

First Reading Acts 13: 1 – 13

¹ Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ² While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them. ⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, named Bar-Jesus. ⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸ But the magician Elymas (for that is the translation of his name) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ But Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, 'You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?' ¹¹ And now listen - the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind for a while, unable to see the sun.' Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he went about groping for someone to lead him by the hand. ¹² When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord. ¹³ Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem;

Second Reading John 6: 24 - 35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸ Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰ So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' ³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Communion Hymns at St. Mary's In August

Please note that during August the congregation at St. Mary's are encouraged to join in with the Communion hymn during the services on Sunday mornings. The choir will remain seated for this.

Lifts For Church Services

We have 3 people at present who are able to offer a lift to those who need a lift to Team Services when they are not being held at their own Church, Please let Andy King (**07708590704** or **andy@saintmarys.org.uk**) know if you require a lift to any services, and we will try and co-ordinate things.

St. Mary's Patronal Festival Weekend

We will be holding another Open Day at St. Mary's on Saturday 5th September. There will be a display of work by an artist, as well as music and singing and much more. There will be a Team Service at 10am on Sunday 6th September at St. Mary's for our Patronal Festival. Plans are still being formulated, but please put the dates in your diary now. Watch this space for further details!

Thank You!

Thank you to Eileen Merrifield for a donation of £60 for the work of St. Mary's Church, in memory of her late husband Len.

Gospel Wordsearch

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

Ashore Baskets Children Compassion Crowds
Deserted Disciples Evening Followed Grass Jesus
Loaves Thousand Villages Withdrew

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