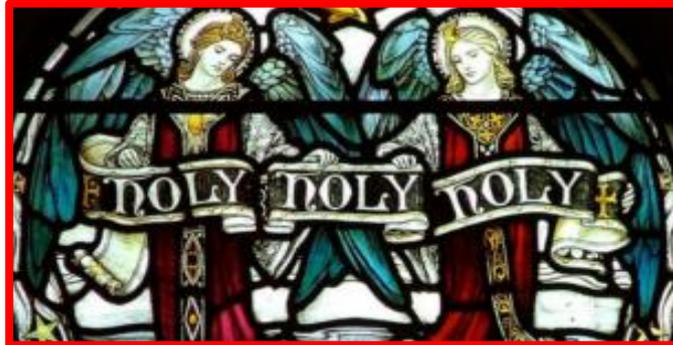


# Devotion – Week 13

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020



First Sunday



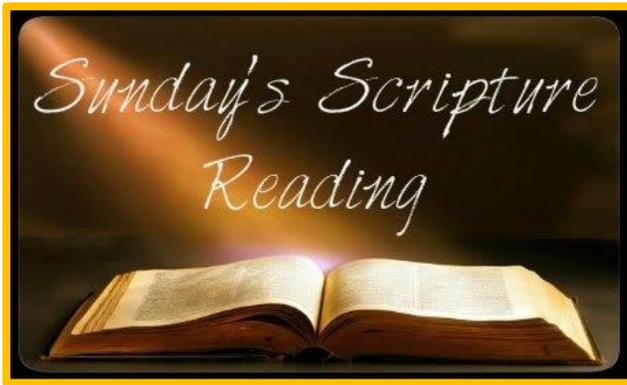
Good morning to all my dear friends of John Ross Memorial Deaf Church.

Welcome to Week 13 of the weekly Devotion. I do hope you are all receiving regularly the weekly devotions by e mail or by post. Today is the first Sunday after Trinity I hope you are all safe and well and still trying to keep busy during this lockdown.

Don't forget to go on Facebook and type in **BSL Church Worship** and you will see some very nice Christian messages signed by our deaf and hearing friends in the Church of England Ministry for the Deaf and on You Tube by the CDA (Catholic Deaf Association).

Love, prayers and God's many blessings to you all.

Richard  
**Rev Richard Durno**



Matthew Chapter 25 verses 14 to 23

### **Story About Three Servants**

14 “The kingdom of heaven is like a man leaving home to travel to another place for a visit. Before the man left, he talked with his servants. The man told his servants to take care of the things he owned while he was gone.

15 He decided how much each servant would be able to care for. The man gave one servant five bags of money. He gave another servant two bags of money. And he gave a third servant one bag of money. Then that man left.

16 The servant that got five bags of money went quickly to invest the money. Those five bags of money earned five more.

17 It was the same with the servant that had two bags of money. The servant invested the money and earned two more.

18 But the servant that got one bag of money went away and dug a hole in the ground. Then the servant hid his master’s money in the that hole.

19 “After a long time the master came home. The master asked the servants what they did with his money.

20 The servant that got five bags of money brought five more bags of money to the master. The servant said, ‘Master, you trusted me to care for five bags of money. So I used your five bags of money to earn five more.’

21 “The master answered, ‘You did right. You are a good servant that can be trusted. You did well with that small amount of money. So I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my happiness with me.’

22 “Then the servant that got two bags of money came to the master. The servant said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of money to care for. So I used your two bags of money to earn two more.’

23 “The master answered ‘You did right. You are a good servant that can be trusted. You did well with that small amount of money. So I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my happiness with me.’

May God bless this reading of his most holy words and to his name be all glory and praise. Amen

**Amen Thanks be to God.**



## **Making Things**

**Reading St Matthew Chapter 25 Verses 14 to 23**

**Text: Psalm 19:1 “The heavens speak about God’s glory. The skies tell about the good things his hands have made.”**



Photograph taken from Bishopbriggs during lockdown days of sunset over the Campsie Hills by Janet Hamilton.

Four things triggered me off into the direction of today's message.

**Firstly**, I had a bit of a struggle all week trying to write the message for today. It is often difficult to have good ideas during the lockdown days when I am stuck at home. On Friday morning I received my daily bible text on my mobile phone and it says **“The heavens declare the Glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork” Psalm 19:1.....**this started to give me an idea.

The word handiwork made me think back to the time when my daughter Meghan was living at home in Glasgow and she would always do artwork with fabrics, wool and other materials and always hand sewing, machine stitching and doing craft work. These are some of her many items of modern artwork.



**Secondly**, I noticed through mobile texting and Facebook messages with my deaf church friends that many people have kept themselves busy making different things such as knitting, craft work, painting and drawing especially our good friend and church elder Jack Giffen. He tells me he has painted over 6 pictures during the lock down days.



