

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 24 January 2021

Welcome to worship and news for this week.

Our gospel reading this week is one that speaks of hope and new life as Jesus performs his first ‘sign’ (John’s word for a miracle) at Cana in Galilee. These signs are John’s clues as to who Jesus is and what he has come to do. This one is the account of how at the request of his mother, although apparently from the English text not entirely willingly, Jesus gives a wedding feast a huge quantity of excellent quality good wine, from 6 pots that were used for ritual cleansing and washing.

There are some important clues in this, it happens ‘on the third day’ which is of course a crucial part of the Easter account and Easter faith. The theme of ‘new wine’ is one of transformation, taking the old and making it new, and he does so in the jars used for cleansing and washing. This is giving us clues as to Jesus’ ministry:

- To take the old ways and transform them.
- To bring in something that surpasses all that went before and previous expectations.
- To change others experience of God’s hospitality and generosity.

This hope is one that we can live with in our current context and situation. We can, I hope, be reassured by the fact that the wine is good, and there is far more there than was required or expected. Whilst at times we may find it hard to see that which is good or positive. The ongoing situations around us may just be making life difficult, the reality is that Jesus comes and transforms, as well as accompanying in difficulty. Mary tells the servants to ‘do whatever he tells you’, we too are called to listen, to watch and to follow wherever he calls us, because Jesus brings hope.

Morning Prayer Readings etc

Sunday 24 Psalm 128, Genesis 14:17-20, John 2:1-11

Monday 25 Psalm 66, Ezekiel 3:22-end, Philippians
3:1-14

Tuesday 26 Psalm 36, Hosea 4:1-16, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wednesday 27 Psalm 46, Hosea 5:1-7, 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1

Thursday 28 Psalm 47, Hosea 5:8-6:6, 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday 29 Psalm 65, Hosea 6:7-7:2, 1 Corinthians 11:17-end

Saturday 30 Psalm 68, Hosea 8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11



Sunday coffee at 10:00am continues, details on Zoom sheet attached.

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Saturday evening.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflections.

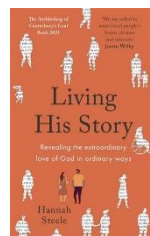


Bible Book Club

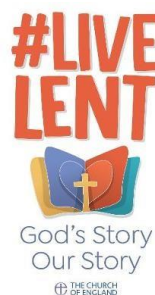
After an abeyance, Bible Book club will meet on Wednesday 10 February 7:30pm on Zoom and we're discussion the Gospel of John. If you can please read it before coming, but the information sheet attached to the email gives you some pointers if there isn't time to read all of it.

Lent

Lent begins on 17 February; our Ash Wednesday service will be on YouTube. For our Lent course this year we're going to use the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent materials. There are several ways that you can join in:



1. By reading the book '[Living His Story](#)' by [Hannah Steele](#) (costs between £8-10 depending on where you buy it!), which has 6 chapters encouraging us to think about how we can better tell our and God's story.
2. By using the #LiveLent materials. These are available as both a booklet, costing about £1.99 or as an App that will be available nearer the time. If you would like this [booklet](#) please let Jane know by Sunday 31 January so that there is time to order for everyone. The app will be available from Aimer Media in your app store.
3. By joining in the weekly discussion on Zoom, this will happen on a Wednesday evening at 7:30pm starting on Wednesday 24 February and running until Wednesday 31 March.





The book and #LiveLent will form the basis of the Lent group but it is not essential to have read either to join the group.


Food Bank


As is their tradition Keinton Parish is collecting donations for the Glastonbury foodbank. Donations are collected from the porch of Keinton Church, if you'd rather give money then please put it in a labelled envelope and put it through Emma Stevens' door. Thank you to all those who have already donated, it is all gratefully received.


Psalm 128


1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, 
and walk in his ways.

2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; 
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.

3 Your wife within your house
shall be like a fruitful vine; 
your children round your table,
like fresh olive branches.

4 Thus shall the one be blest 
who fears the Lord.

5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you, 
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
all the days of your life.

6 May you see your children's children 
and may there be peace upon Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end
Amen