

Sunday 12th May 2024 - EASTER 7

Ministry & Calling

Every year on the last Sunday of Easter before Pentecost, the Gospel reads from John 17. It is a beautiful, inspiring prayer offered by Jesus for his disciples, and for all "those who will believe in [him] through their word" (John 17 v20). Prayer is a remarkable gift, because it opens us up to God's promises, and invites Him to help us, and those for whom we are praying. Every prayer is heard by the Lord; which means that every time we pray, or are prayed for, something quite wonderful happens.

It is between Ascension Day and Pentecost that the Church sets aside time to pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is a time to refocus and wait with anticipation of what is to come!

The church also labels this day as 'Ministry & Calling Sunday'. We all have a vocation to proclaim the Gospel and make God's love known to all. We each have different abilities, gifts and talents that enable us fulfil different ministries in the church. Everyone has a distinct vocation – a calling.

Scripture teaches that all believers play an integral role in God's plans in this world. It is through prayer, listening attentively and through reading the scriptures that we can get a sense of calling and bear fruit in God's Kingdom. The Lord wants to use us to bless others: the community in which we live, our household and relationships, our work and leisure, projects that we support and ideals that are important to us. The Lord can unlock untapped spiritual potential within us when we recognise and seek God's direction and calling.

Vocation and calling can be exercised as churchwardens, church treasurers, those who read and lead prayers, flower arrangers, those who welcome and offer hospitality, working in children and youth group, bereavement support, foodbank volunteers, administration and many more. Being involved in these ways can often come from a sense of inner conviction, whilst for others they find themselves in the role because the job needs doing and they are the best fit.

Certain roles in church require greater levels of discernment and training before a



person can begin to exercise them. These are licensed by the diocesan bishop and are usually referred to as 'licensed ministries' such as ordained ministries, reader ministry, lay pastoral visitors and even lay pioneer ministry into areas to build up church in new ways. When someone recognises a sense that God is calling them to consider a vocation like these that person has to discover where this might lead.

What about you? What is the Lord calling you to do and be in His Church? During these few days leading up to Pentecost pray for the Holy Spirit speak to you, to set your heart on fire and burn with a desire to follow Christ with fresh zeal. To be renewed in prayer and to experience God's love for yourself and others. Nothing would prepare the disciples for Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came with a rushing wind and flames of fire. Those timid disciples were changed – called - and turned the world upside down.

I invite you to use the Church of England, 'Thy Kingdom Come' resources which encourage every individual and church to pray in anticipation of Pentecost. Pray that God's Spirit will work in the lives of 5 people who have not yet responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby

Pray

Lord help us to believe that we are all ordinary people made extraordinary through your vision and your power. Take our insecurities and feelings of inadequacy, and give us the courage to see ourselves and others as you see us, with gifts and potential to transform your world and build your Kingdom. Amen.

Yours in Christ, Rev'd Sue

READINGS

COLLECT

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for

those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Response: **Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked.**

Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked:
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful! **R**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord:
and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither: **R**

Whatever they do, it shall prosper.
As for the wicked, it is not so with them:
they are like chaff which the wind blows away; **R**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement:
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous:
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

THE SECOND READING IS FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son

has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:9-13

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.

Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ‘Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’

John 17:6-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



You are invited to join us for our
PENTECOST SUNDAY
 Family Eucharist Service

10.30am, Sunday 19th May 2024



**ST CADOC'S
 CAERLEON**

You're warmly welcome to wear red
 as we celebrate the birthday of the Church!
 See you there!



On behalf of **Bishop Cherry** we invite you to:

**DIOCESAN
 CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY
 18TH MAY**

**ST MARY'S PRIORY,
 ABERGAVENNY, NP7 5ND**

TEA & COFFEE FROM 10AM
 SERVICE STARTS AT 11AM

Join us for a morning
 of worship & fellowship
 Celebrating the birth of
 our Lord's Church

Including activities for
 children and youth

Followed by cake!



**EVERYONE WELCOME
 CAR PARK NEXT TO CHURCH
 FULL FLAT ACCESSIBILITY
 TOILETS AVAILABLE**

This year's Parish Trip is scheduled for Winchester on August 31st, leaving the village at 8:30 am. The package, priced at £35 per person, covers the round trip via coach, admission to the cathedral along with a guided tour, and a delightful serving of scone, tea, or coffee at the refectory before attending Evensong.

To secure your spot, Julio and Carolyne are currently collecting a deposit of £10 per person. For clarity, kindly enclose the notes or a cheque payable to St Cadoc's Church Caerleon in an envelope labelled with your name.

Please note that St Cadoc's Local Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 2nd June at 12.00pm at Charles Williams CinW Primary School.