Unfortunately I have not been able to see the paintings because of the lockdown but these are two of his paintings that I have. These were painted many years ago.

**Thirdly**, I look around this world and everything I see both living and none living were **made** by God.

Some examples of living and none living made by God.

Non living

Non living

Living

Living

Table

Motor car

Tree

Giraffe



“Man-made”

“Man-made”

“God-made”

“God-made”

but

but

**made through God    made through God**

- Wooden table was made by a joiner but the wood was from a tree and therefore made by God.
- A plastic ruler was made by a worker in a factory but plastic came from crude oil and oil, coal and gas are fossil fuels and made from trees, plants and animals buried over millions of years ago. As oil was made from former living things so therefore made by God.
- A motor car was made by a worker in a factory but metals are made from ore from the ground, plastic seating and plastic parts inside the car are made from oil from fossil fuels from ancient plants so therefore made by God.

Let us look at a few things that we can make.

**1. We can make a home.** Think about your family home, your children, your love ones. We as adults get together to make a home with or without children. We bring into it love, joy and happiness but sometimes failures.

**2. You can make a friend.** There is often a thrill in making a new friend. You know it is not easy because to make a friend means you have to give something of yourself. Sometimes it means going out of your way to help. Sometimes it

means giving up some of your very valuable time and sometimes you have to listen to long stories or troubles. Sometimes you have to be so very patient, but a real friend is one of the treasures of life and something very well worth making.

### **3. You can make a destiny (future).**

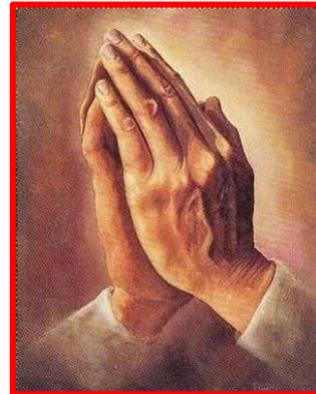
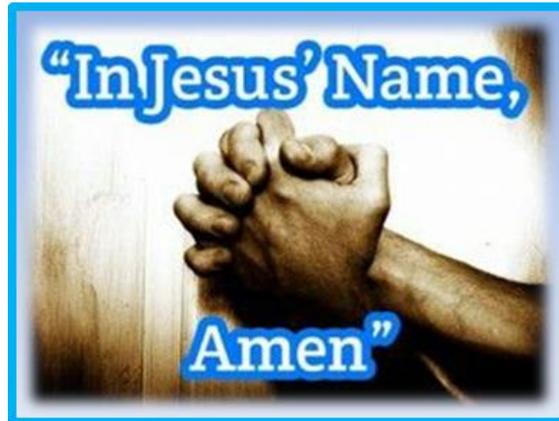
#### **In Genesis chapter 1 verse 1 “God made the sky and earth.” EVD**

This was the **beginning of the world**. I often see many things around me both living and none living things which reminds me of the power of God. God is able to make not just this world, this earth but He is able to make the greatness of the universe and all other planets. How do you make your destiny (future) in heaven? You can get to heaven by **making** your life in Jesus.

**4. You can make your life in Jesus** by accepting him into your life as your friend, as your Saviour and as your Lord. God has a plan and a purpose for your life and you and I can make that plan come true.

- The money story today was about 60 to 80 pounds of gold, silver and copper coins.)
- The story of the talents (money) is one that has a meaning for all of us.
- God has given you talents, gifts, skills so that you can do what he has planned for you and for me.
- Stop and think what you are good at doing?
- We all have gifts/skills however small, however humble, however ordinary they may seem.
- We need to use them for God’s sake and make something of your life.
- The Lord in the bible reading in verse 23 says “...**I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my happiness with me....**’ That is a labour of life. Jesus our Lord is with us helping us to do the little things of life and if we do it humbly and well then he blesses our labours and gives us power to do greater things of life. So make something of your life. We need to set out now with a new heart, with a new desire to use our gifts that God has given you and powered by the Holy Spirit to make things real, to make your home real, make new friends but above all make your own destiny (future) and reach the place in heaven that God has planned for you.

**The Creation (God made the world) Story in Genesis chapters 1 and 2** helps us to remember that Jesus began not in the New Testament but he was there in the Old Testament of Genesis when God created the world. We need to remember that Jesus is the Son of God and Jesus is God himself. So be faithful over a few things and God will **make** you master over many things. Amen



**Adoration:**

We praise you, we bless you,  
our Saviour Divine,  
All power and dominion  
for ever be Thine!  
We sing of your mercy  
with joyful acclaim,  
For Thou hast redeemed us:  
all praise to Thy name!

**Confession:**

We ask you Father for your forgiveness for failing you this week:

- For being too busy with my own life to talk to you
- For looking inwards instead of looking outwards
- For failing to praise your name through Jesus
- For being negative in our thoughts, words and deeds.
- For not helping our families and friends through difficult times during the lock down days
- For not trying to study the bible

- For not being in prayerful
- For being impatient with our families and friends during the lock down days

Loving Father accept our confession.

