

Sunday 10 June 2018
The Third Sunday of Pentecost
10.30 am Celebrating Communion

Preacher; David Warnes

Readings: 1 Samuel 8: 4-20; 11:14-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Eco Congregation links

Today's distribution of plants (more about that in the sermon) is an initiative of the St Martin's Eco-Congregation group, and a response to Faith Action for Nature, a joint initiative of the Church of Scotland, the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. You can read more about this at:

<https://faithactionfornature.org/about/>

You may also be inspired by this news story about Syrian refugees and the gardens they have created, in some cases using seeds which they have collected from their homes and carried with them into exile.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-44174865>

Our new Rector

If you weren't in church last Sunday when the announcement was made, and you aren't on the distribution list for the Mailchimp news emails, you may not have heard the good news that the Revd Yousouf Gooljary will be the next Rector of St Martin's. There are some print-outs of the Mailchimp news email on the table at the back of church. Please help yourself if you didn't get a copy via email.

We don't yet have a date for Yousouf's institution as Rector. An announcement will be made about this once a date suitable for the Bishop, for Yousouf and for St Martin's has been found.

The Second Sunday of Pentecost **Sunday 3 June 2018**

Preacher: David Warnes

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

Collect for the Second Sunday of Pentecost

Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Read by Liz Moir

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

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Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Read by Liz Moir

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life

of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Read by Philip or Emma Riches

One sabbath he was going through the grain fields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

Again, he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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