

Second Reading Revelation 21: 1 - 14

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.' ⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' ¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The Bible Course**A Story That Makes Sense of Life**

The Bible Course will now begin for all on Thursday 7th May. 10:45am at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Southway, or evening session 7pm in Tamerton Foliot. The first evening session will be at The Vicarage. All are welcome! We shall journey through the Bible for 7 wonderful sessions! For more info, please see or email Beth for further details - bethelliot10@gmail.com.

Rewilding Experiment

As part of an experiment to combat ivy overtaking sections of St. Mary's churchyard, a small area has been roped off, and wildflower seeds have been planted. We hope this rewilding effort will grow to support bees, combat weeds and add colour to our churchyard.

If you wish to know more about the rules for plants and flowers in the churchyard, please contact Rev'd Gerda on reverendgerda@outlook.com

Gospel Reading (Continued)

works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Contactless Giving

Unfortunately, the card reader at the back of St. Mary's Church, for contactless card payments to Church funds, is temporarily out of action. Hopefully it will be working again very soon. Usually, you can select one of the pre-set amounts, or you can select the exact amount you wish to donate. **Please select the Gift Aid option if you are a UK Taxpayer.** You can then select 'all future donations' so you only have to do this once. Please see Phil, Andy or Susanne if you have any questions or issues with using it. Bank details for both St. Mary's and Holy Spirit are now on the back of this Newsletter.

Save The Date

The Tamar Concert Choir will be joined by Keltique Ladies Choir from Looe for a concert being held at The Church of The Holy Spirit at 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd May. Put the date in your diary and tell your friends.

6.30pm Celtic Prayer

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First Reading Zechariah 4: 1 – 10

¹ The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. ² He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³ And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' ⁴ I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' ⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' ⁶ He said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. ⁷ What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out out the top stone amid shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"' ⁸ Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁹ 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. ¹⁰ For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. 'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.'

Second Reading (See Overleaf)