

## Notices

### Altar panels

Future date for helping with the altar panels is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm at St Martin's. All are welcome to come.

### Art Exhibition

The St Martin's Art Exhibition takes place 28<sup>th</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, to staff it during the open hours, help in the café, home baking for the café as well as the coffee morning and dismantling at the end. Lynn will have a sheet for volunteers to sign up.

### Newsletter

The copy deadline for the next issue of the Newsletter, which covers September and October, is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Please let David have copy by then. The Newsletter will be distributed on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### Eco-Group

There will be an Eco-Group lunch on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August downstairs in the hall, 12.30 after the service. Bring and share, or just come as you are.

### Kaleidoscope

During the Festival Fringe please go to see Kaleidoscope performing 'Dreaming Amidst Thorns' at the Quaker Meeting House Monday 14 – Saturday 19 August at 18.30. Tickets £8 (£6 concessions) from edfringe.com (now) or Venue Box Office 0131 226 4392 (from 7 Aug).

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

### 10.30am Celebrating Communion

Preacher: John Conway

Readings: Genesis 45.1-15

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15, (10-20), 21-28

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## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Preacher: John Conway

President: David Warnes



*Living out faith in our community  
through prayer, reflection and action*

### Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

*read by: Phillip/Emma Riches*

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the

flock.’ The man said, ‘They have gone away, for I heard them say, “Let us go to Dothan.”’ So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, ‘Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.’ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, ‘Let us not take his life.’ Reuben said to them, ‘Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him’—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, ‘What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.’ And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

### **Epistle: Romans 10.5-15**

*read by: Phillip/Emma Riches*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?<sup>[1]</sup> ‘The word is near you,<sup>[1]</sup> on your lips and in your heart<sup>[1]</sup> (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For

one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

### **Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33**

*read by Diane Fairlie-Clarke*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

## **Psalm 105.1-6,16-22, 45b**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
and speak of all his marvellous works.**

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Search for the Lord and his strength;  
continually seek his face.**

Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

**O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

Then he called for a famine in the land  
and destroyed the supply of bread.

**He sent a man before them,  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

They bruised his feet in fetters;  
his neck they put in an iron collar.

**Until his prediction came to pass,  
the word of the Lord tested him.**

The king sent and released him;  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

**He set him as master over his household,  
as a ruler over all his possessions.**

To instruct his princes according to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom.

Alleluia

## **The Love of God Comes Close**

The love of God comes close  
Where stands an open door  
To let the stranger in,  
To mingle rich and poor:  
The love of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk his way.

The peace of God comes close  
To those caught in the storm,  
Forgoing lives of ease  
To ease the lives forlorn:  
The peace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk his way.

The joy of God comes close  
Where faith encounters fears,  
Where heights and depths of life  
Are found through smiles and tears:  
The joy of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk his way.

The grace of God comes close  
To those whose grace is spent,  
When hearts are tired or sore  
And hope is bruised or bent:  
The grace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk his way.

The Son of God comes close  
Where people praise his name,  
Where bread and wine are blest  
And shared, as when he came:  
The Son of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk his way.