

**From a visitor:** Please pass our thanks to the congregation for the warm welcome which we received at St John's last week, whilst you were away. The Church was beautiful; I particularly enjoyed the tapestries in the sanctuary. The building was warm and we also received a warm welcome from a number of people in the choir and, obviously, from the welcomers at the door. The service was uplifting, intelligent and human. We were moved by the anthem and felt that we had met the Divine. We were sorry not to linger longer after the service... Your church was well looked-after whilst you were absent. With prayer, Michael.. TSSFrancis

### October Events

Friday 5th	Messy Harvest @ Kenmore Hall 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 10th	Seniors Service, Millfield Gardens, 1.10 pm
Thursday 11th	Lunchtime Lecture 2 in the JCAC @ 12pm
Tuesday 16th	Vestry @ JCAC
Thursday 18th	Lunchtime Lecture 3 in the JCAC @12pm
Saturday 20th	Dedication of plaque for John Daykins VC @ War Memorial, 10.30

### Services @ St John's

Thursday	10.00 am	Holy Communion (1982 Liturgy)
Sunday	9.00 am	Holy Communion (1970 Liturgy)
	10.00 am	Sunday School—upstairs in the Centre
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)



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# St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh

A community of welcome in the Borders

## 30th September 2018

### On loppings, gougings and lugubrious saints. Mark 9:38-50

I have returned. While I loved Spain and embraced some of what it has to offer... (ah, clean motorway garage toilets!), it was good to come home. And it is coming home. I wondered if time away would give me the wander lust. Whether the call to explore glamorous continental climes would dull the attractions of the Borders and of Jedburgh in particular? Feeling decidedly under the weather on return possibly helped the appreciation of my own bed and familiar spaces but for all its allure, a short visit was enough.

I really enjoyed exploring the cathedral and parish churches of Cordoba, Granada and Seville and was often overwhelmed by the lavish ornamentation and deep passion of Spanish Baroque piety with its swirling clouds of gold and consumptive saints. However it is all a bit heavy handed and theatrical for me, stirring but not terribly accessible or comforting.

I feel some of the same with the hyperbole of the gospel today. It is intense, graphic, challenging and dramatic. Eye offends... gouge it out... hand causes you to sin... cut it off. I can just imagine the passionate Counter-reformation figures in the Basilica of St John of God in Granada doing just that.

For some of us there may be times when we are called to such dramatic gestures and maybe for some of us the pathway to wholeness may be in the radical removal of offending appendages, but my feeling is that for most of us the pathway to wholeness is much less theatrical.

I suspect it is in the holding of the tongue rather than the cutting it off. In the using our hands to touch gently, to serve and to care that we defeat the shadow we all bear. In using our eyes to see the things which reflect the face of God in others.

So... how are you going to use your hands, eyes, tongue and feet this week?

Blessings Fr Andrew

## 09.00 HOLY COMMUNION 1970 LITURGY

Collect and Lessons for Trinity 18 on page 236 of the Scottish Prayer Book

1 Corinthians 1:4          Matthew 22:34

## 10.30 SUNG EUCHARIST 1982 LITURGY

Introit:                  NEH 395          Let bells peal forth the universal fame

### PREPARATION (page 1)

Collect: O Lord, may your grace at all times go before us, and follow on behind: and so continually direct us to good works; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD (page 3)

1st reading:          Esther 7:1—6, 9—10; 9:20—22          (*p.480 in pew Bible*)

Psalm 124          **℟: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of Heaven and Earth.**

2nd reading:          James 5:13—20          (*p248. in pew Bible*)

Gradual hymn:          NEH 391          King of Glory, King of peace

Gospel:                  Mark 9:38—50          (*p.48 in pew Bible*)

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Confession, Peace

Offertory hymn          NEH 353          Dear Lord and Father of mankind

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND COMMUNION (Page 6)

Anthem

Prayer after Communion: **Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Post-communion hymn: **There's a Spirit in the air**

There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world!'

Lose your shyness, find your tongue, tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Author: Brian A. Wren (1969)

Blessing and Dismissal



**Thursdays in October  
12pm in the JCAC**

**Week One:** Thinking Theologically—how do they do it? What are YOU wondering?

**Week 2,3 and 4:** Topics to be decided by the group

**Bring your lunch, an open mind and a sense of humour.**

**Sunday 7th October    Blessing of Pets Service**

**10.30am @ St John's    A Service of Prayer and Praise**

**Bring a furry, feathered or scaly friend for a blessing as we give thanks for our animals, celebrate the Feast of St Francis and continue our thanksgiving for the Harvest. Please also bring a contribution to our local Foodbank.**

**N.B. Holy Communion will be available at our 9am service.**

**Saturday 6th October Harvest Supper**

**The Thistle Club Pavilion, Jedburgh**

**4.30pm Furry Family Fun/ 6.30pm Supper**



**Tickets are essential**

**Adults £7 Children £3 from Elizabeth Martin**