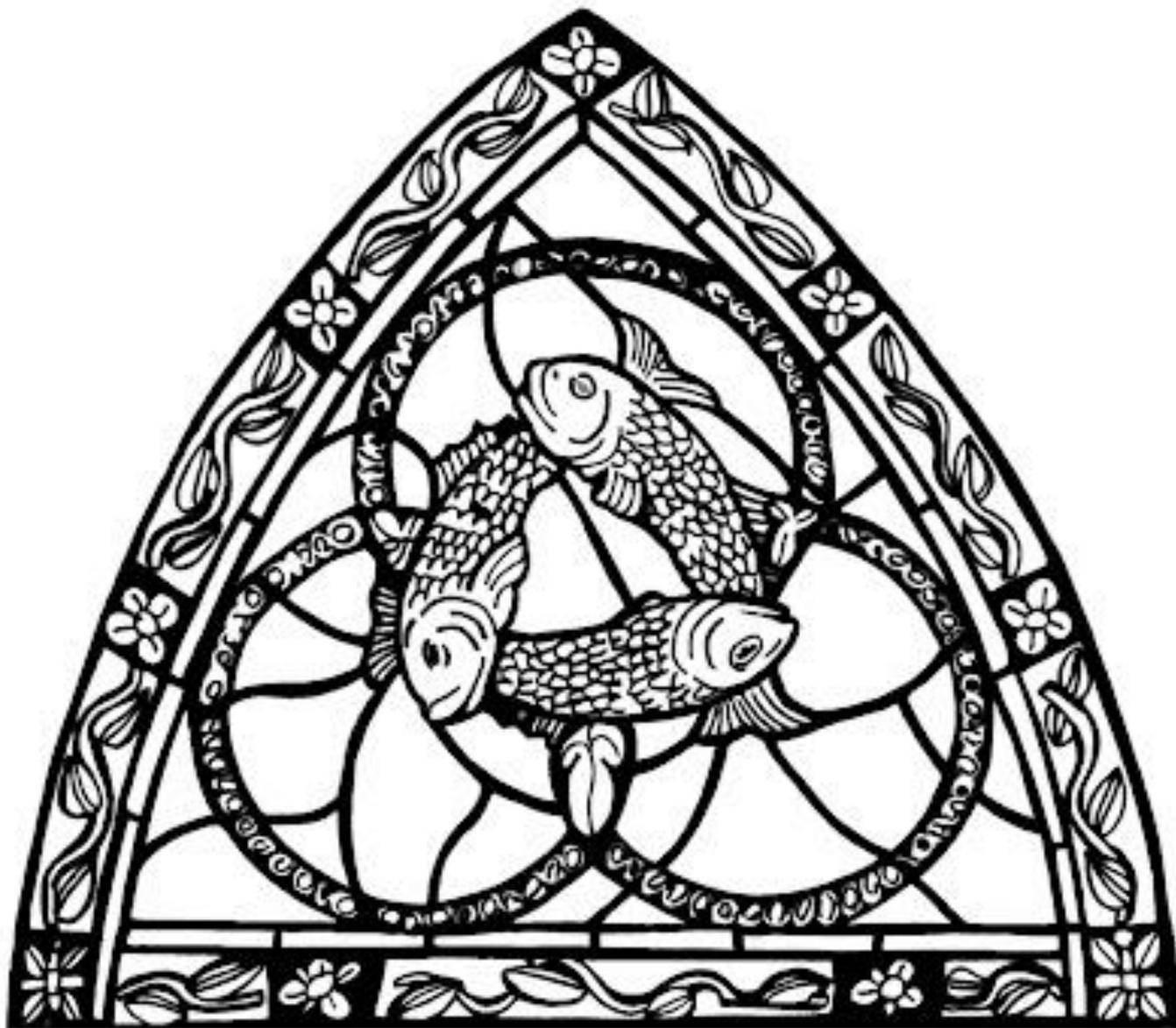


**The Parish of Christ Church
with St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and St Paul
St Leonards on Sea**



**13th Sunday of the Year
For those at home
26th June 2022**

Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy. (Psalm 47.2)

Hymn

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
Live this day as if 'twere thy last:
Improve thy talent with due care;
For the great day thyself prepare

Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
Think how all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

By influence of the light divine
Let thy own work in goodness shine;
Reflect all heaven's propitious ways
In ardent love and cheerful praise.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Penitential Rite

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed and in what we have left undone. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison	<i>or</i>	Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christe eleison, Christe eleison		Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison		Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth,
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father; we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the
right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are
the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen**

