**All Saints, Torre, St. Luke, St. John the Apostle**

**Sunday Bulletin for Week beginning 13th June, 2021**

**June at a glance**

4th St Petroc – Pray for the church in Cornwall.

5th St Boniface – Patron St of Exeter Diocese.

6th Corpus Christi – Thanksgiving for the gift of Holy Communion.

9th St Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597 – Pray for the work of the Iona Community.

11th St Barnabas the Apostle

15th Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941.

22nd St Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250.

24th Birth of St John Baptist

29th Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



**Services this week**

**Government guidelines permit churches to remain open for private prayer and public worship. Those attending services are asked to continue to observe social distancing, the wearing of masks/face coverings and hand-sanitising.**

**Wednesday 16th June**

All Saints, Torre, 10.30am, Eucharist

**Thursday 17th June**

St Luke, 10.15am, Eucharist

**Friday 18th June**

St John, 11.00am, Eucharist

**Sunday 20th June**

All Saints, Torre, 9.30am Eucharist.

St. Luke, 11.00am Eucharist.

St John, 11.00am Eucharist.

**Please note church will be open 15 minutes before the start of the service.**

**Time to Read and Pray with**

**Scripture each day.**

Here are the Gospel readings set for each day this week. You might like to take the time to read them and pray with them.

**Sunday,** Mark 4:26-34

**Monday**, Matthew 5:38-42

**Tuesday**, Matthew 5:43-end

**Wednesday**, Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-18

**Thursday**, Matthew 6:7-15

**Friday**, Matthew 6:19-23

**Saturday,** Matthew 6:24-end

**Requests for Prayer**

If you have particular requests for prayer, or would like specific intentions remembered at the Eucharist, please contact Fr Peter using the details below.

**Keeping in Touch**

Send us your email address if you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and updates.

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All Saints Church, Torre, Torquay, St Luke’s Parish Church Torquay, St John’s Over the Harbour

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**Prayers for use at this time**

Keep us, good Lord,

under the shadow of your mercy

in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,

and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may rejoice in your comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us

from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen**

Lord Jesus Christ,

you taught us to love our neighbour,

and to care for those in need

as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love,

for your name’s sake.

**Amen**

God of compassion,

be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;

in their anxiety, be their hope;

in their darkness, be their light;

through him who suffered alone on the cross,

but reigns with you in glory,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Find more prayers like these on the Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org.

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you,

graciously hear our pleas,

and, since without you moral frailty can do nothing,

grant us always the help of your grace,

that in following your commands

we may please you by our resolve and our deeds,

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92

*R/ It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

Post Communion Prayer

As this reception of your Holy Communion,

O Lord,

foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,

so may it bring about unity in your Church.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Lectio Divina**

Introduction

Make whatever preparations you need to leave the shadow world behind and encounter the fire of the Spirit and the light of God.

If you have chosen to prepare the space and the place in some way (perhaps drawing a curtain or lighting a candle), make that preparation.

Eliminate distractions and the possibility of interruption.

Sign of the Cross

We invoke God, in whose name we act.

In the name of the Father, ✠

    and of the Son,

    and of the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

We invoke the Holy Spirit, who will speak to us and listen in us.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

    and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Act of Contrition

By acknowledging our sinfulness and admitting that by ourselves we can do nothing that is not flawed, we ask God to take the initiative in this encounter.

Have mercy on us, O Lord:

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy:

And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

    Amen.

The Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**The Parable of the Growing Seed**

26He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’

**The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

30He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’

**The Use of Parables**

33With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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The Response

Meditatio (reflection)

What does the Gospel say to me?

    God has willed me to be here, now, today, for a reason. Now is the time to reflect, and find that reason, and hear what God has chosen to tell me.

A good pattern is this:

    - What has drawn my attention or struck me in some way?

    - Why? Was it a person? A word? A situation? A gesture?

    - What, therefore, is God saying to me through these words, here and now, today?

The “I” and the “me” are important. To say “we” or “us” is to evade the encounter by softening the focus and hiding behind membership of a group. The meeting with Jesus is face to face, one to one.

Oratio (prayer)

God has spoken to me. What do I reply?

    Silently, each of us responds to what God has said to them through the passage we have read.

Contemplatio (contemplation)

Sometimes we may be led beyond prayer into a quiet and attentive resting in the presence of God.

Conclusion

We prepare to return to the everyday world, carrying with us what we have received in our minds and our hearts today.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

    hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

    Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

    and forgive us our trespasses,

    as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

    but deliver us from evil.

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May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

    Amen

