

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 31 March 2019

Mothering Sunday

Celebrant, Preacher Christopher Durrant, Howard Friend
Readers Nicola Harris, Richard Johnson
Prayers Glynis Harflett
6pm Evening Prayer, Robert Mitchell



Hymns today: 136, 137, 434, 394

Edibles Stall after the service today

We will be holding an emergency collection for the Christian Aid Cyclone Idai appeal this morning only. The cyclone has affected an estimated 3 million people, with around 400,000 left homeless. If you would like to contribute please leave your donations after the service. Thank you for your support

Exodus 2.1-10: Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Colossians 3.12-17: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19.25b-27: Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Please keep in your prayers: Claude Harbord; James Meeke; James and Katy Tyler; Elizabeth Hewitt; Gary Morrish; Janine; Amy Francis; Chris Aplin; our bell-ringers, and bell-ringers everywhere

We Commend to the Peace of God: Ben Grimsey; Catherine

Lent 2019: Lent groups have started, but it's not too late to join one. See posters/flyers for detail. There are two Lent groups following the excellent Pilgrim material about 'Church and Kingdom', one on Tuesday afternoons and the other on Thursday evenings. Professor Oliver Nicholson is leading a reading group based on the works of St Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage (martyred 258 AD), at 7pm at St Michael's on Wednesdays 3, 10 April, preceded at 6 pm by Stations of the Cross

Walking Away by C Day-Lewis

1. It is eighteen years ago, almost to the day
A sunny day with leaves just turning,
The touch-lines new-ruled - since I watched you play
Your first game of football, then, like a satellite
Wrenched from its orbit, go drifting away

2. Behind a scatter of boys. I can see
You walking away from me towards the school
With the pathos of a half-fledged thing set free
Into a wilderness, the gait of one
Who finds no path where the path should be.

3. That hesitant figure, eddying away
Like a winged seed loosened from its parent stem,
Has something I never quite grasp to convey
About nature's give-and-take - the small, the scorching
Ordeals which fire one's irresolute clay.

4. I have had worse partings, but none that so
Gnaws at my mind still. Perhaps it is roughly
Saying what God alone could perfectly show -
How selfhood begins with a walking away,
And love is proved in the letting go.

Notices:

APCM Thursday 11 April 7pm at St Michael's. There will be 2 St David vacancies for PCC membership and 5 for Deanery Synod. Might this be a ministry for you? Maybe talk to existing PCC members (there is a list at the back). Forms available today

We are looking for someone to co-ordinate obtaining draw-prizes for the fête. Is this something you could help with? Speak to Emma or Glynis

Some dates for you:

Sunday 7 April YMCA Charitable
Collection

Sunday 14 April Palm Sunday

Sunday 21 April Easter Day

Sunday 28 April Traidcraft

Friday 3 May Concert at St David's

Please take this service-sheet away with you

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