

THE PROWLING LION V THE LION OF JUDAH

Paul Murray reflects on 1 Peter 5:8

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

When things go wrong in our life we often wonder why. Is it our fault? Have we been disobedient and maybe God is punishing us? Or maybe it's the devil again.

In my experience there are a range of causes. It can be God withdrawing protection for a while as a means of bringing loving discipline on an errant child of His. (**Proverbs 3:11-12**).

Sometimes we take a backward step and give into our fleshly desires and that can mean facing the consequences of our actions. For example, a hangover.

The devil can also be a cause of our problems. Fortunately, he cannot be everywhere at once. However, he is looking for opportunities to discourage, devour and destroy us. What can we do about this?

Having submitted ourselves to God and resisted the devil he will flee from us (**James 4:7**). A calm, firm rebuke in the name of Jesus Christ is effective because we stand in victory and are more than conquerors in Christ. (**Romans 8:37-39**).

The devil will be an ex-prowling lion one day. The Lion of Judah, our glorious King and Saviour Jesus Christ will throw him into the Lake of Fire, never to torment us again.

If the devil reminds you of your past, remind him of his future.

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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.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, **neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39



The Parish Church
of Water Orton

Sunday
19th July

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



19th July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Today's Readings:

Haggai 2:1-9
Acts 11:19-26
John 14:15-27

This Week's Collect Prayer

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard
seed, make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through 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

We welcome Bishop Maurice Sinclair

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

Next Sunday 26th July

9.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Contemporary Worship
(with children's groups)
1.00 pm Baptism of Oscar

Please pray...

For the residents of Turnpike Drive

For teachers, pupils and their
families as schools and colleges
break up for the summer.

For the courage to keep going and to trust
the Maker's plan...

Heavenly Father,
grant us courage when we feel uncertain or
afraid. Strengthen our hearts and help us to
move forward in faith, trusting in your perfect
plan. Remove fear from our minds, fill us with
boldness and guide our steps along the right
path. Remind us that your presence surrounds
us in every situation, and empower us to face
challenges confidently, knowing that, with
you by our side, no obstacle is too great to
overcome.

Amen

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do
not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be
with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*



Judith is on leave from 29th of July -
16th of August. Please see Kim or Mark
in her absence.

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
6.00 pm Young people meet at the vicarage for fellowship
7.30 pm Music Group

Thursday No 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

Wednesday 22nd July at 11.30 am – Pastoral Care Meeting in the Robert Lloyd Room

Sunday 26th July - Baptism



Many people, in church and around the village, are blessed by our flower ministry. Each week, the flowers that are in church on a Sunday are distributed to those who are bereaved, sick or simply in need of encouragement; people who have recently moved to the village or those who have something to celebrate.

We are currently in need of a couple more volunteers to deliver these flowers. Could you spare half an hour once a month to brighten someone's day, or just to let them know that we care? Please speak to Jayne Gough if you can help.