

## October Events

- Thursday 25th      Lunchtime Lecture 4 in the JCAC @12pm  
Diocesan Synod @ St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh, 5.30pm
- Wednesday 31st      Old School Lunch in the JCAC @ 12.30pm  
Halloween on High Street with Jedburgh Churches Together

## November Events

- Thursday 1st      All Saints/All Souls Service, St John's @ 10am
- Friday 2nd      Messy Church - Kenmore Hall @ 1pm
- Sunday 4th      Guest Speaker—Alasdair Hutton Order of St John 10.30 Service
- Monday 5th      Filling Station , Corn Exchange Melrose @ 7.30pm
- Sunday 11th      Remembrance Day Service 11.00 am at the Parish Church  
*(replacing St. John's 10.30 am service)*

## 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

## 21st October 2018

**"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."**

A poetic response to Mark 10:35-45 by Michael Coffey

Give us flimsy blue ribbons for first and second place, and a shiny plastic trophy for the dresser top, affirming our fragile, boyish, hurting egos. Make us more special than everyone else's specialness, put a sash around us and notice that adorable hair curl looping down so you can truss up our needy, hungry girlish souls

Grant us every wish from Maseratis to mansions and manufactured beauty to immaculate perfection so all will be well and no grey spills through the cracks Then watch us fall into predictable chemical dependency as we crawl through the numb dumbness of our lives made false and empty without scar or scuffle

Cry for us as we grieve the years gone by and every chance we had to sacrifice our golden selves was stopped by our boundless need to step on and over and win. Comfort us when we slip and somersault on the icy road toward preciousness and piety and strawberry preserve sweetness that keep us from ever feeling warm fleshly earthy life as you did...

...as you loved with abandon every one and every thing... as you counted the cost of being vulnerably human and then spent it all in every daily cross of getting yourself out of the way and letting each Spirit-filled encounter with life's dirt and dander urge and move you to crazy ways of embracing the pained with the same holy hug that held you tight even through death

Good Lord, whatever you do, don't give us what we want, give us what we need. Give us your last place loser crown your humility of embodied love, your humble, open, crucified arms

Give to us aging boys and girls hearts and minds and souls of men and women who know their lives have meaning when we give them away... losing as beautifully as you.

<http://www.ocotillopub.org/2012/10/do-for-us-whatever-we-ask.html>



## 09.00 HOLY COMMUNION 1970 LITURGY

Collect and Lessons for Trinity 21 on page 240 of the Scottish Prayer Book

Ephesians 6:10

John 4:46

## 10.30 SUNG EUCHARIST 1982 LITURGY

Introit: **Jesus calls us here to meet him**

Jesus calls us here to meet him as through word and song and prayer  
we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care.

Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him Word of Life and Lord of All,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness; saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other, Vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table rooted firm in time and space,  
where the church in earth and heaven finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body; share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast for saints and sinners hosted by our Lord and King.  
John Bell Wild Goose Publications

### PREPARATION (page 1)

Collect: Almighty and merciful God: in your goodness keep from us  
all that is harmful; that, being ready both in body and soul, we may freely  
accomplish your will; 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: Job 38:1—7 (34—41) *(p.514 in pew Bible)*

Psalm 104 **℟: At your rebuke, O Lord, the waters fled.**

2nd reading: Hebrews 5:1—10 *(p.235 in pew Bible)*

Gradual hymn: **Sons of Thunder, James and John**

Sons of Thunder, James and John, left their father fishing —  
For they found that they were drawn into Jesus' mission.  
Christ had strength to calm the sea and to bring great healing;  
He taught with authority — God's own way revealing.

As they heard the things he taught — love of God and neighbour —  
Those ambitious brothers thought they would ask a favour.  
So they said, "Give just one thing; let our words here guide you:  
Jesus, when you reign as king, let us sit beside you."

"Can you drink the cup I drink? Can you take the suffering?"  
Jesus told them, "Stop and think! This is what I'm offering.  
Tyrants reign o'er other folk, rising to high places.  
You must bear a servant's yoke if you want true greatness."

Christ, we love the honoured place and the seat of glory.  
Now, remind us, by your grace, of the gospel story:  
You gave up your life —it's true! — with a love unswerving.  
May all those who follow you seek a life of serving.

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Gospel: Mark 10:35—45 *(p.50 in pew Bible)*

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Confession, Peace

Offertory hymn NEH 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND COMMUNION (Page 6)

Anthem

Prayer after Communion: **God of peace, you have nourished us in this  
sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy  
things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen**

Post-communion hymn: NEH 407 Lord thy word abideth

Blessing and Dismissal