

Wisdom in the Community Notes: Luke 1:46-55

Read through the passage slowly. What are your first thoughts?

Mary's Song of Praise

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy according to the promise he made to our ancestors to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Now read it again – *what are your thoughts now?*

Have you noticed how Mary moves from a personal perspective, from 'me' to a wider perspective and appreciation of God in the story of Israel and a much bigger God in the human story? Do you think she might have got this from Elizabeth? When she visited Elizabeth, Elizabeth greeted her with the words "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? "

Are there friends that you have learned from, who have helped you to see a bigger God?

There is the sense that the Holy Spirit was moving and acting in each person in this 1st chapter of Luke, in Zechariah and Elizabeth, in the unborn baby and in Mary and that theme of the moving and acting of the spirit continues through this gospel.

To reflect on:

What might be the signs of the Spirit moving and acting today? Ponder this in your quiet time with God and consider what it means for God to be present.

Could you sing Mary's song, or lines from it, at times in your life?

Try it now: My spirit rejoices in God my saviour for

The mighty one has done great things

I wonder what it means to have the joy that Jesus promises, the joy that is both the fruit and the gift of the Spirit, the joy that Mary had.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Week 2 : Sports : Looking back

This week children tried their hand at tennis, badminton, golf, swimming and cricket.

One group had coaching tuition at the tennis club each day and received their own racquet and balls at the end of the week so that they could continue their skills.

The other groups travelled to Hayle a few times to try crazy golf.....and one group tried their hand at football golf, which turned out to be a lot of fun.

We found time to fit in crafts, games and swimming. Learning to cooperate and value each other, along with finding courage to try new experiences in our God given world are the Christian values of our Church school that we live out.

Thanks to all who came along to give a helping and also to supply meals and cakes

WEEK 3: On the move : this week

Another action packed week. You just might see us out on the open top bus, or walking on the moors, cycling or horse riding. We are getting to know more about our area and give thanks for all that is in this place.

It is our faith in action....thankful people

HOW YOU CAN HELP THIS WEEK

1. Pray for all involved in this week
2. Baking cake or biscuits : take in to your church for collection
3. Swimming buddies: Wed and Thursday at leisure centre...Friday 11am Jubilee pool: Contact Sian **07782647089**

An exhibition not to miss....continuing until 15th August

Paul Church. Saturday 31st July to Sunday 15th August 10am to 4.pm. every day, with a later start on Sundays of 12.00. An eclectic exhibition describing people's experiences and thoughts about this last year in lockdown. There are poems, pictures, photographs, prints, pastels, woodcuts, textiles, decorated bottles. All life's experiences are represented there.

A community affair which kicks off at 10.00 on Saturday 31st with refreshments until 4.00 pm (tea,coffee, cake) and a get together for a chat. All covid compliant!!

CONFIRMATION : Tuesday 14th September: 7pm

There will be a deanery confirmation service on this day.

As yet the place has not been decided

It may be that this is the moment on your faith journey that you would like to be baptisedor you might have been baptised years ago and that now you want to make that commitment to following Christ yourself. There are times in our lives that we want to make this step ...and to ask God the Holy Spirit to be in our lives in a very special way.

AT PAUL CHURCH

AUG 8TH 12 NOON Baptism of Hattie Bradburn Julian Meeting via Zoom

LOCKDOWN EXHIBITION continues until August 15th

August 11th Coffee Morning IN CHURCH

August 15th Julian Meeting via Zoom

DOG WALKING IN PAUL QUIET GARDEN

The Paul Church Council have decided that Dogs are no longer allowed in the Quiet Garden

Sadly, some people have ignored the requests to 'pick-up' after their animals.

This becomes a serious health hazard to the children who are playing in the area and is very unfair to the volunteers who work so hard to maintain



CLIMATE CHANGE EXHIBITION

ST MARY CHURCH PZ.

Open each day: 10-12noon

“Responding to the Climate and Environment Crisis we are all facing many people locally have created graphic works of art to express the call for a speedy and radical response from governments, communities and individuals. Some of these are now on show in St Mary’s.

Please take time to look at them and consider what response they might evoke from you.

In the autumn we hope to host a public event in which we can look at these issues together, ahead of the UN’s COP26 conference in Glasgow in early November.”



You might value reading : Sacred Earth,

sacred Soul by John Newell ..

A really helpful book

CORNISH CREAM TEA

St Peter Church Newlyn

Each Friday: 3pm-5pm Cost £3

Do support this event

Jesus wants us to have the kind of faith that characterizes the Kingdom of God, to have that kind of model in our minds and in our imaginations, so that we sort out our experiences in those terms and bring that kind of world into being .

Radical optimism: Practical spirituality in an uncertain world

UNDERSTANDING COMMERCIALISATION : worth a read and reflection

Sam Wells says the church should learn how to do business. The church literally *is business* and commerce offers three ways of being church by being a business; instrumental, exemplary and social.

- **Instrumental:** *all churches need money to keep going, so think of new ways to generate income from church assets like the church building.*
- **Exemplary:** *in the church's conduct of business, we can express our concern for humanity and environment through 'Good Work' and not just 'Good Works'.*
- **Social:** *by choosing a business form that causes positive social impact indirectly through its trading activities.*

For William Temple the church is a particular form of business, a cooperative business. It's through instrumental, exemplary and social cooperative commercial activities that the church demonstrates a deeper understanding of the Faith and a wider vision of co-operation than that offered by the modern secular cooperative movement, "the church is the only cooperative society in the world that exists for the benefit of its non-members."

Andrew [McLeod speaks of the role of the church](#) in the development of the modern secular cooperative movement which now makes up thousands of democratically controlled businesses serving millions of members worldwide. But both the church and the cooperative movement have largely forgotten the theological basis for cooperative commerce and William Temple's wider vision of the church as a cooperative society primarily of benefit to the wider community of non-members. McLeod points to the experience of the first Christians in immediately creating a social structure based on democratic control of their collective resources, which were shared freely. This voluntary system carried great spiritual weight for them and was a clear continuation of values that were encouraged in the stories of the Old Testament.

For McLeod this presents a challenge to the contemporary church "...to shift from the soup kitchen [and Food Bank] mentality to becoming a birthing centre for cooperative enterprises that empower those who are struggling".

For me, a mere two months into the role of HeartEdge Commercial Development Co-ordinator, I have come across a wealth of examples of churches, often unwittingly piloting, searching for and exploring such specifically cooperative approaches to instrumental, exemplary and social commerce. The irony is they are often doing this in isolation, reinventing the wheel on their own, rather than cooperating together to replicate and grow good practice.

HeartEdge is about sharing what we have and finding what we need. A big part of my role is to enable sharing of what works for you commercially and what you need commercially. It's about making useful connections with other churches, co-operating together to grow co-operative instrumental, exemplary and social commerce across the HeartEdge network and beyond.

I'm currently working with churches to scope out and deliver 3 sorts of new instrumental, exemplary and social commercial opportunities, all of which are a series of variations on the theme of caring, sharing, cooperative commerce:

Develop commercial social enterprises and co-operatives to provide new income streams to finance the church's mission, particularly social mission whilst expanding that mission through commercial activities. Developing Replication Strategies of successful church-based models with other churches.

Examples : 'Beyond the Food Bank' – churches as 'birthing centres' for food cooperatives and promoting 'community right to grow on church land' as a sustainable alternative to Food Banks and similar surplus food redistribution schemes; responding to McLeod's challenge to churches to shift from the soup-run and Food Bank mentality.

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of Love:
Behold His hands and side;
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
You within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
By your Spirit, left us heavenward,
In the Eucharistic feast!