

This Weeks Diary

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Parish of Paignton
St John the Baptist, Paignton
St Boniface, Paignton



SUNDAY 20th February 2022 Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 27th February. Sunday next before Lent.

*Exodus 34.29- end Psalm 99. 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2.
Luke 9.28- 36[37-43a]*

Hymns: 502, 199, 102, 254, 4

08:00 St John's: BCP
10:00 St John's: Holy Communion
11.15 St Boniface: Café Communion

Mon 28th Feb – Fri 4th March: Morning & Evening Prayer

8:30am & 5pm: St John's: Common Worship

Monday 28th February

1 Peter 1.3-9. Psalm 111. Mark 10.17-27

Tuesday 1st March: David, bishop, patron of Wales

1 Peter 1.10-16. Psalm 98.1-5. Mark 10.28-31

Wednesday 2nd March: Ash Wednesday

*Isaiah 58.1-18. Psalm 51.1-18. 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
John 8.1-11*

Thursday 3rd March

Deuteronomy 30.15-end. Psalm 1. Luke 9.22-25.

Friday 4th March

Isaiah 58.1-9a. Psalm 51.1-5,17-18. Matthew 9.14-15

Saturday 5th March

Isaiah 58.9b-end. Psalm 86.1-7. Luke 5.27-32.

Sunday 6th March: 1st Sunday of Lent

*Deuteronomy 26.1-11. Psalm 91.1.2.9-end.
Romans 10.8b-13. Luke 4.1-13.*

Hymns: 502, 199, 102, 254, 4

08:00 St John's: BCP
10:00 St John's: Holy Communion
11.15 St Boniface: Satellite Service

Dates for the Diary

Wed 2nd Mar St John's: 11 & 7pm Ash Wednesday
Sun 20th Mar St John's: 11:30 PCC meeting
Sun 3rd Apr St John's: AMP/APCM at 11:45

What Christians Believe Study mornings

- Saturdays: 5th, 12th & 19th Mar – Coverdale Centre:

Breakfast with the Bible

- Sundays: 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar & 3 Apr Coverdale Centre:

Lent Towards the Sunrise Fellowship Discussions

- **Tue:** 8, 15, 22, 29 Mar & 5 Apr: St Boniface 7:30pm
- **Wed:** 9, 16, 23, 30 Mar & 6 Apr: St John's 12:30pm

Pew Sheet items: to include items or a prayer request for yourself or someone else please contact the parish office. Deadline 12noon Thursday.

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Ash Wednesday - 2nd March: Please do join us at either of next week's Ash Wednesday 11am or 7pm service's to begin your journey into Lent. Both services enable you to receive imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Lent Activities and Study: Details of all the activities you can join in through Lent are on a leaflet available from both our churches from today. A reminder that 'What Christians Believe' starts next Saturday morning and 'Breakfast with the Bible' next Sunday morning. Full details of the Lent leaflet and back of this pew sheet. Come along to whatever you are able to - bring a friend!

World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March 10.30am at Torquay Central Church & Brixham Methodist Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

A Prayer for Ukraine:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

- All who bear arms on behalf of a nation that they will act with discipline and discernment and show compassion and mercy;
- All who wish us harm and see themselves as our enemies;
- All who are wounded or are held captive in conflict;
- All who have been made homeless or become refugees through of war and persecution;
- All who need God's love and protection including ourselves, but most especially for those in need or suffering including those who have asked for our prayers;
Sue, Brenda, Margaret, Beverley, Paula, Emma, Rick, Rob, Timothy, Penelope, Barbara, Gordon, Charlotte, Annette, Josephine, Dorothy
- The souls of those who have died recently including:
Celia Minshall and Reece Cowell
their families and friends and any whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
Derek Webber, John O'Brien, Frances Harris, Miriam Dumbavand, Phyllis Bourne, Irene Carter, Joan Bennion, Wyn Adams, Duncan Talbot-Scobie, Ray Yates, Terry Wallace. David Hext, Edwina Wyet

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 34.29- end

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Psalm 99

The Lord is King; let the | peoples tremble;

he is enthroned above the cherubim: let | the earth shake. The Lord is | great in Zion and high a |bove all peoples.

Let them praise your name, which is | great and awesome; the Lord our | God is holy.

Mighty king, | who loves justice, you have e |stablished equity; you have executed justice and righteous |ness in Jacob.

Exalt the | Lord our God; bow down before his footstool, for | he is holy.

Moses and Aaron a |mong his priests and Samuel among those who call u |pon his name; they called upon the Lord |and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pil |lar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the law | that he gave them.

You answered them, O | Lord our God; you were a God | who forgave them and pardoned them for | their offenses.

Exalt the | Lord our God and worship him upon his | holy hill, for the Lord our | God is holy.

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

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Luke 9. 28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Luke 9. 28-43a Study

Notes

Jesus has predicted his suffering, death and resurrection to his disciples; he has called on them to "take up their cross" (v.23), has warned that those who hear the gospel but fail to trust in it will be condemned, and has promised that some present will see the kingdom of God. Now he and the inner circle of disciples ascend "the mountain".

V.28 "about eight days after": Luke may be intending the octave day of the Feast of Tabernacles. During this feast, the whole city was brightly illuminated. In Luke, Jesus always prays before an important event. An aura of unnatural brightness is linked with mystical appearances in Exodus and Acts; "dazzling white"

(v.29) is a symbol of transcendence. In Jewish tradition, both "Moses and Elijah" (v.30) were taken into heaven without dying. Jesus' agenda is in accord with the Law and the prophets; he is doing God's will. V.30 "Two men" also appear at the Resurrection, in 24:4: "*While they [the women who had come from Galilee] were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them*" and after the Ascension, in Acts 1:10: "*While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them*". Jesus' "departure" (v.31, exodos in Greek) is his journey to Jerusalem and his passage from this world. Peter clearly doesn't understand; perhaps he thinks he is witnessing a super Feast of Tabernacles ("dwellings", v.33) – a time when the whole city was brightly illuminated. The "cloud" (v.34) is a symbol of God's presence; the words from it recall Jesus' baptism, and add "listen to him!" (v.35).

Once you are settled

Read the passage slowly and reflectively

- Note anything that particularly strikes you and refer to the notes if they are helpful.
- Spend a few moments in quiet reflection

Questions for reflection:

1. What are the different elements of our Christian experience that reflect Moses the lawgiver (rules, standards, unchanging practices) and Elijah the prophet (challenge, change, focus on shortcomings)
2. The Israelites and the disciples felt uncomfortable at their exposure to God's majesty. What makes you feel uncomfortable either in corporate worship or private contemplation?
3. How can you practise the skills of listening and what are the veils you need to remove?

Read the passage for a final time and give thanks to God for the gift of his holy word.