

# NEWS IN THE PEWS

## Welcome

**SUNDAY 13th August 2017** *The ninth Sunday after Trinity*  
*Liturgical Year A*

PRIEST IN CHARGE ..  
*Revd John Miller-Maskell*



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### Today's Readings

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**8am**

Romans 10: 5-15  
Matthew 14: 22-33

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**10.00am**

1 Kings 19: 9-18  
Romans 10: 5-15  
Matthew 14: 22-33

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### Today's Hymns

**1st Hymn 148 Guide me O thou great Redeemer**  
**2nd Hymn 79 Dear Lord and Father**  
**3rd Hymn 139 God of grace**  
**4th Hymn 405 Now thank we all, our God**

### NEXT WEEKS SERVICES

**Sunday 20th August**

**8am Holy Communion  
(BCP)**

**10am Parish Communion**

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### TODAY'S GOSPEL

This second story of the disciples at sea (see 8:23-27) is not so much a miracle as it is a story of faith.

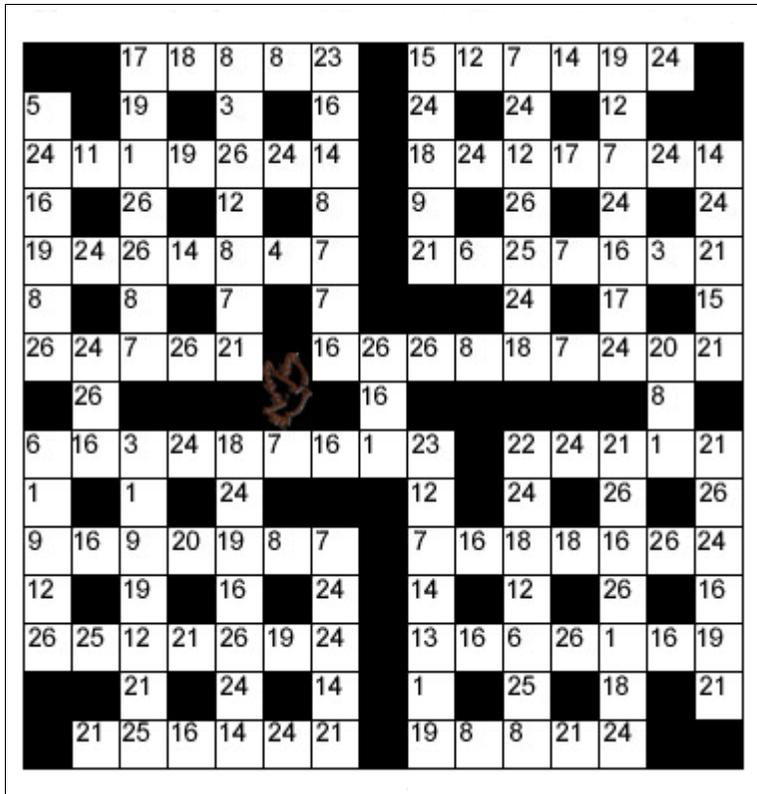
It is replete with Matthean motifs, including for the first time Peter's emerging role as a representative of the disciples and thereby of the believing community. The "immediately" of its opening verse pointedly joins it to the preceding story of the feeding of the five thousand, and in Matthew's telling it becomes essentially a parable of faith. The disciples are at risk on the sea without their master who is alone in prayer. Finally, near morning, Jesus

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\* You are the one that guides me  
\* When I'm lost in the darkness of night  
\* When I'm adrift on a sea of doubt  
\* You are my guiding light  
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\* You are the one who hears my voice  
\* When my words are held within  
\* You are the one that calms me  
\* When my world is crashing in  
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\* You are the one I talk to  
\* When no one can understand  
\* You are the one that walks with me  
\* You hold my trembling hand  
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\* You are the one who sees me  
\* For what I hope to be  
\* You are the one that lifts me up  
\* To more than I can be  
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comes to them walking on the water, but in their fear they fail to recognize him. Jesus' command for them to stop being afraid contains within it the revelatory "I Am." Peter responds with words of faith, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." At Jesus' command to come, Peter indeed does walk on the water, but when he takes his eyes off Jesus, he begins to sink and cries out to the Lord for rescue. Jesus reaches out, takes him by hand, and catches him up, and then chastises him for his "little faith."

Twice Peter has addressed Jesus with words of faith, calling him "Lord." Trusting in Jesus' command to "Come!" he has walked on the water. When in peril he cries out to Jesus as "Saviour," and even in the midst of his doubting he is rescued. Though Jesus chides Peter for his "little faith" (a word that is essentially unique to Matthew's gospel narrative), still, at the Lord's touch, the wind ceases and the boat with the disciples is safe. All those in the boat respond in the only way appropriate for disciples: they worship Jesus as "Truly...the Son of God." The combined motifs of doubt and worship mirror the reaction of the disciples when they meet the resurrected Lord on the mountain (28:17). This combination and the fact that the word translated "doubt" occurs only in these two places in Matthew emphasize the importance of this story as a parable and model of faith for Matthew's community.

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**LADIES PRAYER GROUP** meets Tuesdays at 10am

15th Aug...*Olga Jeffs, 8 Newlands Park Way, Newick*  
 22nd Aug...*Janet Barnes, Ty Gwyn, Lower Station Rd*  
 29th Aug...*Teresa Wenban, Greenway Cottage, Piltown*  
 5th Sept...*Joy Partridge, Millridge, Lower Station Road*

For more information call Teresa on 01825 722586  
 Please feel free to join us at anytime. Our meetings are informal and prayers are based on those known to us, who need our prayers and support. These names are strictly confidential. We have had many occasions when our prayers have been answered. We finish our meetings with refreshments at approx 11.30am. If you have any prayer requests please write them on a fish and leave on the net at the back of church.

\*\*\* Note change of venues.



In your prayers this week please remember those who are ill especially  
**Amy Luddington, Stephen & Julie, Troy, Jenny Barbour, Olive Milam, Vera Yeowart, Brenda Ford, Rosemary Walker, June Wise, Lou Pike, Gemma Peacock, and Suzie Novis.**

We pray too for the recently departed and for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**RENE PESKETT FUNERAL DETAILS**

Monday 14th Funeral in St Peter's church at 2.30  
 Followed by committal at Worth Crem at 4.30  
 Followed by Afternoon Tea at Elvira's, Borde Hill.

**LUNCH CLUB:** There will be no lunch club in August. The next one will be 21st September.

**PETE'S PANTRY:** We have decided to re introduce our Pete's Pantry on a two or three monthly basis. So we will have Pete's Pantry on Sunday 3rd September. Any contributions of cakes, pies, produce, jams etc will be welcome. Thank you.

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