

Apart but Together Worship

TRIO Service – Sunday 27th September

Welcome to our TRIO service. Before we moved to Hornsea, Jean and I had never heard of a TRIO service and every time Jamie mentioned it this is what came into our minds!

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So, am I going to talk about chocolate bars for an hour? Sadly no, although I am sure I could!

Our trio stands for:

The Responsibility Is Ours

More about that later.

Let us pray:



Lord, here we are gathered to worship you, gathered, but in a different way

Our worship may look different but the reason we are here is the same

We are here to bring our thanks and praise for all that you have done and for all that you have given us

We are here to read Your Word and to learn from it

We are here to meet with you and to discern your will for our lives

Help us to have the courage of the first disciples to hear your call and follow where you lead

And as you taught those disciples, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory

For ever and ever Amen

Our first hymn is

HYMN: Lift your eyes to the Lord your God (Oh What a saviour is he)

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So, **The Responsibility Is Ours**

What does responsibility mean?

The dictionary says: The state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or having control over someone. This takes many different forms.



Policemen have a responsibility to make sure we all keep the laws of the land.

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Its not just adults who are responsible, children also have responsibilities, they may be responsible for looking after pets, or for keeping their rooms tidy, or for doing homework.

What are your responsibilities? They will be different for each of us.



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We all have a responsibility for our church building. We have a responsibility to provide a safe and welcoming place for people to worship.

This involves looking after our building, which can be expensive, every 5 years we are responsible for organising a Quinquennial Survey which looks at the structure and safety of the building and tells us what needs repairing or replacing. This is happening this year and we await the results of the survey with fingers crossed!

As Christians we also have a responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus with everyone and provide the means of helping everyone grow in faith.

Here is an interesting video, it's from the BBC show Years and Years and is called The World we built :

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Our second hymn is

HYMN: Awake Awake R&S 608

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What does the Bible say about responsibility?

Genesis 1 tells us:

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature

So they can be **responsible** for the fish in the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle,

And, yes, Earth itself,
and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings;
he created them godlike,
Reflecting God's nature.

He created them male and female.

God blessed them:

"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!

Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,
for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

²⁹⁻³⁰ Then God said, "I've given you
every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth
And every kind of fruit-bearing tree,
given them to you for food.

To all animals and all birds,
everything that moves and breathes,
I give whatever grows out of the ground for food."
And there it was.

³¹ God looked over everything he had made;
it was so good, so very good!

Quite a lot of responsibility there!

*So, they can be **responsible** for the fish in the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle,
And, yes, Earth itself,*

And later

*"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!
Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,
for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."*

So, we are responsible for every living thing that moves on the face of the earth and the earth itself.

Do our lives reflect this?

Our second readings are Matthew 22:

³⁷⁻⁴⁰ Jesus said, "'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."

And from James 1:27

Anyone who sets himself up as "religious" by talking a good game is self-deceived. This kind of religion is hot air and only hot air. Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world.

More responsibility here to love others and to live out our faith and to care for each other to fight for equality and justice.

Our next hymn is **Beauty for brokenness**

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So, we have heard about all this responsibility but what should we do?

Let's hear what the Bible says,

2 Corinthians 9

⁶⁻⁷ Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

⁸⁻¹¹ God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it,

He throws caution to the winds,
giving to the needy in reckless abandon.
His right-living, right-giving ways
never run out, never wear out.

This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

¹²⁻¹⁵ Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God. This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the Message of Christ. You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough!

Response: In 2 Corinthians chapter 9 the Bible tells us 'God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all that you need for yourself and more than enough for every good cause. As the scripture says, 'He gives generously to the needy, His kindness lasts forever.'

Each of us should give what we have decided to give in our hearts, not reluctantly or under compulsion because God loves a cheerful giver!

Giving is not just about money is also about giving of ourselves, sharing our time and our gifts with others. We can give our time in lots of different ways, if you can't get out much you could invite someone round for a cup of tea or ring someone for a chat, it will make you both feel better. Smiling and saying good morning as you walk along can make a big difference to someone's life.

God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son Jesus to die on the cross for us.

Surely we should give whatever we can to help others who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

Now a song to listen to as we think about how we can respond.

HYMN: Stand Up by Graham Kendrick

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Prayers of intercession

Let us pray:

We pray for the world

Where there is drought, famine, and disease

Where the environment is in danger

Where people live in fear of war or persecution

And especially at this time for the effects of the coronavirus epidemic.

We pray for your presence and love and comfort in all these situations.

We pray that you will speak to the hearts of world leaders, politicians, scientists, and doctors

Help them work together to find the best solution for all people not just for themselves or the few.

Show us Lord ways to restore your creation and protect it for generations to come.

And help us all Lord to accept and live with the restrictions of the pandemic and to encourage one another as we learn to live in a different way.

All our prayers we ask in Jesus name

Amen.

Our final hymn is **I the Lord of sea and sky**

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Normally our TRIO service is to ask you to think about your giving to church and while we would like you to do that we also need to look at our community and indeed our world.

In these difficult times of coronavirus there are lots of people who need our help and support.

Our world is suffering from pollution, people are living in poverty and injustice.

We **can** make a difference.

Change one thing in your shopping to Fair Trade, sign that petition, write that letter, send that email.

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