



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park

Sunday 24th July 2022
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Today in church we shall be looking at engaging with God, but let us not overlook Mary Magdalene whose feast day was on Friday.

Mary has a special place among Jesus's followers. This is largely due to the account in John's Gospel where it is Mary who is the first to meet the risen Jesus in the garden. With the realisation that Jesus was raised from the dead our Resurrection faith was established. In John this is revealed firstly to Mary and to her alone. It is she who declares it to the Apostles; the Apostle to the Apostles as some say.

So what do we know about Mary? Luke tells us in Chap 8 of his Gospel that Jesus cast seven demons out of Mary. He also records that she was one of the group of women from Galilee who travelled with the disciples and looked after them. Her name suggests that she was single. She is named in three of the Gospels as being among the women who were present at the crucifixion. She is named in all four Gospels as being at the empty tomb. In Matthew's Gospel as well as John's Mary is named as meeting the resurrected Jesus.

Mary now knows that the old earthly Jesus has gone and a new heavenly Jesus has come. For her and for the other disciples nothing will be the same again.



Genesis 18.20-32

Then the LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Luke 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.'

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

TODAY

9.30am: 6th Sunday After Trinity Rev'd Ben Pullan presides as Mr Victor Spong preaches.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**

Thurs 2:00pm, Community Room: **Chat and Craft**

Sat 10.00am - 12.00pm, Community Room: **Saturday Cafe**

Sun 31st 9.30am, Church: **7th Sunday After Trinity**: Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches from Hosea 11.1-11 , Colossians 3.1-11
Luke 12.13-21

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 10th Aug 12:00pm: **Lunch Group**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/6Trinity22>

LUNCH GROUP - will meet again on 10th August at 12.00pm for a 12:30pm lunch. Please see Pat or Pauline if you would like to join us.

KENTON FOODBANK APPEALING FOR URGENT DONATIONS - Kenton Food Bank, the food bank most local to St Nicholas Hospital in Gosforth, is appealing for urgent donations to help them continue providing weekly food parcels to people in need. If you are able, please bring donations to church so that Sarah can deliver these to the foodbank.

HOLIDAY POSTCARDS – are you going on holiday this year? We'd love it if you'd bring a postcard back for our noticeboard to share with everyone where you've been.

ZOOM CODES – all our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDSm1KOURtQT0>

Meeting ID: 757 377 8713 Passcode: StAidan

BOOKING ZOOM MEETINGS: if you would like to use the St Aidan's Zoom account for a church meeting, please contact Janice

CHURCH CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS – face masks are optional, please sanitise your hands on entering church, and maintain at least a one metre distance.

USED STAMPS – if you have any used stamps, please save them and put them in the box at the back of church to raise fund for St Oswald's Hospice.

CHURCH OPENING – church is now open during the day, every day. Please come in at any time for some quiet time or prayer.

FOOD BANK – a little reminder that we still collect for the foodbank. There is a box at the back of church for donations.

DONATIONS - to make a donation to St Aidan's, please use the following link

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8a599239-a9bd-4136-8b4b-1dcabb0a2c65>

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church – Churches in our Deanery: Fawdon, Kenton and Kingston Park Parishes. Food for Thought and those leading it.

For the community – Great Park Consortium and ongoing development of the Great Park Town Centre

For the world – particularly for Ukraine, her people, refugees and the Ukrainian community in the UK, and our own national and political life.

For those in particular need - Gladys Johnston, Esther Wooler, John Hewett

For those on their anniversaries: Dorothy Prest, Helen Brierley, Norma Forster, Bob Hay, John Cass, Kitt Hewitt, Rob Brydon, Maureen Strike, Kate Clarke, Mary Brookbanks

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