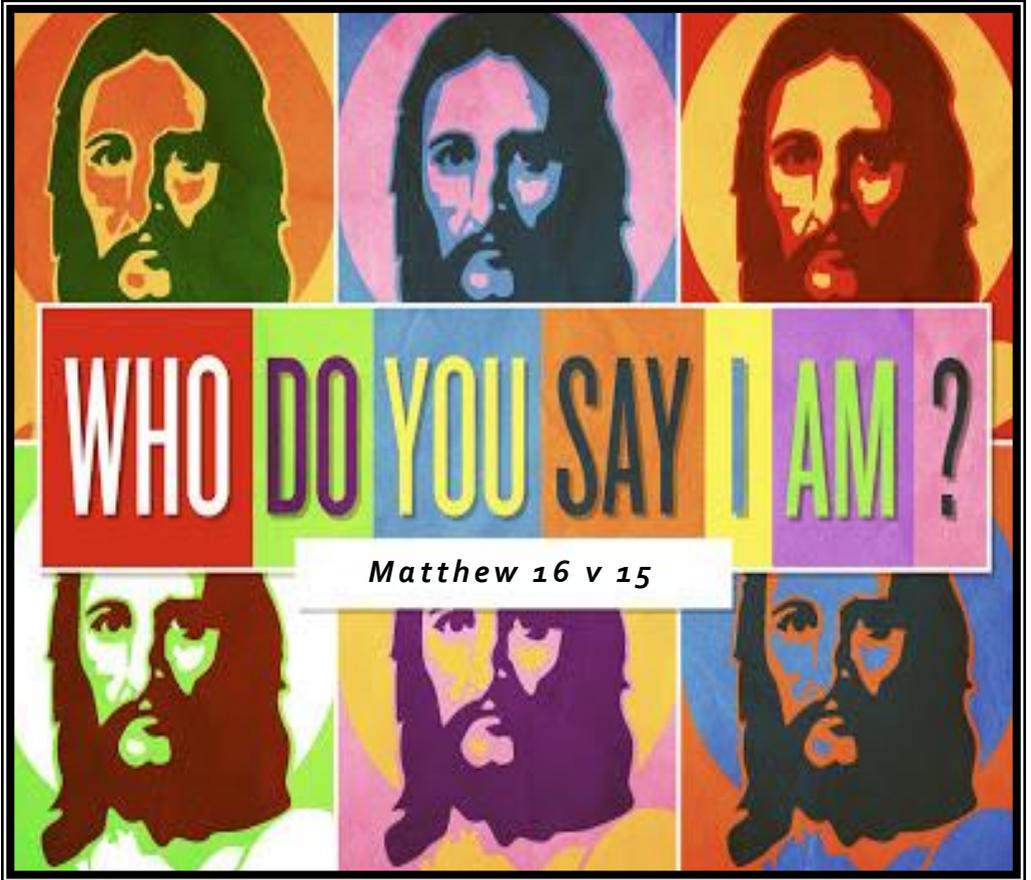


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# CONNECT

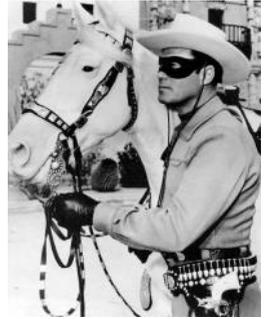


*The weekly news keeping us connected as a church community*

*Sun 23rd August 2020*

# A Rector's Muse

*As a child sitting on my Grannies' sofa I can remember crying out "Hi ho, Silver" as my favourite TV show came to the end of another episode and the Masked hero departed into the distance with someone saying "Who was that masked man?"*



*This week's gospel reading has a similar feel. Jesus popularity had grown as he went around teaching and healing people and many were now asking "who is this man?" Today we still ask that same question "who is Jesus?" Some say he was a great teacher or healer, others that he was a prophet or just a good man. Some will say he is a product of fiction and folk lore who never really existed. However Jesus does not care that much about what other people think of him what he cares about is you and who do you say he is?*

*As a child Jesus to me was another hero like the Lone Ranger and we learned about his adventures in Sunday School. Week by week we would hear and learn the stories of the hero born of Mary and Joseph. How he lived and how he died and how amazingly he defeated the grave. I loved hearing about these stories and also loved watching the Lone Ranger with Tonto take on the injustices of society.*

*However, as I grew up I naturally had to begin to decide for myself and ask for myself who do I believe this man to be? Both Jesus and the Lone Ranger lived by a good moral code worthy of living by. But only one of them would become a friend and companion on my journey through life. Although the Lone Ranger often would face adversary for others I have come to know that only Jesus took my sin and shame to the cross on my behalf and won the day rising in glory as my Lord and God. Who do you say Jesus is?*

*yours with love and prayer Peter*

FROM BISHOP JOHN

I'm so grateful to those congregations who, despite all the difficulties of Lent and Easter, have been able to contribute to this years Lent Appeal.