Collect

**O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of
light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth; through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1 Kings 19:16,19-21 Galatians 5:1,13-18 Luke 9:51-62

First Reading A reading from the First Book of Kings

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm from Psalm 16 (15)

/R: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and my cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize. /R

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,

who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. /R

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.. /R

O Lord, you will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your
presence, at your right hand happiness for ever,/R

Second Reading A reading from the Letter to the Galatians

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: *Love your neighbour as yourself*. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

A reading (+) from the Holy Gospel (+) according to Luke (+)

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily

Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven and burn them up? James and John, perhaps revelling in the idea of being like Old Testament prophets, make yet another great error and earn a swift rebuke. We must surely find some comfort, we who make so many errors, that when the disciples offend our Lord (this time by their uncharitable reaction to those who do something they do not like or agree with), he neither sends them away nor punishes them. He may scold, will teach but does not dismiss. How good and loving a Lord we follow.

Yet we must give them credit, as I am sure our Lord did, that when Jesus called them to follow as his disciples, they left family and friends, business and ordinary daily living – their settled way of life – and

followed him. Perhaps they saw themselves as Elisha to our Lord's Elijah, but they would soon learn that they could never replace the Christ even though, in the power of his Spirit, they could continue his mission and work, as indeed the Church still does (or should) to this day.

Here we have put before us in today's Gospel reading one of the differences between genuine disciples and those who fall at early fences. Three prospective candidates for discipleship appear, one who offers to follow Jesus, one who is invited to do so, and one about whom it is unclear whether he offered or was invited. They all share one common characteristic – they have a cause, and often a worthy cause, to delay – one may not be able to face the uncertainties of life on the road and having no fixed abode; one has a very close family bereavement; the other needs to explain to and say goodbye to his family. Each has in response a rather fierce aphorism “Foxes have holes”, “Leave the dead to bury their dead”, “Once the hand is laid to the plough”. It would be fascinating to try to unpick fuller or even hidden meanings in these responses from our Lord, but that is not for this morning. The shared lesson that comes from them all is that “NOW is the time!”

I remember with a certain amount of amused shame that when I was a young curate one of my colleagues told me that I had been well described by a respected and thoughtful member of the congregation as a ‘man(y)ana’ person – a nice way of saying that I procrastinated. The amusement came from the recognition of the truth; the shame because it was not in accordance with our Lord's model.

May I suggest that putting off things which we could and should do now until tomorrow or the next day is not an uncommon fault. It may be an apology to restore a damaged friendship; it may be an act of kindness to someone we know to be in need; it may be making a change to our Rule of Life – the way we pray, or the frequency of our attendance at mass; all sorts of things about which decisions ought to be made and acted on. It is amazing how many excuses or reasons we can find to procrastinate, to

put these things off, to leave them until tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow.

Our Lord's own behaviour does set a pattern for us. Today we are told he resolutely took the road to Jerusalem. He knows that it will lead to his torture and death, but having started on that road, having made that decision, he gets on with it. He even sent messengers ahead to warn people of his coming and that was surely not only a 'heads up' to the people but also a challenge to the authorities. He did not say 'It has to be done; but let's do it next year in time for next year's Passover Feast'. He resolutely took the road to Jerusalem.

May we learn not only what is the Father's will for us – something Jesus had to keep in mind even in the Garden of Gethsemane – but may we also learn that his will is to be done now, not postponed, not delayed. We must not keep putting things off until tomorrow, because one day in this life there will be no tomorrow. Let not foxholes, funerals or farewells distract us from the Lord's demands of us, his disciples.

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(all bow)* was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in

glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

Confident that our God listens to our prayers, we pray for our needs, the needs of the whole Church and of the nations of the world.

Holy Father we ask you of your mercy to strengthen and maintain your Church throughout the world especially in those places where it meets opposition or persecution. Bless with inspiration those who lead the Church. Give all your baptised people the grace to persevere in the faith. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Look with kindness on the nations especially those caught up in war and violence, those suffering the effects of earthquake, flood or other natural disasters, Teach us all to live together in peace and to support each other in times of need. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, help each one of us to discern what it is you want us to do. When we know, help us to do it. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, we ask to keep safe and well our families and our friends, especially any who are or feel threatened by the present financial difficulties or industrial unrest. Where there are problems, help to find just and useful answers to them. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you Lord for all the holy places of pilgrimage you have given us. Continue to bless them and especially today we pray for the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham, Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the sick, for those with disabilities in mind or body especially we remember before you those for whom our prayers have been asked. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Father, receive into your kingdom those who have died recently, those whose anniversary of death falls during this week. We pray too for our own departed relatives, friends and benefactors. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let us ask Mary, the Mother of our Lord, our Lady of Walsingham to pray for us and for those for whom we pray.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Hear our prayers, gracious God, and teach us to value one another in the freedom you have given us and in the hope that you offer us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil. Graciously grant us peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will; who live and reign forever and ever. **Amen**

