

## MONDAY

13 JULY

Isaiah 1:11-17  
 Psalm 50:7-15  
 Matthew 10:34  
 – 11:1

## TUESDAY

14 JULY

Isaiah 7:1-9  
 Psalm 48:1-7  
 Matthew 11:20-24

## WEDNESDAY

15 JULY

Isaiah 10:5-7.  
 13-16  
 Psalm 94:5-11  
 Matthew 11:25-27

## THURSDAY

16 JULY

Isaiah 26:7-9.  
 16-19  
 Psalm 102:14-21  
 Matthew 11:28-  
 end

## FRIDAY

17 JULY

Isaiah 38:1-6. 21-  
 22. 7-8 [sic]  
 Canticle: Isaiah  
 38:10-16  
 or Psalm 32:1-8  
 Matthew 12:1-8

## SATURDAY

18 JULY

Micah 2:1-5  
 Psalm 10:1-5a. 12  
 Matthew 12:14-21

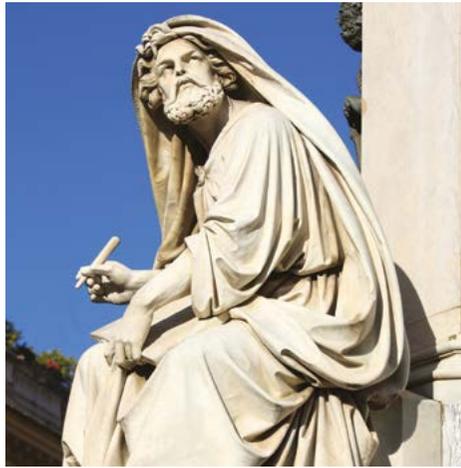
## REFLECTION

Isaiah is the story of God's messages through the prophet as they endured being assailed by the surrounding empires. People were at a loss to understand how God could let it happen. After all, God had given them the land when they escaped from Egypt. Isaiah and the other prophets explained that the behaviour of their leaders, the kings, was a major reason. Our first reading from Isaiah this week also explains that God is tired of their sacrifices – the people were going through the motions, but their actions did not match up to them.

For most of us, the idea that God inflicts punishment in the form of invasion by hostile countries is not something we would feel comfortable with. But it is certainly true that the behaviour of our leaders affects all of us for good or bad, and that our own behaviour affects our relationship with God. When it comes to choosing a leader, integrity is surely a vital consideration. And when we consider our own behaviour, we should ask ourselves whether we are really doing what is right, or just appearing to do so.

## PRAYER

Gracious God,  
 help us to strive for what is right in ourselves  
 and in our leaders.  
 Give us the wisdom to recognise integrity in our leaders,  
 and the self-awareness to be right judges of ourselves.



Statue of the prophet Isaiah in Rome

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## INNER JOURNEY, OUTER JOURNEY

PART II –  
THE RETURN JOURNEY

We continue our series of extracts from James Roose-Evans' classic book.

In 1980 I was given a slim volume of letters, entitled *84 Charing Cross Road*, by Helene Hanff. I acquired the stage rights, adapted it, and in 1981 directed it at the Salisbury Playhouse. It was so successful that it transferred to the West End, starring Rosemary Leach and David Swift. I went to New York to direct it on Broadway where, with Ellen Burstyn and Joseph Maher in the leading roles, it ran for three months. It won various awards: Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Play and Best Director. In 1986 it was made into a film starring Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins.

While this outward journey was unfolding, another inner journey was nearing its completion, resulting in my being ordained deacon on St David's Day at Glasshampton Monastery, surrounded only by the brethren. Then, four months later, I was ordained priest in Hereford Cathedral.

I had had a dream which clearly signalled upheaval and change. Such dreams are not like puzzles, capable of a quick solution and then, once solved, of no further use; they have, rather, an enigmatic quality, capable of many levels of interpretation, and of lasting a lifetime. In the dream I was giving a lecture and explaining how, out of nothing, be it a blank sheet of paper for the writer, a blank canvas for the artist, or a block of stone for the sculptor, something is created. As I spoke I was projecting images from a slide projector. The screen dissolved into a glass window. From far away, out of space, travelling towards me, I could see a shape I recognised, even within the dream, as a deeper aspect of myself. The question was: Do I go through the glass to meet it, or do I wait for it to draw nearer? Franz Elisch urged me to wait, saying that to try and anticipate what was already in motion would be the act of my ego and would result in harm. My task was to wait for this aspect of the Self to reveal its purpose.

James' blog can be found at: [www.jamesrooseevans.co.uk](http://www.jamesrooseevans.co.uk). Inner Journey, Outer Journey is available from Redemptorist Publications: 01420 592974. Product code: 1852. ISBN: 9780852315569. Price: £9.95

LIVE  
the WORDSUSTAINING YOU  
THROUGH THE WEEK

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Fifth week after Trinity

Monday 13 July to  
 Saturday 18 July  
 2020

WEEK

## The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity, Micklegate, York Weekly Pew Sheet (12 to 18 July)

The church building is only open for private prayer (see opposite), and there are no acts of public worship at the moment due to the Coronavirus outbreak. During this time, we have two ways you can join in prayer services from home or work – see below. For those at home, the weekly pew sheet and service book will be posted to you. If you have internet access, [both are available online](#). You can join from 5 minutes before the start time.

### To join by calling from your telephone

Please see the details under each service. Dial the number and when asked to, enter the meeting ID.

### To join if you have internet access

Join via clicking the Zoom link (under each service below) or go to our Facebook page [Holy Trinity York](#) and watch the video.

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### Sunday 12 July – Morning Prayer (Lauds) at 11am

#### St Benedict

Readings: Rule of St Benedict, 1 Cor 3: 10-11; Luke 12: 32-37

Hymns: For all thy saints, O Lord; Rejoice in God's saints

Preacher: The Rev'd Sue Rushton

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 234 796 177

[Join from your computer, smartphone or tablet](#)

### Monday 13 July

The church will be open for private prayer from 11am to 2pm.

### Wednesday 15 July – Coffee morning 10am-11am

As we are all in our homes, our coffee morning is now on Zoom and telephone. Come along and catch up with everyone.

[Join from your computer, smartphone or tablet](#)

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 788 838 668

### Wednesday 15 July – Midday Prayer (Sext) at 12.15pm

#### St Swithun

Readings: Psalm 1; Matthew 9: 35-end

Music: Taizé Ubi caritas and Gloria

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 159 391 586

[Join from your computer, smartphone or tablet](#)

### Thursday 16 July

The church will be open for private prayer from 11am to 2pm.

Following the Prime Minister's statement on 23 June, there are further relaxations from 4 July in the lockdown measures around public worship and weddings. We are awaiting the publication of Government and Church of England guidance for us to understand what this means for us at Holy Trinity. We are doing this because the safety of our employees, the congregation and the wider public, who may wish to attend Sunday morning services, is of absolute importance.

A virtual PCC meeting is planned for 9 July, providing the guidance is published in time, and we will be able to communicate shortly after this a plan for public worship and weddings at Holy Trinity.

Until then, our worship will continue to be broadcast on telephone, Zoom and Facebook with the church open for private prayer on Mondays and Thursdays (11am to 2pm).