

## October Events

Wednesday 31st	Old School Lunch in the JCAC @ 12.30pm
	Halloween on High Street with Jedburgh Churches Together
Thursday 1st	Lunchtime Lecture 4, 12pm in the JCAC

## 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
Wednesday 7th	Sewing group 10am in the JCAC
Sunday 11th	Remembrance Day Service 11.00 am at the Parish Church (replacing St. John's 10.30 am service)
Tuesday 13th	Vestry Meeting 6.15 pm in the JCAC (Note change of date)

## Services @ St John's

Thursday	10.00 am	Holy Communion (1982 Liturgy)
Sunday	9.00 am	Holy Communion (1970 Liturgy)
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)

followed by refreshments in the Centre behind the Church



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# St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh

A community of welcome in the Borders

## 28th October 2018

**'We are on the top of the league!'**

### A reflection on Mark 10: 46-52 by Rev Neil Chappell

What does it feel like to have your team on the top of the league? Have you ever seen the look of contentment on the face of a mum cradling her baby for the first time ... or the pride and love on the face of a new dad? Have you seen the satisfaction of a child when they've been praised for good work, for tidying a bedroom or simply being a grandchild? When you've had a good day at work, your favourite song comes on the radio, good news is broadcast in the newspapers, you win the office sweepstake, you discover enough marmite in the pot for your piece of toast at breakfast, the sun is shining, there's no traffic on the road, you get a phone call from someone you haven't heard from in ages,— they all illicit spontaneous joy. What a great feeling!

Hey. I'm telling you, if anyone was filled with spontaneous joy it must have been Bartimaeus. You couldn't keep this guy quiet before he met Jesus, I wonder what he was like after meeting Jesus??? Of course, the great skill here is staying top of the league. Winning football teams have their work cut out. New parents come crashing down to earth with broken sleep and smelly nappies. I suspect even Bartimaeus had it tough adjusting to a very new way of life.

That is the message we must understand. We have to work very hard each and every day to be kingdom people, filled with the Holy Spirit, energised and excited by doing the work and will of God. Because not everyday is filled with spontaneous joy. For every day that things go right there often seems to be a day (a week, a month, a year???) when life is a real struggle.

Life is random. It can be filled with spontaneous joy. It can be the grind of unrelenting grief. We need to meet Jesus at whatever stage of life we find ourselves in. And we need to be like Bartimaeus. We need to call out to the Son of God. We need to hear Jesus say to us, "What can I do for you?" We need God to bring the kingdom to us.

Keep the faith. Keep believing. Keep striving. God's kingdom is closer than ever we dared to dream. That top of the league feeling is here to stay.

Extract from: <https://aweirdthing.wordpress.com/2012/10/23/we-are-top-of-the-league/>

## 09.00 HOLY COMMUNION 1970 LITURGY

Collect and Lessons for Trinity 22 on page 242 of the Scottish Prayer Book

Philippians 1:3

Matthew 18:21

## 10.30 SUNG EUCHARIST 1982 LITURGY

Introit: NEH 466 **Thou whose almighty word**

### PREPARATION (page 1)

Collect O Lord, in your mercy: grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 42:1—6, 10—17 *(p.518 in pew Bible)*

Psalm 34 **℟: I sought the Lord and he answered me**

2nd reading: Hebrews 7:23—28 *(p.237 in pew Bible)*

Gradual hymn: **O Christ the healer we have come** (tune 486)

O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamour to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health,  
we diagnose the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills:  
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind. Author: Fred Pratt

Gospel: Mark 10:46b—52 *(p.50 in pew Bible)*

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Confession, Peace

Offertory hymn **Jesus, have mercy!** (tune 237)

1. "Jesus, have mercy! Help! Son of David!"  
So Bartimaeus called to the Lord.  
Filled with great faith, he knew as he waited:  
Christ was his hope for vision restored.
2. Jesus, have mercy! May we see clearly  
You gave a gift we cannot repay.  
You had it all, but loving us dearly,  
Even your life, Lord, you gave away.
3. Jesus, have mercy when we're uncertain,  
Hiding our talents high on our shelves.  
As we've been blessed, may we be an offering —  
Healing your world by giving ourselves.
4. Jesus, have mercy! May we give freely  
So that the church has plenty to share.  
May we bring tithes and offerings gladly,  
Reaching to those in need everywhere.
5. Jesus, have mercy! Give us new vision;  
Show us new ways to build up your church.  
We are your people, called into mission!  
Help us to bring your hope to the earth.

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### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND COMMUNION (Page 6)

Anthem

Prayer after Communion **God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Post-communion hymn: NEH 361 **Forth in the peace of Christ we go**

Blessing and Dismissal