

15th August 2010 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have been here often, you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed. Come, not because I invite you, but because God does; and, as you are welcomed, go, and welcome others.

We welcome you to our worship today. We hope God's Holy Spirit will touch your heart and that you may be strengthened by Word and Sacrament.



Don't just do what I say, do what I do!

One of the many great things about Mary is how she addresses two driving forces that come up again and again in our lives and our society; self-interest and the use of power to get our own way. How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity. Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

From the Children and Youth Worker:

Thank you to everyone who helped make this last term such a success - Sunday School teachers, parents, and staff, and of course the children themselves! We look forward to welcoming you again on September 5th.

Over the summer, children are invited to participate in our worship together. Our booklet, "Let Us Pray" will be available, so children can follow the service, and it includes space to draw and colour. However, we ask that the Community Space at the back of the church be used only for smaller children, not as a playroom for unsupervised older children. The purpose of this space is to provide a relaxing place for babies and toddlers who become fussy during the service, and it is difficult to calm a fussy child, or to breastfeed, if the community space has large numbers of 8-and-9-year-olds playing with the toys.

Older children are welcome to play with the toys before and after the service, but should remain with their parents in church during the service.

Also, we still have about 5 places left for our summer programme for 5-11-year-olds, "Rivers of Living Water," which runs from August 23rd to August 27th, and which includes drama, art, storytelling, outdoor play, worship and music. If you would like to register your child, please email margaret@stgeorgescampdenhill.co.uk

Saint of the Week -

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153) - 20th August



St Bernard's life was characterized by a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. His sermons and books about Mary are still the standard of Marian theology. His great hymns and particularly 'Jerusalem the Golden' are still much sung now. He wrote of Mary whose feast we celebrate today, "In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may more surely obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall

never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favour, you shall reach the goal" (St. Bernard).

Acts 435



Want to help others but have limited surplus resources? Acts435 is a fantastic initiative which puts people who are in need in touch with those that can help. It is a very simple idea but a very exciting one! It is an initiative launched by the Archbishop of York at the recent General Synod, he said, "I am proud that the Church is taking practical steps to help those facing practical

difficulties". This is a wonderful scheme which is about to be rolled out. Check out their website for more details; <http://www.acts435.co.uk/>

Are you away for the weekend or off on holiday? This does not mean that you need to neglect your attendance at the Eucharist. If you can't make the 10am on Sundays at St Georges there are other opportunities. On Friday evenings there is a said Eucharist at 6.30pm, on Saturday morning at 8.30am on Sundays at 8am all at St Georges and then on Sunday evenings at 6.30pm there is a full Sung Eucharist at St Johns. If you are going away and not sure where your nearest church might be, do please ask and I'll be happy to look it up.

Pakistan Flooding Crisis

This natural disaster has now been declared worse than even the Tsunami in terms of the number of people affected. Christian Aid has launched an appeal to provide immediate help for those going hungry in the Sind region of Pakistan. With eight million people displaced and rendered homeless with shortages of shelter, food and water across the Sind province, Christian Aid is calling on supporters to donate so that the charity can ensure that help reaches the communities in need. The full scale of this disaster is still not known but the effects upon an already impoverished group of people will take years to reverse. Christian Aid seeks to help those people affected to help themselves, will you help, please? You can donate online at www.christianaid.org.uk/ or use the envelopes at the back of the church. Last week we collected £150, please help us to continue helping our brothers and sisters in Pakistan.

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)

We are hearing much of the DEC during this massive humanitarian crisis in Pakistan, but have you wondered who they are and what they do? The DEC was formed in 1963. They are an umbrella organisation for 13 humanitarian aid agencies. At times of overseas emergency, the DEC brings together a unique alliance of the UK's aid, corporate, public and broadcasting sectors to rally the nation's compassion, and ensure that funds raised go to DEC agencies best placed to deliver effective and timely relief to people most in need. I am delighted to say that their Chief Executive, Mike Walsh is coming to talk on the **14th October** on the subject "where do your charitable donations go after a disaster emergency". Please book this important occasion in your diaries now.

People



I am pleased to report that **Bettie Griffiths** is making good, but slow progress after her recent fall. **Stephan Rogge** continues his very slow rehabilitation and is spending the summer in specially adapted accommodation in Southern Spain. My brother, **Stanley Fuller** continues to be very ill and I'm grateful for the assurance of many prayers. The flowers this week are given by **Madhu & Shoba Taylor** in memory of their daughter, **Seema and her friend Fiona Marks**, whose anniversary of death occurs today. The funeral of the late **John Riddell** was on Wednesday in Rothbury, the memorial service is still to be announced. Our very own **Steve**

Egget, who does so many good things around the parish is shuttling some of our less able members to church on Sunday and is doing a fantastic job. If anyone else could assist in bring folk to church would they please let me know, this would be a real act of charity.



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Services:

Sundays:

8:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book);

10:00 Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

Weekdays (Tuesdays to Fridays):

8:00 Morning Prayer;

18:00 Evening Prayer; 18:30 Holy Eucharist

Mondays:

18:00 Prayer and Meditation

Additionally on Wednesdays:

12:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

Saturdays:

8:00 Morning Prayer; 8:30 Holy Eucharist;

18:00 Evening Prayer



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Confessions in both churches are heard by appointment.

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This week readings:

1st: Is 61, 10-11

2nd: Ga 4, 4-7

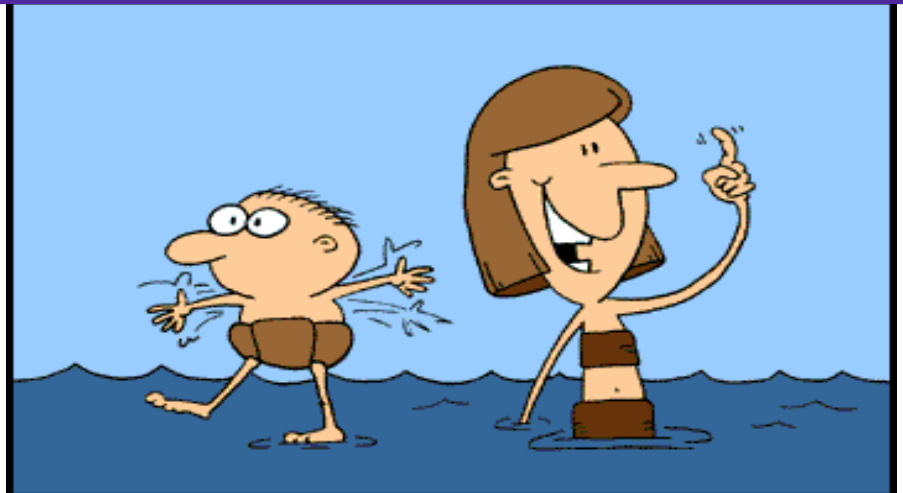
Gospel: Luke 1, 46- 55

Next week readings:

1st: Jer 1, 4-10

2nd: Hebrw 12, 18-29

Gospel: Lk 13, 10-17



Thanks to Paul Gladney

JOSEPH, COME QUICK ... JESUS IS TAKING HIS FIRST STEPS

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