The deadline of the end of August is fast approaching so I would ask you to send any further contributions as soon as possible to your Church Treasurer. Inevitably, the totals will be down from the usual amount but you can be sure that anything you do give will be vital to the ongoing work of our charities. As myself a trustee of a number of such charities, I am painfully aware that for many the Covid-19 pandemic has put them financially very much on the edge. So please do consider making a donation and pass it to your treasurer.

With my thanks once again for your generosity,  
+John

#### THE BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL



The home charity chosen for the 2020 Lent Appeal is "The Open Door"

The Open Door aims to reduce isolation and loneliness by providing care, love, friendship, support, inclusion and a sense of community.

Done through social clubs and support services for older people, and a community café for everyone, volunteer placements for people of varying ages and abilities, and their ever changing social groups that include; art, poetry, music and books.

This years overseas charity is Project Embabazi.

**Project Embabazi**

Supporting Communities in  
Uganda

Project Embabazi is a small charity that works in SW Uganda. Funding enables development in several rural communities and makes a life-changing difference to the local people. Project Embabazi is founded on grass-roots, sustainable development for the local people and communities.

*Donations can be given to Tom Mooney 663 0889  
or Anne Mckay 663 5008 or speak to Peter at the Church Office*

## NEWS FROM YOUR ECO CONGREGATION REP-orter

Hi everyone,

Planning an Eco weeding event is difficult to do with the weather so changeable just now. However, when I saw Joy Mooney taking an opportunity to do some hoeing in St Leonard's garden I was inspired by her quiet actions. So I decided to follow her lead and just pop down to St Mary's at a time that suited me and when the weather was dry. As you can see I had a little helper! We managed to remove the weeds from around the church wall and enjoyed the peace of the sanctuary from a different perspective.



### Eco Gardening Group

Carey the Coordinator for the Community Garden has completed the risk assessments and the paperwork will be presented to the Board for approval so hopefully we will have groups who will be able to meet in the garden very soon. Robin Donald has successfully secured a delivery of bark for the Community garden for which we are truly grateful. We thank both Robin and his friend very much for their support. It's amazing to see how quickly this fell into place and the goodwill that exists between people.

As I mentioned before, we intend to meet on a Thursday morning once permission is granted. It is just an oasis of calm in the community garden, so if you enjoy the fresh air, some fellowship or gentle gardening we will let you know when the group begins. It will hopefully be like an outdoor Eco fellowship group. Conversation and friendship is as important as the gardening so you will be welcome even if you don't feel fit enough to do any heavy gardening.



### Litter Pick

As I write we are looking forward to the Litter Pick that has been organised for Saturday the 22nd August from 2pm. So my thanks to everyone in advance and hopefully I will be able to tell you more about it next week.

*Margaret*

## Film Night

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August' we are looking forward to discussing the film "The Cloud Forest. Details of how to watch the film are below. The discussion will take place on Zoom using Meeting ID: 840 3396 6822 Passcode: 205780 at 8.45pm on Tuesday evening (watch the film at 7 that night or before)



## St Mary's Memorial Garden



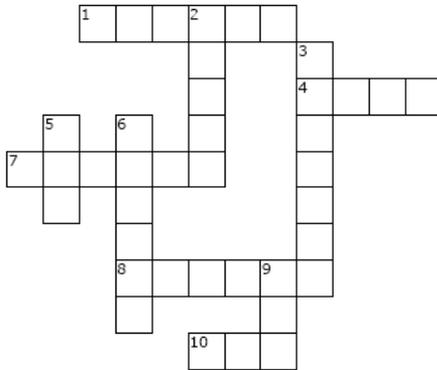
Our thanks to all those who helped dig out and tidy the memorial garden at St Mary's. Donations of some wonderful colourful plants have also been warmly received bringing a fresh look to the front of St Mary's.

As a Memorial Garden ashes of loved ones will be able to be scattered in this area when requested. St Leonard's also has a memorial garden. Those wishing to use the grounds as a final resting place for their loved ones should contact Peter.