Act of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Anima Christi (translation by St John Henry Newman)

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification
Body of Christ, be my salvation
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins
Water from Christ's side, wash out my stains
Passion of Christ, my comfort be
O good Jesu, hear thou me
In thy wounds I fain would hide
Ne'er to be parted from thy side
Guard me when my foes assail me
Call me when my life shall fail me
Bid me come to thee above
With thy saints to sing thy love
World without end. Amen

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have won for us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.

O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

Hymn

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony – the man who is God;
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery – meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship, for this is your God, this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross:
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice –
and as they crucify, prays, 'Father forgive.'

*Oh, what a mystery – meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship, for this is your God, this is your God.*

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible in frailty appears:
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

*Oh, what a mystery – meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship, for this is your God, this is your God.*

Prayer

May this worship we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May almighty God bless us, keep us free from evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath
assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect
will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance
see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and
pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day.

Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Behold the handmaid of the Lord **Be it unto me according to thy word**

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ

News & Notices

Please submit all notices to christchurchstleonards@hotmail.co.uk or the parish office by Wednesday PM.

Wednesday is the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul: Mass at 10.30 and Sung Mass 7 pm

As we give thanks for these foundational martyrs of the Church, we remember too the benefactors and the legacy of St Peter's Church which we have inherited.

Next Saturday 2 July Table Sale

Extra helpers needed and donations for prizes for the raffle. Please see Valerie Wilson. (No setting up in the Hall on Friday.)

Stewardship Campaign

We have decided to postpone the launch of our Stewardship Campaign until the Autumn; many thanks to those who have already responded – further details will follow in due course.

During the week

Monday to Friday the Church will be open 8.30 – 6.30 pm

Monday to Friday the Mass will be offered at 10.30 and 6.00 pm

(Wednesday 7 pm) and on Saturday at 10.30. Rosary on Wednesday 10.00.

Cyril of Alexandria BD

Monday Amos 2. 6-10, 13-16 *Social workers*
 Matthew 8. 16-22

Irenaeus BM Genesis 18. 16-33 *Syria*
Tuesday Matthew 8. 18-22

SS Peter & Paul Acts 12 1-11 *Pope Francis*
Wednesday 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 17-18
 Matthew 13-19

Martyrs of Rome Amos 7. 10-17 *The persecuted Church*
Thursday Matt. 8. 28-34

Feria Amos 8. 4-6, 9-12 *The Near East*
Friday Matthew 9. 1-8

Feria Amos 9. 11-15 *Refugees*
Saturday Matt. 9. 9-13

The feast day on Wednesday has its own special readings. Otherwise at Mass during the week we continue readings from the Gospel according to St Matthew and from the Book of Amos.

For Your Prayers

From the congregation

Kathleen Hughes, Wil Jewitt, David Dawkins, Mary Ralph, Christopher Goodman, Mick Hart, Jane Read

For those in urgent need

Pippa Parker, Sonia Russell, Keith Morrison, Andy Piper, Margot, Liz, Christopher Cowell, Kay Cowell

For those for whom our prayers are asked in the longer term

Alex Farrant, Maureen Pocock, Monica Ellis, Howard Hill, Marley Nassey, Katie Robinson, Christine Lee, Colin Rushforth, Hugo Rudolf, James Bradley, Tim Chappel, Jeffrey Dawson, Cameron Matheson, Bruce McGillvray, Sharon Foster, Mark Lamprell, Roy Allingham, Ray Hart, Dave Darby, Barbara Childs, Brian Marlow, Arnold Kruger, Zahraan Nazir, Avan Nazir, Anastasia Nazir

THE DEPARTED

Recently departed Alison Bond, Ralph Balcombe, Susan Jury, Ian Grafton

Anniversaries

26th Geoffrey Pratt *priest*, Pearl Chin (2017)
27th Edith Mary Burton, Ron Tilley (2012)
29th Irene Wix, Margaret Manning, Madeline Gray (2011), John Hughes (priest)
30th Terry Hesmond,
1st Daisy Victoria Phillips
2nd Violet Kate Gray