

Wheathill Priory Benefice

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 30 August 2020

Honesty with one's followers is a good idea. Garibaldi (1807-1882) an Italian General is reported to have said:

He that loves Italy, let him follow me! I promise him hardship... suffering...death. But he that loves Italy let him follow me.

Hardly a way, we might think to acquire followers, but at least those who came knew that they were signing up to.

Our Gospel reading today follows on last week's declaration by Peter of Jesus as the Messiah, the expected one. In the gospel Jesus explains, more openly than before, some of the implications of following him. Peter's response is rebuke. Now a rebuke was not a correct response from a follower to their teacher, it means that Peter has tried to take the lead, to step in front, so he is told, to 'get behind' to return to his place as his follower and not to try and lead. Peter's response has also, all be it unwittingly, repeated one of the temptations at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, a victory that does not include a cross.

Following Jesus, means allowing him to lead us, being realistic about what the implications might be for our lives (carrying your own cross was not something done for pleasure in Jesus' day) and being willing to give up everything for Him. But the benefits, well they were and are, out of this world, much more than we could ever dream or hope for, finding life. This doesn't mean finding everything we would ever want, or everything is straightforward, but it does mean a life that is unparalleled. Following Jesus is truly life in all its fullness!

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Worship and readings Week beginning 30 August

Sunday 30 August psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28
8:30am Morning Prayer Lydford, 10:30am Deanery Zoom Service

Monday 31 August Psalm 98, 2 Samuel 11, Acts 8:26-end

Tuesday 1 September Psalm 106, 2 Samuel 12:1-25, Acts 9:1-19a

Wednesday 2 September Psalm 111, 2 Samuel 15:1-12, Acts 9:19b-31

Thursday 3 September Psalm 115, 2 Samuel 15:13-end, Acts 9:32-end

Friday 4 September Psalm 139, 2 Samuel 16:1-14, Acts 10:1-16

Saturday 5 September Psalm 121, 2 Samuel 17:1-23, Acts 10:17-33

Sunday 6 September Romans 13:8-end, Matthew 18:15-20
10:30am Holy Communion Lydford

10:30 services for the rest of September are:

13 September Kingweston

20 September Keinton Mandeville

27 September Barton St David, **4pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton**

This weekly sheet will give details of what the service is and of any additional services that may take place. For example we may add in 8:30am services depending upon numbers.

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Psalm 26:1-8

1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity; ♦
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; ♦
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; ♦
I have walked in your truth.

4 I have not joined the company of the false, ♦
nor consorted with the deceitful.

5 I hate the gathering of evildoers ♦
and I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, ♦
that I may go about your altar,

7 To make heard the voice of thanksgiving ♦
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house of your habitation ♦
and the place where your glory abides.

AMAZING GRACE! how sweet the
sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am
found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart
to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace
appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and
snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe
thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to
me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this heart and flesh
shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there a
thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's
praise
Than when we first begun.
John Newton.

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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