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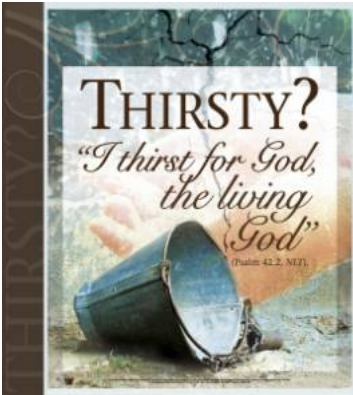
Memory Verse Luke 8.21

But Jesus said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

27th September 2020 - 16th Sunday after Trinity

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Thirst for Water



We are very fortunate in this country that when we thirst, we can drink water straight from the tap without thinking twice about it. Because of this it's quite difficult to imagine what real thirst feels like.

When Moses led the Israelites to discover the land which God had promised them, the lack of water was a very real threat to their survival. We can read this story in Exodus 17.1-7.

The people were at a critical point in their journeying and they turned in anger on Moses, as their leader, when he failed to provide one of the basic essentials of life and he was understandably very frightened. As soon as Moses cried out to him for help, God was ready and provided a very practical solution to the problem. Moses followed the instructions and the people were saved.

1500 years later, when Jesus offered living water to the Samaritan woman he met at the well, she was thrilled by the possibility and took it literally. But Jesus was thinking about people's inner relationship with God rather than quenching someone's thirst.

We are so often like the Hebrew tribes in the desert. We firmly believe that God is guiding us in our lives but when something goes horribly and painfully wrong we wonder whether there is a God after all.

But if we hang in there at those critical times relying utterly and entirely upon God, he will find living water for us. If we cry out God is there, and the more we cling to and get to know Him we can rest upon Him in our vulnerability, the more living water we will drink and the more satisfied we will feel. God will always be there and will never let us go.

Barbara Chambers

Prayer

Please pray for : Geoff Stubbs, Tom Dowd, Michael Callaghan, Jeremiah Morgan and family, Glynis Dowson, Baby Ayla Joan Sutherland, Billy, Raechelle Maher, Paul, Lizzy Bentley, Lauren, Andrea and her family, Paul Lloyd, Mary Armitage, Charlotte Satarino, Tracey, and all those who are feeling vulnerable or self-isolating. **Also please pray for** friends and family of Jacob Billington who has recently passed away.



Theme: Modern Day Slavery :

Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 22.2,3

Some points to pray for this week

The millions of people worldwide who have been forced into slavery, suffering physical, emotional and sexual abuse, for justice to both the victims and perpetrators of this evil trade.

Vulnerable trafficked children, that more independent advocates and guardians will be appointed across the UK to protect and support them in their trauma and fear.

That the Modern Slavery Victim Support Bill will successfully pass through Parliament, providing victims effective support for longer. Pray that God would strengthen and encourage Lord McColl and Iain Duncan Smith MP, the sponsors of this vital legislation.

The Border Force officers, as they try to identify potential victims of slavery entering the country, also for staff working for airlines, ferries, railways and travel companies to be alert to this problem.

That businesses and other organisations will make ever greater efforts to eradicate slavery throughout their supply chains, both within the UK and abroad.

Those modern slavery victims in the UK who are hidden and powerless to escape from their servitude. Pray for their freedom and restoration for those who are rescued.

The agencies working to end human trafficking, for their effectiveness resulting in the freedom of many and the successful prosecution of perpetrators

Notices

Where is God today? Would you like to be involved in a conversation that teases out where you are seeing God today and how you could join in? In this season of restrictions and changing possibilities you may like to explore how God is at work around you and help others to do that too. If you'd like to join this conversation with Steve and Jan Matthews on **Thursday 1st October** (7.30pm on zoom), then please book through the Home>Event page on the website or ring the office and we can book you in.

Zoom Quiz Online Quiz evening for CMS - 3rd Oct starting at 7pm. If you would like to participate then please pre-book using the registration link <http://bit.ly/Quiz4Alejandro>. You need to use the password "Joyce" to enter and the same password to register. ZOOM doors open just before the event. Please use the same email to register as you use on Zoom, otherwise you may end up being late. Please bring your own fish and chips!!

