

Are The Majority Of People Always Right?

An article by Paul Murray

Question: Is God a democrat?

Answer - No!

The idea that the majority of people are always right has seeped into modern consciousness. About 5,000 years ago God showed that He disagreed with that statement - by wiping out all but eight people in the global flood.

1 Peter 3:20 ... God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared. In it a few - that is, eight people - were saved....

Do you recall that Elijah, fleeing from Jezebel, wailed to the Lord, saying, ***I alone am left and they are looking to take my life.***” (1 Kings 19:10).

God told him that he wasn't alone. 7,000 others in Israel had remained faithful. That was still a minority however. And in **Judges 7** Gideon originally had 32,000 troops ready to fight the Midianites, but God reduced the number to a mere 300 who went on to defeat thousands of the enemy.

Paul, in **Romans 11:5**, speaking of the 1st century Jews who had come to faith in Jesus, wrote ***“In the same way, there is also at the present time a remnant chosen by grace.”***

Jesus prophesied in **Matthew 24:10** that ***“many will turn away from the faith and betray and hate each other.”*** True believers are being prepared to be God's remnant.

God always uses remnants to demonstrate His glory.

An inscription on the Reformation Monument in Geneva reads ***“One man with God is always in the majority.”***

Are you ready for what's ahead?

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Most of our services can be attended in person or on Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 508 367 3910

If you have missed a Sunday or Wednesday service, the sermons (and some services) can be accessed on the website under 'Media Library'. Sermons are deleted after 4 months, while services are only available for 2 months.

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

Isaiah 61:10-11



The Parish Church
of Water Orton

Sunday

13th September

Welcome to Saint Peter & Saint Paul's

Our Vision:

To prepare a community to meet the Christ

Our Mission:

To worship God, grow believers and make believers

Our Values:

Word, Worship, Welcome and Wisdom



13th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Readings:

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

This Week's Collect Prayer

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false
teaching and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Welcoming Prayer

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your
church, send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning, wisdom to our
actions and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you and in
service to our local community.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today

9.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Contemporary Worship (with children's groups)
3.00 pm	Performance of the musical 'Daniel' at St Mary & St Margaret's, Castle Bromwich

Next Sunday 20th of September

9.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Contemporary Worship (with children's groups)

Please pray...

For the residents of Vicarage Lane

For revival in our churches...

Gracious God,
we seek a revival within our
churches, where the message of your
love can permeate every heart. Stir in
us a renewed passion for Your Word,
igniting a desire to share the Gospel
boldly with our neighbours. Let our
worship be a true reflection of your
glory, drawing in those who are lost
and weary. May our congregations
become places of refuge, healing and
hope, where all are welcomed and
encouraged to grow in faith. Guide us
to be instruments of your peace in a
world so desperately in need.

Amen.



Harvest

Our harvest services will be on Sunday
4th October. Any donations of money
or flowers to decorate the church would
be most welcome. Please see Judith.



This week...

Tuesday

9.30-11.30 am Café in the Robert Lloyd room
The church is also open for the Food Bank

10.00 am Morning Prayer- Common Worship on Zoom & in church

Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom

7.30 pm Music Group

Thursday

7.30 pm Choir

Friday

12.00 for 12.30 Meet & Eat at The Link

Saturday

10.00 am The church is open for the Food Bank & for private prayer

Future Dates

Friday 2nd October at 2.00 pm – Memory Café in the Robert Lloyd Room

Sunday 4th October at 9.00 & 11.00 am - We celebrate Harvest at both services.

All produce donated will go to Birmingham City Mission (more details to follow).

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday. We will have our usual communion service at 9.00 am followed by a procession from the Digby car park to the memorial where there will be a short service of remembrance.

Week beginning 9th November – Church will be open at various times for receiving shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach, whilst supporting children in other countries who would otherwise have no Christmas presents. A sign up sheet will be available nearer the time.