

Welcome to St David's on 19 March 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent, Family Service *The Woman at the Well*

Leader Bill Pattinson
6pm Evening Prayer Bill Pattinson

Hymns today: Hymn on sheet, 569, 592, 669

Traidcraft Stall after the service today



NEXT WEEK 09:30 Mothering Sunday, President & Preacher: The Revd David James

1. Have you heard the raindrops drumming on the roof-tops?
Have you heard the raindrops dripping on the ground?
Have you heard the raindrops splashing in the streams
and running to the rivers all around?

*There's water, water of life,
Jesus gives us the water of life;
There's water, water of life, Jesus gives us the
water of life.*

2. There's a busy workman digging in the desert,
Digging with a spade that flashes in the sun;
Soon there will be water rising in the wellshaft,
spilling from the bucket as it comes.

3. Nobody can live who hasn't any water,
When the land is dry then nothing much grows;
Jesus gives us life if we drink the living water,
sing it so that everybody knows.

Collect: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord

Exodus 17 1-7 Water from the Rock From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Prayers: Ron Coleman, Pat Coward, John Coates, Kate, Patrick, Marion. Please pray blessing upon all people who maintain and manage clean water and sanitation systems, in our county of Devon and across the world. Give thanks for the healthy convenience of clean water piped into your homes. Remember those who must walk miles to unreliable wells to find water. Give thanks for the gift of water in Baptism: of new birth, of cleansing and forgiveness, and of chaos overcome

We commend to the Peace of God: Mary Sly

NOTICES

Thursday Little Lent Course: Christopher will facilitate a gentle time together reflecting upon Psalm 23 using guided questions. Come to share your thoughts and feelings over coffee. St David's Church Lady Chapel 11:45-12:15), 30 March, 6 April. As part of your Lenten discipline, why not come to for the 10:30 Eucharist too?

Next Edibles Stall 26 March NEXT WEEK
Next Charitable Collection: 14 May for Christian Aid

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018: meeting TOMORROW Monday 20 March in the Parish Room 7:30-9pm

Holy Week Services: please pick-up our separate Holy Week flyer

John 4.5-42: Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

MORE NOTICES

ANNUAL REVISION OF THE PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL: The roll is being revised between 26 March and 9 April. If you are not yet enrolled, and would like to be, or if your address has changed since last year, please contact Sue Wilson, the Electoral Roll Officer. electoralrollofficer@stdavidschurchexeter.org.uk or Telephone 01392 437571. In order to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26 April, and to take part in its proceedings, your name must be on the Electoral Roll

SPRING TERM Bible Study Group: "The Gospel of Matthew". Next meeting Thursday 30 March 8-9:15pm

Silent Prayer Group: THIS THURSDAY in the Lady Chapel 7:30-8:30pm

Lunch Club: THIS THURSDAY 12 noon at Exeter College

Our recent collection for our Thursday soup evening raised £300. Thank you for your gifts

A three-choir concert at St David's 7pm NEXT SATURDAY 25 March in aid of our Transformation Project and Hospiscare. Tickets £10 each or £15 for two to include a drink from Exeter Visitor Centre Dix's Field or after the 9:30 am service today. Any donations of draw prizes will be gratefully received!

St David's Women's Group 27 April 6:30-9pm. Singalonga Mama Mia! Tickets available TODAY £6

Exeter University Choral Society at St David's THIS FRIDAY 7:30pm £10

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