

2.30 pm **Churches Together service** at Queen's Court—all welcome

Wed. 27 Feb 12.30 pm **St. John's Lunch** in the Centre

Further ahead, St. John's Spring Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 23 March in the British Legion Hall, 10.00—12.00. Liz Kiteley will be looking for volunteers, and further details will follow.



Congratulations to **Isobel Portch** on receiving a British Citizen Award for Services to the Community at the Palace of Westminster last week.

The BCAC award recognises her work with the elderly in Jedburgh, particularly in organising the weekly Jedburgh Lunch Club.

Isobel is now the Vestry member with responsibility for co-ordinating St. John's **pastoral care**. You can reach her on **01835 864153** (calls go to her mobile) to request a home or hospital visit or other help.

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)

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St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh

Sunday 3 February 2019

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Today, we welcome Rev. Tim Morris as our Celebrant and Preacher

Not a tame prophet

By promising his home town Jewish audience the fulfilment of Isaiah's messiah prophecy, then immediately evoking the memory of two Gentiles being blessed, Jesus in a sense explodes the expectations he had just raised.

Yes, he claims to be the long-awaited liberator, overturning the imperial narratives of the Romans and their collaborators by freeing the oppressed – but no, he will not do so in the exclusive, parochial, or nationalistic mode demanded by their counternarratives. His scope of liberation will be, as with the prophets of old, far broader than simply the members of his own religion and nation. Even outsiders, even Gentiles will be included in the scope of Jesus's good news.

Yes, he claims the title of prophet, but he will not perform like a tame prophet who works safely within established conventions. If you want him, you'll have to accept more than you bargained for. He comes with his own narrative, and it won't be negotiated or compromised. The people who had been praising him a moment earlier now turn ugly:

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

This is not the smooth launch of a typical campaign to be voted in as the next messiah. It's more like Jesus is jamming his foot on the accelerator of expectations and then slamming on the brakes. It's not a smooth ride, but a driver like this definitely gets your attention.

From Brian McLaren, *Everything must change* (2009)

09.00 HOLY COMMUNION 1970 LITURGY

Collect and Lessons on page 122 of the Scottish Prayer Book

Romans 13:1

Matthew 8:23

10.30 SUNG EUCHARIST 1982 LITURGY

Introit: 234 **Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

PREPARATION (page 1)

Collect

O God, through our human frailty, we cannot stand firm: give us strength and protection, that, with your help, we may overcome all difficulties; 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: Jeremiah 1:4—10 *(p.725 in pew Bible)*

Psalm 71 **℟: You are my hope, O Lord God: my confidence since I was young**

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1—13 *(p.187 in pew Bible)*

Gradual hymn: **God, Whose Love Is Always Stronger**

1. God, whose love is always stronger than our weakness, pride and fear, In your world, we pray and wonder how to be more faithful here. Hate too often grows inside us; fear rules what the nations do. So we pray, when wars divide us: give us love, Lord! Make us new!
2. Love is patient, kind and caring, never arrogant or rude, Never boastful, all things bearing; love rejoices in the truth.

When we're caught up in believing war will make the terror cease, Show us Jesus' way of living; may our strength be in your peace.

3. May our faith in you be nourished; may your churches hear your call. May our lives be filled with courage as we speak your love for all. Now emboldened by your Spirit who has given us new birth, Give us love, that we may share it till your love renews the earth!

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Gospel: Luke 4:21—30 *(p.65 in pew Bible)*

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Confession, Peace

Offertory hymn 364 **God is Love, let heaven adore him**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND COMMUNION (Page 6)

Anthem

Prayer after Communion

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Post-communion hymn: 362 **Glorious things of thee are spoken**

Blessing and Dismissal

What's on?

Wed. 6 Feb. 10.00 am **Sewing Group** in the Centre

Tues. 19 Feb 6.15 pm **Vestry meeting** in the Centre

Wed. 20 Feb 10.00 am **Sewing Group** in the Centre