Forgive our foolish and selfish ways through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,

### **Thanksgiving:**

Heavenly Father we want to give you thanks for....

- This First Sunday after Trinity. We have all three beings together. We now have Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Looking after our church family in the past few months as many have been stuck at home.
- The volunteers who bring food parcels to houses of people who are shielding.
- Lifting up our spirits through the dark and difficult lockdown days.
- The doctors and nurses in hospitals risking their lives to help people.
- The new ideas of church workers and ministers who continue to preach, arrange meetings via live streaming, You-tube, Facebook and Zoom.
- Your message of Jesus to the deaf congregations some through modern technology some through sending out messages in the post.
- Thank you for your Son Jesus who gave up his life on the cross so that his blood shed to wipe away our sins.

### **Prayer for other people..**

- We pray once again Father for a peaceful demonstrations wherever they are in the world.
- We pray for people who are trapped at home because of shielding. Help them Lord and take away their loneliness and frustrations.
- We pray for people who are ill with COVID-19 may they get better soon.
- We pray and comfort the people who have lost their loved ones and unable to visit the people who have died and the difficulties of attending funerals
- We pray for families who cannot visit their relatives in hospitals.
- We pray for deaf patients who will feel lonely and cannot talk to staff.
- We pray for all the brave volunteers who are helping the hospitals with bringing clean clothes for the patients.
- We pray for Volunteers bringing food to hospitals for the staff unable to shop during the day or night.

- We pray for people who are able to work from homes and able to keep their business moving.
- We pray for people who have lost their jobs because the shops and factories have closed down for good.
- We pray for all the ministers to deaf churches and deaf people who worship regularly that they all feel supported and comforted at this difficult time.
- We pray for the wise decisions of politicians and scientists as they all work together in helping to plan the easing of this lockdown.
- We pray for the Royal Family during the lock down days and keep them safe and help them to still enjoy the 94<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Queen Elizabeth.
- We say this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray and to say.....

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

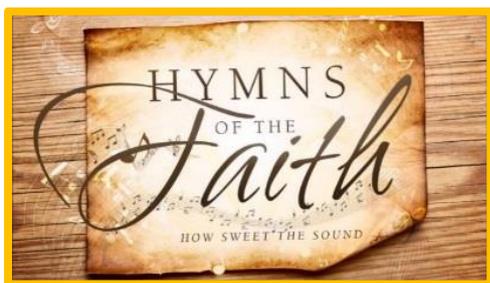
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.





### **Hymn CH3 No 151**

God, who made the earth,  
The air, the sky, the sea,  
Who gave the light its birth,  
He cares for me.

God, who made the grass,  
The flower, the fruit, the tree,  
The day and night to pass,  
He cares for me.

God, who made the sun,  
The moon, the stars, is He  
Who, when life's clouds come on,  
He cares for me.

God, who made all things,  
On earth, in air, in sea,  
Who if I lean on Him,  
Will care for me.

God who sent his Son  
To die on Calvary,  
He, if I lean on him,  
Will care for me.

Sarah Betts Rhodes 1829 - 1904



- Our Church holiday trip to the Isle of Man is cancelled. Joyce Dickson will be contacting everyone by letter
- If you are lonely or need a prayer or a chat, please contact.....
- Rev Richard Durno
- Messenger, Face Book, Face Time, Mobile Text: 07748607721
- E-mail [richard.durno@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.durno@btinternet.com)
- If you want to Face Time me it is best you text me first and find out when I am free to sign/talk with you.
- There is a weekly signed and subtitled worship services at **Claremont Parish Church** each Sunday at 10.30 am. Or can be watched any time through the week on this link:  
<https://www.claremontparishchurch.co.uk/Sundays/live-stream>
- **Deaf at Destiny Church in Glasgow.....**
- [Destiny Church Online - YouTube](#)
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/DestinyChurchTV>
- Please let me know if you know of anyone in the deaf church family or in the deaf community who are unwell at home or in hospital with any illness or suffering from COVID-19 so that we, the deaf church, can pray for them and perhaps Face Time them.
- Please forward on the JRM Deaf Church email Devotions 1-13 to any of your friends and families who have e mails.
- If they want to get the devotions regularly until COVID - 19 is over then let me know and I am happy to add their names and e mail addresses. They can contact me direct any time.

- You can read Devotions weeks 1 to 13 and also the **JRM Deaf Church** Quarterly Newsletters and Queen's Park Govanhill monthly newsletters on the Queen's Park Govanhill Church website:-  
<https://qpgpc.com/church-magazine/>
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Go in peace and may the blessings of God Almighty  
The Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Be with you today, tomorrow and always.  
Amen