

Coffee, Cake and Chat

A Community Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month in St. Mary's Church Hall. It is a chance for anyone to come along for a coffee, some cake and a chat. There was none in August, but they start again, with the new time of 10.30am to 12pm, on Tuesday 1st September.

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)

Cameo meets for Bible Study on Wednesdays at The Church of The Holy Spirit, at 10.30am. However, the group next meets on Wednesday 9th September.

Gospel Wordsearch

Can you find the following 15 words from this morning's Gospel Reading?

Baptist Blessed Caesarea Church Disciples Elijah
Heaven Jeremiah Jesus Kingdom Messiah Ordered
People Philippi Prophets

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"If I send my prayer as a text message,
will I get a faster reply?"

Second Reading Romans 12: 1 – 8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 13 – 20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah

St. Mary's Patronal Festival Weekend

We are holding an Open Day at St. Mary's on Saturday 5th September. There will be music of various types all day to come and listen to. Bell ringing may also be possible. A local artist will be displaying (and selling) their work with a portion of proceeds being donated to the church. Come and do the church trail or the treasure hunt in the churchyard. Refreshments will be available all day, including a cream tea. There will be a Team Service at 10am on Sunday 6th September at St. Mary's for our Patronal Festival and Gift Day. Flyers and posters are available at the back of church - please spread the word. Everybody is challenged to invite at least one friend or neighbour!!

We would appreciate some help on the afternoon of Friday 4th September to bring some tables from the church hall to the church to enable us to start preparing for the Saturday and help returning the tables late afternoon on the 5th. Please let Pat Brooks or Andy King know if you can help.