

Julian Meeting Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.25 – 8.05pm

Yet another month has flown by and next Monday is the 2nd of the month, our Julian meeting evening so I offer another chance for us to join in contemplative prayer at the same time. As we face another 'lockdown' it would be good to programme in some regular prayer time. Our Archbishops have asked us all to make November a month of prayer with a suggestion on the CofE website to pray each day at 6pm. I'm thinking that might be better than the 6 o'clock news!

Meeting

We gather at 7.25 to light a candle and settle ourselves to pray, sitting upright with both feet on the floor. We circle our shoulders and neck to release tension, take a few deep breaths and settle ourselves ready to pray in contemplation. Silence.

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we will be created, and you will renew the face of the earth.'

Reading:

Jo has chosen today's reading from Malcolm Guite's book '*Sounding the Seasons*' (Canterbury Press). It is a sonnet entitled: 'The call of the Disciples' which of course, as Christians, we are all called to be. She made this suggestion a month ago and it does seem very apt for this time – thank you Jo.

He calls us all to step aboard his ship,
Take the adventure on this morning's wing,
Raise sail with him, launch out into the deep,
Whatever storms or floods are threatening,
If faith gives way to doubt, or love to fear,
then, as on Galilee, we'll rouse the Lord,
For he is always with us and will hear,
And make our peace with his creative Word,
Who made us, loved us, formed us and has set
All his beloved lovers in an ark;
Borne upwards by his Spirit, we will float
Above the rising waves, the falling dark,
As fellow pilgrims, driven towards that haven,
Where all will be redeemed, fulfilled, forgiven.

Collect for the 3rd Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

With the saints and martyrs through the ages, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has taught us.
Our Father, who art in heaven....

We say 'The Grace'
Amen.

Time for tea/coffee or something stronger!
Thank you for this time to 'togetherness' in another month of isolation!

Love from Sue