

4th July 2010 - Trinity 5

Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have been here often, you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed. Come, not because I invite you, but because God does; and, as you are welcomed, go, and welcome others.

We welcome you to our worship today. We hope God's Holy Spirit will touch your heart and that you may be strengthened by Word and Sacrament.



The Gospel reading is from John 2 v 1-12. This incident in the ministry of Jesus is described by John as **the first of His signs**. Jesus had been **invited** to the wedding which seems to have been very much a family occasion with his mother and his disciples also present. It must also have been quite a riotous party as the steward told the bridegroom that the guests were so drunk they would not appreciate good wine. The painting by Mattia Preti dating from 1655 clearly shows wine being poured from one small stone jar to another, however, the water jars for Purification would hold, as John states, twenty or thirty gallons so must have been kept outside the room. There were six jars and they were not full. The number 6 signified incompleteness and the filling to the brim completeness. Thus John sees this as a sign that the Messianic time is inaugurated. The looked for Saviour has come. We can identify ourselves as being incomplete and half filled with the Spirit, we need to be changed in ourselves from the blandness of water to the richness of wine. We need to **invite** the Risen Lord into our lives.

Garden Party

Our annual Garden Party will be held on the **14th July** in Campden Hill Square Gardens, I do hope you will put this date in your diary now?



Sacrament of Marriage



By its very nature the subject of Christian marriage has to be exclusive and can be hurting in the sense that a number of those present today may have lost their partner and indeed many will not have been married at all, some may have or had unhappy marriages. Samuel Johnson sums up pretty well what for many marriage is all about in his essay entitled 'Marriage' published in the Rambler magazine in May 1750 when he began;

There is no observation more frequently made by such as employ themselves in surveying the conduct of mankind than that marriage, though the dictate of nature, and the institution of Providence, is yet very often the cause of misery, and that those who enter into it can seldom forebear to express their repentance, and their envy of those whom either chance or caution has withheld from it.

For all that, we shall this morning, wish God's blessing upon those fortunate enough to have a happy and fruitful marriage.

St Paul's Cathedral



It is good to be reminded at this time of the year of our link, as a church in the Diocese of London, with our extraordinary Cathedral, St Paul's. It's a great place to visit and has some interesting new art. It is possible for members of St George's to visit the Cathedral without paying outside service times (for free entry contact Fr Michael for a ticket. We could always organise a larger trip to the Cathedral if enough people were interested?

On Tuesday 12th July the whole Diocese of London, including the Cathedral, will pray for St Philip's and our parish. We have been asked to let the Cathedral know if any of us want to attend their services that day: 12.30 pm Eucharist or 5 pm Evensong.

From the Children and Youth Worker:

Today in Sunday School, the older children baptised a doll and made baptismal candles to remind them of their own baptism. Your child might enjoy taking out their candle on the anniversary of their baptism and lighting it at the dinner table.

If you are considering having your child baptised, you can take one of the Sunday School's "Service of Holy Baptism" booklets to familiarise yourself with the service (or talk to one of our children, who are now experts!).

The creche has been learning Old Testament stories - today they heard the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours, and made puppets. They also had a chance to dress up in different coats, just like Joseph, play with felt pieces to tell the story, and play with our soft church toy.

Don't forget our **Sunday School picnic on July 18th, at noon**, by the Adventure Playground in Holland Park.

Also, if you're going to be in London between the **23rd and 27th of August**, sign your child up for our FREE summer programme - full of stories, drama, art, music, outdoor play, and now a trip to Southwark Cathedral, where we'll be making clay tiles! To register your child, speak to me after the service or get in touch by email. Margaret



There's too much noise! Coming Soon, 'The Big Silence'.

(Day and time to be confirmed BBC 2)

In this new three-part series for BBC 2, The Big Silence follows five people who have taken time out of their daily lives in an attempt to understand just why silence is so elusive and hard to attain in modern society. Guiding the volunteers on their spiritual journey is Abbot Christopher Jamison of Worth Abbey in West Sussex, who featured in the popular BBC Two series The Monastery in 2005. As a Benedictine monk, Father Christopher is steeped in the Catholic tradition of a contemplative life. He is convinced that everyone in the "real" world outside the monastery can benefit from sustained, regular periods of silence. In the first episode, he invites the volunteers to spend two days with his community of monks in Sussex, where they spend time in quiet, complete prayer and meditation.

Calling all sidesman, chalice assistants, coffee makers and other volunteers.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday when the time comes – but could I ask a favour please? If you are rostered to do a duty please see if you can find a deputy, as far as you are able to. That would be really helpful! (Don't forget the tradition that has built up over the years of bringing the church back a tea towel from wherever you're visiting).



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Services:

Sundays:

8:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book);

10:00 Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

Weekdays (Tuesdays to Fridays):

8:00 Morning Prayer;

18:00 Evening Prayer; 18:30 Holy Eucharist

Mondays:

18:00 Prayer and Meditation

Additionally on Wednesdays:

12:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

Saturdays:

8:00 Morning Prayer; 8:30 Holy Eucharist;

18:00 Evening Prayer



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Nest week readings:

1st: Am 7, 7-17

2nd: Col 1, 1-14

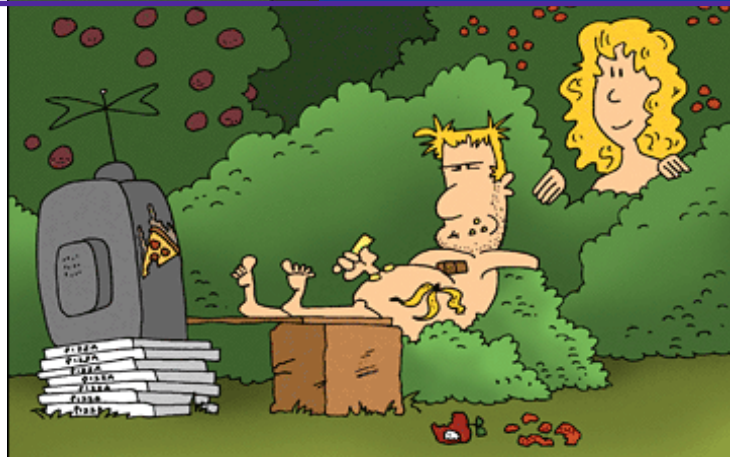
Gospel: Luke 10, 25-37

This week readings:

1st: Genesis 1, 26-28.31

2nd: Eph 5, 25-27

Gospel: John 2, 1-12



(See Genesis 1:1-2:3)

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IT WASN'T SO MUCH THAT THE RULES WERE ABOUT TO CHANGE, IT WAS MORE THAT THE RULES WERE ABOUT TO EXIST