

Psalm 126

This psalm of hope and expectation is an echo of our own cries for deliverance during this season of Lent. In a sombre, penitential season such as the one in which we find ourselves, there might be surprise that we would read such an explosion of joy. And yet, as we experience this every year, we grow to understand that the joy of the empty tomb is magnified because of all that has gone before it. Our bondage in Zion is answered on the Cross, and Christ enters hell to rescue those trapped. But we must also realise that in our own day, non-believers will not understand what great things the Lord does for us. It's up to all of us to go out and tell them. The joy of the Easter message is so much more enhanced when it is shared.

Saints & Heroes

Brynach

Entering Passiontide, we might consider the earlier adherents to the faith who lived in these sceptre isles. The distinction between the Irish and the Welsh was vague and Brynach was an Irishman who left his native country to join St David in his mission to Welsh Wales. He made his settlement in the village of Nevern, near Newport. He was the soul friend of the similarly named Brychan, who we have come across before, being the man with a multitude of offspring, made possible by the Celtic church not having heard of celibacy. This was useful as it was Brynach's wife's kinsman who donated land for them to set up their settlement on the banks of the River Nyfer. Brynach settled down as a hermit in an abandoned Stone Age hill fort. There he had angelic visions, giving it the name of 'the rock of the angels'. His day is 7th April.

7th April
2019

Fifth Sunday
of Lent
(Passiontide begins)

Leave her alone!



'Leave her alone!' Today's Gospel is another occasion when Jesus turns the table on those who are quick to judge others. There are two reasons why we must always reserve our judgment. The first is that we are not blameless enough to exercise judgment – the broken sinfulness of our life bars us from being the judge of another person – we are told to remove the plank from our own eye before removing the speck from someone else's. We are told that if we are without sin we can cast the stone of condemnation. We are also told that only God can place the actions of an individual within the working out of his purpose. Whatever we may think of someone's actions it is almost certain that God will judge him or her differently. We hear in Holy Week of Mary of Bethany's extravagance in anointing the feet of Jesus with expensive ointment. This story above all others should teach us that we have no idea how God values actions, or what things are worth. God's kingdom and our worldview do not have the same economy.

Prayers to Remember

O Lord Jesu Christ, take us to thyself, draw us with cords to the foot of the cross; for we have no strength to come, and we know not the way. Thou art mighty to save, and none can separate us from thy love. Bring us home to thyself, for we are gone astray. We have wandered; do thou seek us. Under the shadow of thy cross let us live all the rest of our lives, and there we shall be safe.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Welcome to our services today

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity

6pm Evensong, Stations of the Cross and Benediction at Holy Trinity

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 8th

Feria in Lent

9.30am at Holy Trinity

Wednesday 10th

Feria in Lent

7.30pm at Holy Trinity

(7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

Thursday 11th

Feria in Lent

9.30am at Holy Trinity

Saturday 13th

Feria in Lent

11am CHRISM MASS at Portsmouth Cathedral

(NO Mass at Holy Trinity)

NEXT SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity (*gather in Trinity Hall please*)

6pm Evensong, Stations of the Cross and Benediction at Holy Trinity

Psalm Response:

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

People: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory. (x2)

Cantor: Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

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(The response is repeated after the Gospel reading.)

ALL GREEK FROM NOW ON - a reminder that in Lent the Kyries will be sung in their original Greek to a different musical setting from usual.

LENT CHARITY - this year's nominated charity is "Step by Step". They work in Aldershot and the surrounding area helping young homeless people. Gift Aid Envelopes are available at the back of both churches. (Please be sure to use the special Step by Step envelopes and not the orange ones.)

LENT THOUGHTS - this year you are encouraged to view the Guildford Diocesan Lent Resources. These are available as a downloadable resource or can be emailed to you.

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/lent - leaflets are available in church.

LENT LUNCH - Fridays, 12.30pm at Holy Trinity - (Bread and Vegetarian Soup). A donation (optional) for our Lenten charity is suggested.

CHRISM MASS - Portsmouth Cathedral

11am THIS Saturday 13th April. Sign up sheets are in the porch, please add your name to the list. The cost will be £12. Please give your money to Rita Davies. The coach will leave All Saints' at 8.50am and Holy Trinity at 9am. Return from the Cathedral will be at 4pm.

MU MEETING is on the Monday in Holy Week, **April 15th** in HT Church. 7.30pm Mass and Stations of the Cross followed by light refreshments.

STATIONS on Tuesday in Holy Week will be led by **HAMS** and on Wednesday by the **Walsingham Cell**. Mass is at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity followed by Stations.

WATCH OF THE PASSION - at All Saints' on Maundy Thursday following the 7.30pm Mass - please sign up to Watch with Our Lord using the rotas available in both churches. (We need to ensure that at least two people are in church at all times.)

EASTER FLOWERS - donations towards the cost can be given to Joan Dimmick at All Saints' and Diane Brown at Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity will be decorated on Holy Saturday from 9am - offers of help welcome.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - **Sunday 28th April, 3.30pm in All Saints' Hall.** Please consider joining the Parochial Church Council. PCC nomination forms are available in both churches and should be received by a churchwarden, sidesperson or PCC Secretary, Cathy Mansell, by Sunday 14th April. Nominations are also invited for the churchwarden posts. Please see Keith Blanchard at Holy Trinity or Jim Rapley at All Saints' if you would like to know more. The papers for the annual meeting will be available on line during the week preceding the meeting.

BLACKWATER BUZZ - a volunteer is needed please to deliver the Buzz magazine each month to Vicarage Road. Please have a word with Sue Evans, 01276 32816 if you are able to help. Thank you.

SKITTLES EVENING - **Monday 13th May 7.30pm.** Join in the fun. Play skittles at the Frog and Wicket, The Green, Eversley. £10 per person, includes a cold buffet supper. All welcome. More details from Mike Gunston. (An event for the parish organised by HAMS.)

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2nd - 5th September. The second non-refundable deposit of £20 is now due. Cash, or cheques made payable to HGPCC A/c SOLW, should be given to Pauline Scott. Thank you.

ABIG THANK YOU from Mary and Alan Clarke for all your prayers, love and support during this very difficult time.

TEA AT TWO AT ALL SAINTS' - Fridays from 2pm - 4pm.

ITEMS FOR THE WEEKLY SHEET should be sent by **Wednesday morning** to pauline_scott@icloud.com thank you.

