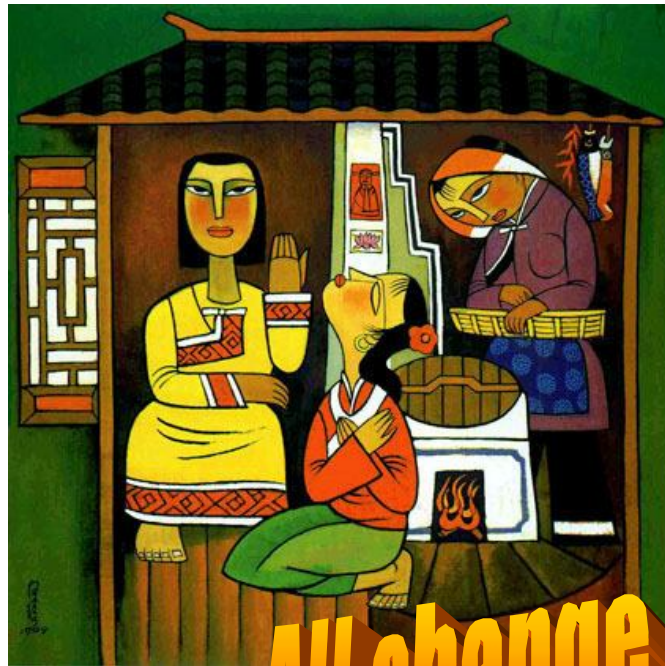


18th July 2010 - Trinity 7

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.



**All change, please!!**

**In today's Gospel Jesus stops off at the home of Mary and Martha. Remember that they are sisters, they are not fighting over Jesus; rather they complement each other. In themselves they are partial images of a faith waiting to be realised by the death and resurrection of the Lord; individually they seek to welcome but it is only together that they achieve it.**

**The apparent deliberate ambiguity in this text perhaps reflects an ambiguity in our own lives - the apparent ambiguity inherent in living the life of faith. Not all of us have the patience for contemplation and yet that is where we come to know ourselves as filled with the Spirit. Not all of us find it easy to complete the everyday tasks of providing for ourselves and our family, yet that is where our faith lives.**

**What if this encounter with the Lord is not about these two women but rather about our own conflicting ideas of encountering the Lord? If we are to follow Christ we must allow him into our lives, under our roof, and allow his word to make us whole only then will the Martha and Mary in each of us find their single voice and expression.**

## From the Children and Youth Worker:

During today's service, we are blessing the children and their work. We have a special time to bless the children who are moving from the creche to the Sunday School. If your child TURNS FIVE BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST, they can enter the Sunday School in September, so they can participate in this part of the blessing.

All children are invited to come forward to the altar for the blessing of the children and their work.

The creche and Sunday School start up again on September 5th, and Youth Group starts on September 12th.

In the meantime, there's our summer programme from August 23rd to 27th - "Rivers of Living Water" - with drama, art, music, outdoor play, worship and storytelling for children aged 5 to 11.

## Saint of the week - St Mary Magdalene 22nd July



Mary Magdalene is described, in the New Testament, as one of the most important women in the movement of Jesus throughout his ministry. The late 20th and early 21st century has seen a restoration of the New Testament figure of Mary Magdalene as a patron of women's preaching and ministry. Her new popularity has stemmed in part from the recognition that Mary Magdalene has suffered from what some believe to have been a historical defamation of character. She has been thought to be misidentified as a repentant prostitute in historical tradition, and depicted in art as a weeping sinner wiping Jesus' feet with her hair. Some New Testament scholarship has shown that this picture of Mary Magdalene may not be true .

According to Luke 8:2 and Mark 16:9, Jesus cleansed her of "seven demons," a concept usually associated in the New Testament with healing from illness, not forgiveness of sin. Mary Magdalene is the leader of a group of women disciples who are present at the cross, when the male disciples (excepting John the Beloved) have fled, and at his burial. Mary was a devoted follower of Jesus, entering into the close circle of those taught by Jesus during his Galilean ministry. She became prominent during the last days, accompanying Jesus during his travels and following him to the end. She witnessed his Crucifixion and burial. According to all four Gospels, she was the first person to see the resurrected Christ.

Mary Magdalene is referred to in early Christian writings as "the apostle to the apostles." In apocryphal texts, she is portrayed as a visionary and leader of the early movement, who was loved by Jesus more than the other disciples. There will be a Eucharist at 6.30pm, please try and join us if you are able to.

