

Sunday 17 June 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
10.30 am Celebrating Communion

Preacher; David Warnes

Readings: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34

The July-August Newsletter

The copy deadline for the next issue of the Newsletter is Sunday 17 June. Please let David have any copy by then.

Tonight's Second Sunday Communion

This evening's Second Sunday service in Monika's and Sonia's lounge is at 6.30pm. It will take the form of a **slow-motion Eucharist**, in which we take time to reflect on the liturgy we use when we celebrate communion together.

Quiet Space

Quiet Space is an opportunity for silent prayer to which all are welcome. The date and time of the next session is **Saturday 16 June** at **9.45am** in the Lower Hall here at St Martin's.

Volunteering Opportunity - St Salvador's foodbank

St Salvador's foodbank supports on average six individuals/families a week with basic groceries and household items, we are very grateful for the support of local congregations such as yourselves who collect items for us. For the past year we have run the foodbank with three committed volunteers but we are now in need of one or two additional people to join the team on a fortnightly/monthly basis. The work would involve: being present in the church between 11.30- approx. 1.30pm on Wednesday's, helping to serve tea and coffee and chat with the customers, helping to sort donations. If you would like further information, or would like to come along one Wednesday just to see what happens please get in touch: cjlongley@btinternet.com, 0131 4435232. If you would like to volunteer, we will provide a short training session and will ask for a reference.

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Sunday 10 June 2018

President and Preacher: David Warnes

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



Collect for the Third Sunday of Pentecost

O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Read by Philip or Emma Riches

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.

Now then, listen to their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

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But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Read by Philip or Emma Riches

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - “I believed, and so I spoke” - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight

momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

Read by Liz Moir

Then the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” - for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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