



St Edburgha's Church Sunday 20th October 2024

Holy Communion

Today we welcome Rev'd Wayne Simmonds

The Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All Amen.*

First Reading: *Joshua 14.6-14*

Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal; and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, 'You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-Barnea concerning you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him an honest report. But my companions who went up with me made the heart of the people fail; yet I wholeheartedly followed the LORD my God. And Moses swore on that day, saying, "Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children for ever, because you have wholeheartedly followed the LORD my God." And now, as you see, the LORD has kept me alive, as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel was journeying through the wilderness; and here I am today, eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was on the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war, and for going and coming. So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day; for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities; it may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as the LORD said.' Then Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. ¹⁴So Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholeheartedly followed the LORD, the God of Israel.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 12.1-21

At that time Jesus went through the cornfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, 'Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.'

He said to them, 'Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for

the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice”, you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.’

He left that place and entered their synagogue; a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, ‘Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?’ so that they might accuse him. He said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.’ Then he said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, and he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

‘Here is my servant, whom I have chosen,
my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim
justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.
He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smouldering
wick until he brings justice to victory.
And in his name the Gentiles will hope.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Psalm 139

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts
from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.

6 Where can I go then from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand shall lead me,
your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me
and the light around me turn to night,'

11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

14 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;
already in your book were all my members written,

16 As day by day they were fashioned
when as yet there was none of them.

17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

19 O that you would slay the wicked, O God,
that the bloodthirsty might depart from me!

20 They speak against you with wicked intent;
your enemies take up your name for evil.

21 Do I not oppose those, O Lord, who oppose you?
Do I not abhor those who rise up against you?

22 I hate them with a perfect hatred;
they have become my own enemies also.

23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and examine my thoughts.

24 See if there is any way of wickedness in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Weekly Notices.

Services next week 10.30am Holy Communion

We remember those in need of our prayers:

Jackie, Christine, Liz, Andrew, Glenys.

Baptisms today: Phoebe M J Hicks. Dollie-Rayne Standley



Foodbank needs: Tins of tomatoes, fruit, rich puddings, fish and meat. Jars of jam. Cartons of long-life milk. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

XPM for October: Forever Angels Tanzania

Winter Fayre. 16th November 11am-3pm in the church halls. Items needed for stalls – CHRISTMAS, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, HOMEMADE CAKES & PRESERVES & BOTTLES. A list has been placed at the back of the north aisle and a box placed under the tower. No jumble or clothes please. Thank you for your help. Pauline 783 7965.

Safeguarding. If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 Sylvia Roberts (adults) 07771 655 789.

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