

**The Bread of Life
John 6**

Sunday 28 July (MP)

John 6:1-21 The Feeding of the Five Thousand

Sunday 4 August (HC)

John 6:24-35 "Set your mind on things above....." Col 3:2

Sunday 11 August (MP)

John 6:35, 41-51 "Man shall not live by bread alone...." Matt 4:4

Sunday 18 August (HC)

John 6:51-58 Passover, Last Supper, Heavenly Banquet

Sunday 25 August (MP)

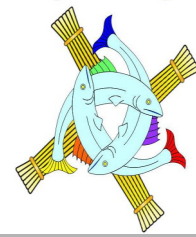
John 6:56-69 Abiding in Christ

Last Sunday, we continued the readings in Mark's Gospel focusing on the apostles returning to Jesus after their missionary travels. They needed rest yet the demands of the people seemed to deny them that opportunity, at least for the time being. The verses we read sandwich two events which were omitted – Mark's account of the Feeding of the Five Thousand and Jesus walking on the water.

For the next five weeks we take a break from Mark and concentrate on one chapter from the Gospel according to St John which opens with John's account of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. The Feeding of the Five Thousand is the only event from Jesus' ministry which is recorded in all four Gospels; for John it provides the introduction to a lengthy reflection on Jesus as the Bread of Life, which will be our focus over this next month.

The summary of the Gospel passages is given above with a broad theme which I will use as the basis of the sermon each week.

This theme is not inappropriate as we approach 1 August – **Lughnasa** – feast of the first fruits of the harvest. It has been suggested that this ancient pre-Christian festival was then adopted by the Anglo-Saxons to introduce **Lammas Day**, which similarly celebrated those first fruits from which our "daily bread" was made.



Sunday 28th July 2024
Welcome to Holy Trinity Church

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

08.30am Service of Morning Prayer

11.30a.m. Service of Morning Prayer

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



For our services you may need:

- this announcement / readings sheet
- a copy of the *Book of Common Prayer* (except when a service sheet is provided by the Wardens)
- a copy of the *Church Hymnal*

There are activity sheets at the back of the church for our younger worshippers. These include a take home sheet for completion during the week.

If you would like someone prayed for during the service today please put their name on the Prayer Sheet in the aisle.

Large Print Copies of all texts used in the service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden.

If you are visiting us, or are with us for the first time, we would be delighted to meet you after church today and if you would like a pastoral visit please complete your name and contact details and give this sheet to one of the Churchwardens on your way out.

Name: _____ Contact Details: _____

Next Sunday: 4th August 2024 – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

08.30a.m.	Holy Trinity		Service of Holy Communion
10.00 a.m.	Nohoval	-	Service of Holy Communion
11.30 a.m.	Holy Trinity	-	Service of Holy Communion

Pastoral matters should be directed to the Rector

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
Open our hearts to the riches of his grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4.42–44

A reading from the second book of Kings.

42 A man came bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.'⁴³ But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left."' ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Psalm

145: 10-19

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3.14–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

14 I bow my knees before the Father,¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

John 6.1–21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

1 Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the

sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

800 Anniversary to commemorate the arrival of the Cisterian Monks to Tracton Abbey and surrounding areas. Prayers at **8pm**

Nohoval Church—24th July

Kinure Oysterhaven—31st July

Ballyfoyle—21st August .

Parish Barbeque - Save the Date This years summer BBQ will take place on the 23rd August in the Rectory. Further details to follow.