

from The Pope*, via Bishop John!

A Reflection for August - to the Cell of Our Lady of Faith

(slightly redacted)

Pope Francis recently reflected on two of the parables of the kingdom from last week's gospel reading (from the 13th chapter of St Matthew's gospel). Specifically, the Pope refers to the stories of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price - both representing the Kingdom - for which their finders (a farmer and a merchant) are prepared to sacrifice everything to possess them. Pope Francis said,

"These parables highlight two characteristics concerning the possession of the Kingdom of God: searching and sacrifice. It is true that the Kingdom of God is offered to all - it is a gift, a gift, a grace - but is not made available on a silver plate, it requires some dynamism: it involves searching, walking, engagement. The attitude of searching is the essential condition for finding; the heart must burn with the desire to attain the precious good, that is, the Kingdom of God that is present in the person of Jesus. He is the hidden treasure, he is the pearl of great value. He is the fundamental discovery, which can make a decisive turning point in our lives, filling it with meaning.

Faced with the unexpected discovery, both the farmer and the merchant realize that they have a unique opportunity which is not to be missed, so they sell everything they own. Recognizing the inestimable value of the treasure leads to a decision that involves sacrifice, detachment and renunciation. When the treasure and the pearl have been discovered, when we have found the Lord, do not let this discovery remain sterile, but sacrifice everything else for it. It is not a matter of despising the rest, but of subordinating it to Jesus, placing him in the first place. Grace first. The disciple of Christ is not one who has been deprived of something essential; he is one who has found much more: he has found the full joy that only the Lord can give. It is the evangelical joy of the healed people, forgiven sinners, of the thief to whom the door of paradise is opened.

The joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the whole life of those who meet with Jesus. Those who are saved by him are freed from sin, sadness, inner void, and isolation. With Jesus Christ, the joy is always born and reborn. Today we are exhorted to contemplate the joy of the farmer and the merchant in the parables. It is the joy of each of us when we discover the closeness and the consoling presence of Jesus in our lives; a presence that transforms the heart and opens us to the needs and the acceptance of our brothers and sisters, especially the weakest.

Let us pray, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that each of us may witness, in the way we speak and act every day to the joy of having found the treasure of the Kingdom of God, that is, the love the Father has given us through Jesus."

**As Anglicans, we are not under the Pope's authority, but as members of one, catholic and apostolic church, we still listen with interest and humility to his teachings.*



**Weekly News and Service Sheet
For Sunday 6th August**

**CLEANING AND
MAINTENANCE
MORNING**

Saturday 12 August
10am-12noon

CAFÉ CHURCH

Saturday 19 August
10.30am for coffee
Discussion at 11am
Led by Vickie Morgan



Piano Recital

Ben Lathbury
Saturday 19th August 2017 | 7:00pm

Works by
Mozart
Satie
Stravinsky
Rachmaninoff
...and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue



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Entry: £10 (advance)
£12 (on the door)

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**SATURDAY
9 SEPTEMBER 2017
10am-2pm**

Can you help?

We are in need of donations of the following:

Bric a brac, bottles (of all sorts)

items for the tombola stall,

Plants cakes, cakes and more cakes!

Any donations can be left at the Parish Office

If you could help on the day, or would like to run a stall,
please see Sandra or Clare.

Thank you



Forthcoming SERVICES

SUNDAY 6 August 2017

Transfiguration

8.00 am 8am COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS LANGSTONE

President and Preacher.....Canon Tom

9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE

(with prayer ministry during Communion & accompanied prayer after the service)

President and Preacher.....Canon Tom

Readings: Dan. 7.9,10,13,14. 2 Pet. 1.16-19. Luke 9.28-36

6.00 pm EVENSONG

Led byDr Mike Fluck

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

10.30am HOLY COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)

President and Preacher.....Bishop John Hind

SUNDAY 13 August 2017

Trinity 9

8.00 am 8am COMMUNION

PresidentCanon Tom

Preacher.....Dr Mike Fluck

9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE

PresidentCanon Tom

PreacherDr Mike Fluck

Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18, Romans 10.5-15,

Matthew 14.22-33

6.00 pm EVENSONG

Led byDavid Morgan

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST

10.30am HOLY COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)

President and Preacher.....Canon Tom

Mind your Valuables!

Regretfully we have received reports of handbags being stolen from unsuspecting church goers in this area (not yet at St Faith's). Please keep your valuables safe, just in case



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World

Including St John the Divine, Nsawam Ghana

Rod & Glenda Thomas & Sendai Church Japan.

The Diocese

& Bishop Christopher

Prayer Ministry

Today

Sybel Laird
Peter Allman

Our Parish & Deanery

Those in Urgent

Need:

Margaret Ward
Audrey Currie
Colin Wood

The Departed:

Sheila Clark
Bill Frost
Mo Bridges (a.k.a.Evans)
Edna Pearson

Anniversaries of

Departed:

9th Marilyn Chandler, Pamela Johnson

Mo Bridges (a.k.a. Mo Evans) RIP

We are sad to announce the passing of Mo Bridges (also known as Mo Evans). Mo's funeral will take place this coming Tuesday, at 1pm at St Faith's.

Mo's family warmly invite the whole congregation to attend, and to come for refreshments afterwards at The Ship, Langstone.

OTHER NEWS..

FLOWER FESTIVAL 2018

Please note that there will NOT be a meeting about the Flower Festival at the coffee morning on Saturday 2 September. A date will be made for a meeting in October.

Watch this space for further information.....

MONTHLY INFORMATION SHEET

The August issue is out today, please take a copy.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We are going to run a Safeguarding Training Evening on Thursday 17 August at 7pm in church. This training is for Stewards, Pastoral Visitors, PCC Members. But we would warmly invite other members of the congregation who would be interested in attending. Please sign the sheet on the Sidesman table if you would like to attend.

FUTURE EVENTS..

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| Sat 19 August 7pm | Piano Recital at St Faith's by concert pianist Ben Lathbury |
| Sat 9 September: | Ride and Stride 10am-6pm |
| | Town Fair 10am-2pm |
| Sat 16 Sept 6pm | Ordination of Vickie & David Morgan (Confirmed) |
| Sat 23 Sept 7pm | Harvest Supper in the Pallant Centre |
| Sun 8 October 9.30am | Patronal Festival - with a play about St Faith of Aquitaine |
| Sat 14 October 7.30pm | Food, Folk and Foaming Ale |
| Sat 25 November 7pm | Bell Ringers Dinner in the Pallant Centre |

CONTACT INFORMATION...

...can be found on the Monthly Information Sheet.



**Open Monday-Friday
8.45am-4.30pm
Saturday 8.45am-2.30pm**

HAVANT PASSION PLAY JESUS IN THE PARK

Saturday 12 August 12noon and 3pm

Sunday 13 August 3pm
in Havant Park: Free Admission.
Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on during the performance.

Refreshments will be on sale before and after the performances.

RECIPE BOOK

A high quality Recipe Book full of recipes from the Cast and Friends of HPP, priced at £10.00. If you would like to see a Recipe Book, or purchase one, please see John Burch any Sunday after the 9.30 Service.