Fall explains that the whole bible sheds light on our lives and the way we should take. She adds, this doesn't mean that the Bible offers us easy answers. Instead it sheds light. It tells stories of what happened when people went this way rather than that way. It tells God's message over time to God's people, showing them what God wanted them to be and do. When we take the whole Bible together we can begin to see a light that shines, urging us to act with justice and mercy, to love God and our neighbours and to fashion our lives around Jesus in everything we say and do. (Taken from Church of England Pilgrim Course, "The Bible").

The bible is the good news at our fingertips, and we need good news! I find myself more and more encouraging people to read it, rather than just touching base with it on a Sunday and keep it unopened at home! It is particularly important that we do read it in these demanding days of Pandemic, when we need God's hope and comfort, God's guidance, and encouragement. Some people I meet think that they know the Bible and don't need to read it. My experience is that actually, not many people do know it. The Bible is God's word to console, strengthen us and encourage us. The Bible is God's word to guide us and to lead us to understand God and God's ways. Let us turn to our Bibles, ideally we are to develop a regular pattern of bible reading and prayer, and through this we open ourselves to all God's blessings and to the privilege of knowing God and God's ways. How about joining our Thursday evening Bible study! Please do get in touch if you would like any guidance and advice about reading the Bible.

With every blessing, Vicar Jane

## We come together in Prayer

### Collect for Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Thanksgiving for the Bible

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Grant, O Lord, that in the written word and through the spoken word, we may behold the living Word, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### An Act of Praise for the Bible

*Praise the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, O my Soul,  
And forget not all his benefits.*

Let God be thanked that he has given us his message written in the Law and the Prophets, in the wisdom of the Proverbs and the poetry of the Psalms, above all in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

*Thanks be to God.*

Let God be thanked for the Bible in English; for those who long ago gave us early translations; for those who down the years improved them, enabling the Scriptures to penetrate deeply into our national language and life.

*Thanks be to God.*

Let God be thanked that in our ever-changing language the work of creating modern translations continues. Thank him for all that the Bible means to so many in the churches and the homes of the English-speaking world.

*Thanks be to God.*

Let God be thanked for those who translate, publish and distribute in other languages so that all people may come to the knowledge of the gospel.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Please remember the sick in your prayers

Harry Smith, Jerome Bains, Albert Hill, Andrew Heard, Eva Hitchen, David Kerr, Dennis and Margaret Cooper, Janet Harding, Rita Harrison, Hazel Looker, Silvia Good, Melodi Kahya, John Lewis, Betty Ledward and the residents and staff at Clarendon Court care home, Stephen Jones, Colin Evans, Janet Griffith, Alwyne Smith, Scott Dake, Amy Sharpe, Glenn Wycherley, Colin Hayes, Helen Birch, Margaret Cooper, Keith Whittle, Georgina and Gary, Gail Wait.

### We thank God for the lives of those who have died:

*(Offer your thanksgivings for those who have been dear to you).*

## Notices & Services

### Sunday

- 9.30am** Morning Worship for all the church family at home and in church Live stream from St Matthews, please contact Jane McCombie if you are attending church.
- 10.45am** Morning Worship for all the church family at home and in church Live stream from Christ Church, please contact Carleton or email [contact.christchurchwheelock@gmail.com](mailto:contact.christchurchwheelock@gmail.com) if you are attending church.
- 11.00am** Morning Worship for all the church family in church from St Michaels, please contact Linda Clark if you are attending church.
- 4.30pm** **(Fourth of the month only)** - Evening Worship for all the church family at home and in church Live stream from Christ Church, please contact Carleton or email - [contact.christchurchwheelock@gmail.com](mailto:contact.christchurchwheelock@gmail.com) if you are attending church.

### Tuesday

- 7.00pm** Evening Prayer Telephone Service This service has reverted back to the original format of 'phone' only. Please contact Carleton - [contact.christchurchwheelock@gmail.com](mailto:contact.christchurchwheelock@gmail.com) - for joining instructions. PLEASE DO CHECK with your phone provider that 03 numbers are included in your tariff to avoid extra charges.

### Wednesday

- 9.00am** Morning Prayer on Zoom. For joining instructions please do get in touch.
- 11.00am** Morning Worship for all the church family at St Matthews. **This is in church only on the 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. & 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. NO Live stream.** Please contact Anna Betts if you are attending church.

### Thursday

- 7.20pm** Pilgrim Course / Bible Study is cancelled on the 29<sup>th</sup> October. However, if you want to accept the Vicar's invitation and join the group, please private message us on Facebook or email - [contact.christchurchwheelock@gmail.com](mailto:contact.christchurchwheelock@gmail.com)

### Saturday

- 7.30am** Your Word of the Week and Junior Word published  
As our choirs are now singing within Sunday services 'Your Song of the Week' has been discontinued. However, if there is a particular hymn/song you would like sung please contact Vicar Jane with any requests.

All this and more is available on the united benefice website

<https://www.hcanglican.org>