Chair Sponsorship for St Cadoc's Church



- The cost of one chair is £155 +VAT.
- The names of donors with a personal message or dedication will be recorded electronically and viewed on the website in due course.
 eg **Pauline foster In memory of my grandfather, William Richard Foster**
- Minimum towards the chairs is £50 for a personal donation and £155+VAT for a business sponsorship
- We accept payment by bank transfer, <https://stcadocsc caerleon.uk/st-cadocs-church-refurbishment-appeal/checkout.justgiving.com/53lh55wm54> and QR code and cheques payable to St Cadoc's Church PCC. Please indicate clearly on the back of the cheque, 'Chair Sponsorship'.
- To make a donation via JustGiving please use the button above or follow the QR code link. If you're a tax payer please consider adding gift aid to your donation as this increases the amount by 25%. Once you have made the donation please email phil.sergeant1@gmail.com providing your details and any personal message or dedication you would like recorded in the online register of sponsors.

Easyfundraising total for St Cadoc's Refurbishment Fund has now reached £1863.75 .

Please support us today at <http://efraising.org/XW7a62zaYB>.

Sponsor a chair total is currently £1335. To find out how you may sponsor a chair, please go to <https://stcadocsc caerleon.uk/st-cadocs-church-refurbishment-appeal/checkout.justgiving.com/53lh55wm54>

Thank you for your continuing support.

SERVICES

You are all invited to join us in our worship in person or watch via livestream on Sunday mornings from St Cadoc's. Please do not attend the services in person if experiencing any Covid symptoms.

Sunday 12th May **EASTER 7**
10.30am Sung Eucharist, Charles Williams CinW school hall, led by Rev'd Sue Pratten

****St Cadoc's LCC meeting now postponed to Tuesday 4th June at 7.00pm, venue TBC****

Wednesday 15th May
10.30am Said Eucharist, Ss Julius, Aaron & David RC Church
10.30am Churches Together Memory Café, Lodge Farm Church

Saturday 18th May
11.00am to 12.00pm Diocesan Celebration Service, St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny

Sunday 19th May **PENTECOST**
10.30am Family Service Eucharist, Charles Williams CinW school hall, led by Rev'd Sue Pratten

4.00pm to 5.00pm Churches Together Pentecost Service
Zion Baptist Church, Ponthir. Bring and share

Tuesday 21st May
12.15pm Funeral, Glyn Bryant, Holy Trinity, Christchurch
2.15pm Funeral, Catherine Daphne Marina Williams
Toveys Private Chapel

Wednesday 22nd May
10.30am Said Eucharist, Ss Julius, Aaron & David RC Church
10.30am Churches Together Memory Café, Lodge Farm Church

CONTACT

If you have anything you'd like to communicate to the people of St Cadoc's, please let Rev'd Sue know. Also, if Rev'd Sue can be of help to you at any time, please get in touch!

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DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK 13th to 19th May

Coming together to improve the lives of people living with dementia

What is Dementia? Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain, in the same way that liver or kidney disease affects the body. Dementia is not a natural part of ageing, young people can have Dementia too and it does not just affect your memory. It can affect thinking, problem solving, sight, language, hearing, touch and sense of smell. There are over 100 different types of Dementia.

Ways you can help someone living with Dementia

- Listen, with your eyes your ears and your heart.
- Speak slower, be calm, Use short sentences, and turn off distractions if need be. Use good eye contact. Ensure your body language matches your message.
- Acknowledge what has been said — encourage the person to say more – repeat what has been said – even if it is out of context, maybe rephrase it - give the person time to answer.
- Your tone should be positive and friendly. State your message clearly.
- Keep a respectful distance and at the same level if possible.
- Let the person speak for themselves; don't try to finish the sentence.
- Use labels on cupboards/wardrobes advising the contents – remove cupboard doors if necessary – keep people living at home retaining their skills.

Do “with” not “for”

There are two parts to the brain one part is factual it remembers dates, names, places etc. the other part retains your emotions. Your emotional side is a lot stronger than your factual side – so, know three things about the person they love and enjoy. If something becomes challenging –redirect to these things

If you want to know more – or would like to become a Dementia Friend contact Gaynor Longmuir on 07988666029, or visit the Churches Together Memory Cafe at Lodge Farm Church Wednesdays 10.30am – 12 noon.

KEEP YOUR BRAIN ACTIVE

- Do Sudoku
- Learn a new language
- Do a crossword
- Play Qwirkle
- Do a jigsaw puzzle
- Go for a walk
- Play tennis, table tennis, badminton,
- Say the days of the week in reverse
- Name two objects for every letter of your name, work up to five
- Put the months of the year in alphabetical order.