# Bible Puzzles Time

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BLESSED	KINGDOM	CHURCH	GATES	BAPTIST
LIVING	ROCK	FATHER	HADES	ELIJAH
JOHN	HEAVEN	PETER	KEYS	JEREMIAH



## ACROSS

- Persons; men, women, and children; human beings
- A large stone that sticks up out of the ground or the sea
- A male parent
- The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
- An adult male human being

## DOWN

- The name that Jesus called Simon
- A persons who speaks for God
- To speak
- The whole body of believers in Christ
- A male child in relation to his parents

*Our Puzzles are based on the Weekly Gospel Reading*

# Congratulations!

## *Birthdays*

Dorothy Walter 18th August

Dorothy Brand 24th August

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

John & Jean Mellon 14th August

David & Louise Cromie 19th August

Alan & Annette Keiler 21st August

## **Online Coffee at Mary's**

10:30 am Saturday Mornings

bring your own coffee, cake and chat



So if you would like to be part of this

Online Zoom Coffee Morning

and our fun social activities please email Andrew Watt

**andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk**

for details of how to join the Zoom Meeting.

## **STOREHOUSE NEWS**

Collections Resume on Wed 26th at 10.30am  
at the Full Gospel Church

If you have any donations of food please contact the church office and we can pick these up for you if you cannot make the Wednesday drop off. THANK YOU



# Izzy's News

*Hi Everyone, I hope you like my new song that I have written about the weather.*

*"In, out, in, out shake it all about. You do the Izzy wiggle and you bark aloud that's what its all about.*

*O where is all the sunshine! O where is all the sunshine! O where is all the sunshine! Its raining once again."*

*Don't sing it too loudly though as the scientist have banned singing saying its to do with the spread of the virus but my friend says their just trying to shut us all up.*

*Its been a fun week with our friends Chris and Claire visiting us with their children. So I have had extra cuddles and even joined in the fun of dancing and singing on the Wii game and trying to trip the Mum's and Dad's up as they tried their hand at Ten Pin bowling on the Wii. Fiona as ever was amazing as she bowled us all over with her score!*

*My thanks also go to Ian and our friends at J&W Short garage who helped fix Chris's car so they could safely return to Felixstowe. They could have stayed but as Chris is a deputy head teacher he needed to go and sort out the mess that Boris and Gavin made. So much for no U-turning!*

*My thoughts are also with those of you involved in the Litter Picking, I hope the weather is good for you if not sing my song as you work along. It really annoys me that we dogs seem to get a bad reputation for defecating in the wrong place but what annoys me more is those humans who drop litter. Especially annoying is those humans who go to all the effort of using their pooh bags and then throw these in the bushes!!!!*

*Anyway that's the rain back on so I am off to have a nap until the sun comes out, I suggest you do the same.*

*with love and wiggles from Izzy*



## *Your Local Weekly Worship Online*

*Sunday @ 10am with Eucharist Celebration*

*Wednesday @ 10am Informal Worship*



*Find our Facebook group at  
"St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family"  
or Zoom into worship by joining the meeting using*

***ZOOM Meeting ID: 656 157 5203 at 10am***

*If you have been unable to join with us online for our worship I pray that you will be able to use this liturgy to guide your own worship during this week.*

The Provincial Website also offers a weekly service that goes live from 11am each Sunday. You can download the weekly Liturgy :

**[www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship)**

### **In Memoria**

We continue to hold all who have recently suffered bereavement and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

This week we were saddened to hear of the news that **James Goldie** had died. Our prayers are with his family and friends especially Pamela & Ian Nicolson with Julie and Katie. Pamela is James's daughter.

## The Welcome *Peter*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

## Hymn

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul***  
*Worship His holy name*  
*Sing like never before, O my soul*  
*I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

## Confession *Peter / Mike*

God is love and we are his children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because he loved us first.

*Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.*

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Collect**

**Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## **A Reading from Matthew 16: 13-20     *Alison***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

When they came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **Reflection**

*Jacqui*

## Song

**MAJESTY**, worship His majesty,  
Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
Flow from His throne unto His own,  
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.

## Intercessions for Today     *Neil*

### The Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Eucharistic Prayer     *Mike*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, in every place and at all times.

All power is yours. You created the heavens  
and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours  
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.  
He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.  
Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth  
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose  
we offer you our praise with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time,  
both source and final purpose,  
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.  
By your power you raised him from the dead.  
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free  
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,  
knowing that his hour had come,  
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples he took bread  
and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:  
'Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

**Amen.**

## **Breaking the Bread**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

As Christ has taught us so we pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Distribution of Communion

You may say this prayer as the Priest takes bread and wine on our behalf:

*God of mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Saviour,  
Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine this day,  
we thank you that we do receive your Holy Spirits presence,  
the forgiveness of sins, and life eternal. Amen*

## Prayer after Communion

**Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.  
Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## Hymn

**FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME**, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load He chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands and His feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice;  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone Him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ We're serving.

**Dismissal *Peter***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**



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