## Advance Notice



October 4th Grand Harvest Quiz night. Venue to be announced nearer the time.

## **Accommodation Required**

The Venerable Aloka is a Buddhist monk who is a Volunteer Chaplain in the Royal Brompton Hospital. He is a great asset to the Chaplaincy Team – with a great pastoral style. Aloka also runs a very well attended meditation group for patients and staff. At present he is in the process of changing his religious community affiliation. This means that he is looking for some accommodation for the next year. Please let Fr Robert know if you might be able to help.

## **From the Church Mouse**

Mice tend to have a bad name. I must say I sympathise with punters on the platforms of the underground or tube who are a bit alarmed or offended to see my brothers and sisters running around between the tracks. Church mice are a class apart however as we actually are indispensable to the smooth running of what goes on here. We come in a variety of modes, not just the live ones, but those that miraculously with or without wires, move the cursor on the screen, scroll up and down, activate a run on the printer and send off all those e-mails. Without mice nothing would happen. Now it is very doubtful that any of my live friends have ever been seen inside the building, it is much too clean, but you can be sure that there are many of us in the garden and from there we can tell you all sorts of things that have happened and are going on inside. Watch this space.

## **Sunday School Picnic: TODAY!**

Don't forget, our Sunday School picnic is today at noon, by the Adventure Playground in Holland Park. All are welcome - there will be food and games available, and it's a chance to relax in the sunshine (fingers crossed) and get to know each other better.

## **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).

## **The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**

The DEC was formed in 1963. They are an umbrella organisation for 13 humanitarian aid agencies. At times of overseas emergency, the DEC brings together a unique alliance of the UK's aid, corporate, public and broadcasting sectors to rally the nation's compassion, and ensure that funds raised go to DEC agencies best placed to deliver effective and timely relief to people most in need. I am delighted to say that their chief Executive, Mike Walsh is coming to talk on the 14th October on the subject "where do your charitable donations go after a disaster emergency", with particular emphasis on Christian Aid. Representatives of Christian Aid will be present as well. Please book this important occasion in your diaries now.



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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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**This week readings:**

1st: Am 8,1-12

2nd: Col 1, 15-28

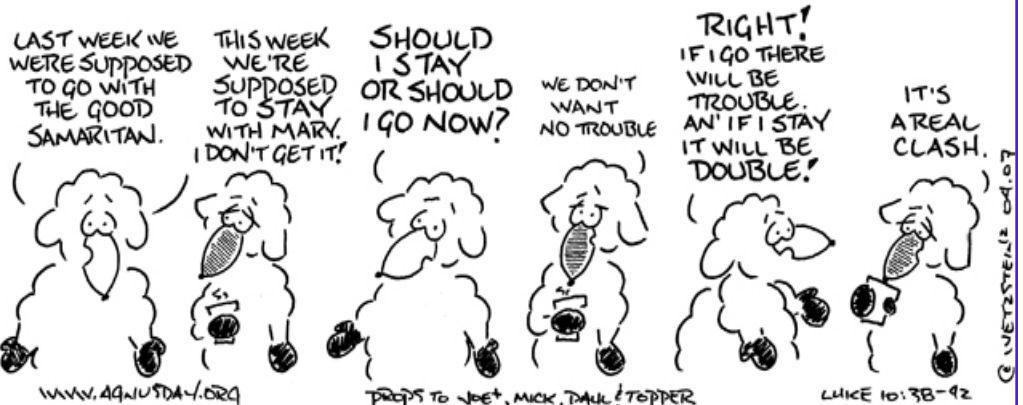
Gospel: Luke 10, 38-42

**Next week readings:**

1st: Jer 45, 1-5

2nd: Acts 11,27-12,2

Gospel: Mt 20, 20-28



LAST WEEK WE  
WERE SUPPOSED  
TO GO WITH  
THE GOOD  
SAMARITAN.

THIS WEEK  
WE'RE  
SUPPOSED  
TO STAY  
WITH MARY.  
I DON'T GET IT!

SHOULD  
I STAY  
OR SHOULD  
I GO NOW?

WE DON'T  
WANT  
NO TROUBLE

RIGHT!  
IF I GO THERE  
WILL BE  
TROUBLE.  
AN' IF I STAY  
IT WILL BE  
DOUBLE!

IT'S  
AREAL  
CLASH.

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PREPS TO JOET, MICK, PAUL & TOPPER

LUKE 10: 38-42

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