12 Rules for Christian Activists: A Toolkit for Massive Change Book Launch - Monday 5th October at 7pm on Zoom. 12 Rules for Christian Activists: A Toolkit for Massive Change was published in the middle of lockdown at a time when activism was very much needed. Churches and community groups suddenly found themselves at the heart of a new way of working. So, this event can serve as an introduction to a way of ordering an active Christian life that makes positive change possible in a world that desperately needs difference makers. Rev Canon Dr Ellen Loudon.

The Annual Parish Church meeting 2020

This is normally legally required to happen by the end of April in a given year. This year by the end of April we were in strict lockdown, and the legal requirement to hold our services, Annual Meeting, and submit Charity Commission reports were all suspended. However, we are now required to fulfil all those requirements and so our annual

meeting will be held on 20th October 2020. We will be issuing the formal notice and nomination forms for office, as well as the details of how you can attend the meeting in due course. This is just a heads-up to ask you to reserve that date, as well as to consider standing for office as a PCC member (5 places), or as a Deanery Synod member (4 places), or as a Church Warden (2 places). Those who've been our PCC members, Deanery Synod members and Church wardens most recently are eligible to stand for those roles again, but new people are also allowed to stand. I do know that not all who've been PCC members are choosing to stand again, having served 6 years! Please consider and pray for the right people for these roles, people who are engaged in and supportive of the church and can bring objective challenge and missional thinking to the planning of the PCC, or Deanery, for mission and growth. Church Wardens have a significant role of responsibility as the church leaders, working with Amanda and the whole church on behalf of the Bishop to further mission and growth - please talk to Colin or Agnes if you are interested in either role. Watch this space for more information on how to nominate someone and how to attend the meeting.



Outdoor Service Photos - thank you to everyone who emailed your photographs taken during the Season of Creation outdoor service. They will be used in one of our online services in a few week's time

The Bible Society's Online Bible Course An eight-session online course from mid-October through to December, helping you explore the world's best-seller. The Bible is a big and complicated book to read and for many it can be difficult to know where to start. Maybe you've been part of a Bible study group and want to build your confidence so you can study the Bible on your own, or maybe you need help connecting together the bits you've been reading. The Bible Course is a great resource, whether you are familiar with the Bible or just starting out. Keep watching this space for further details.

This Sunday

Fully Booked Sunday Service!

Our 10am service this Sunday is fully booked. We remind those attending we will be fully abiding within all the restrictions, so we ask you to hand sanitise on your way in and to please wear a face mask throughout (unless exempt) and observe social distancing. Entrance is by booking only, if you haven't managed to book this week. You can book for our next Sunday service from mid-day on Friday 25th Sept for Sunday 4th Oct using the link on the website www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/events/ or MyChurchSuite. If you don't have access to the internet then please let the office know you want to book, and how many in your household/support bubble you are booking for, by leaving a phone message on 0151 931 3119. We are asking you to book in **no more than twice a month** to allow everyone a chance to attend. **Mid-week Holy Communion** - If you would be happy to come on a Wednesday instead then please let Amanda know that. We would like to develop congregational bubbles eventually, and a Wednesday bubble or two would increase our capacity helpfully. See you soon!

Sunday Service - St Luke's is streaming an 'Act of Worship' every Sunday at 10am on www.stlukecrosby.org.uk and our YouTube channel by searching for stlukeschurchcrosby. There are children's activities available each week on the website www.stlukecrosby.org.uk/resources/

St Luke's Dial-in Service. We have set up a new feature so that you can listen to the weekly Sunday service using your phone, using a freephone number **0808 501 5040** - it can take a few seconds to connect you to the audio file so please hold on in there!

Coffee Morning - we will be holding our Virtual Coffee Morning on Zoom again this Sunday at 10.45am. If you are not able to be online, you can also join in by ringing 02030512874 then 84676603954 # then # when prompted, followed by the passw ord. Please ring Paul 07855 727196 to get the passw ord.



Our Mission Focus for September is for
Alejandro Mesco of Peru