

**First Reading Isaiah 5: 1 – 7**

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

**Second Reading Mark 12: 1 – 12**

<sup>1</sup> Then he began to speak to them in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>2</sup> When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup> But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. <sup>5</sup> Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. <sup>6</sup> He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>7</sup> But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." <sup>8</sup> So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup> What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup> Have you not read this scripture: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>11</sup> this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?" <sup>12</sup> When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

**Plymouth Foodbank**

Plymouth Foodbank still require several essential items and we are grateful for your donations of long-life fruit juice, long-life milk, tinned goods and non-perishable items, men and women's toiletries, tea and coffee. Thank you.

**Unwanted Glasses**

The Lions Club of Plymouth are collecting unwanted glasses and there is a box at the back of Church for any you wish to donate for people in countries around the world who can make use of them. Thank you.

**Holy Week and Easter Services****Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday**

9.15am Holy Communion (CW) at St Mary's  
11am Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Spirit  
6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP) at St. Mary's

**Tuesday 26th March**

7pm Stations of The Cross at Holy Spirit

**Wednesday 27th March**

7pm Stations of The Cross at St. Mary's

**Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday**

7pm Last Supper at Holy Spirit

**Friday 29th March – Good Friday**

10am Walk of Witness at Holy Spirit  
2pm Last Hour at St. Mary's  
2pm Last Hour at Holy Spirit

**Saturday 30th March**

8.30pm Vigil at Holy Spirit

**Sunday 31st March – Easter Day**

6.30am Sunrise Service at Bond Street Park, Southway  
9.15am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
11am Holy Communion at Holy Spirit  
4pm Adoration Service at St. Mary's

**Lent Boxes at St. Mary's**

Please remember to bring your Lent Boxes back at Easter. Your generous donations will help CMS to continue their valuable work in Rwanda. Thank you.

**Book Shelves**

There are a new selection of books on the bookshelves at the back of St. Mary's Church, by the choir vestry. These are for sale at £1 each for hardbacks or 50p each for paperbacks. Or, you can borrow any of the books and make a donation. There are now audio books also available. All monies go in the plastic box on top of the bookcase. Thank you for your support.

**Last Sunday evening's reading from Exodus reminded me of this ....**

