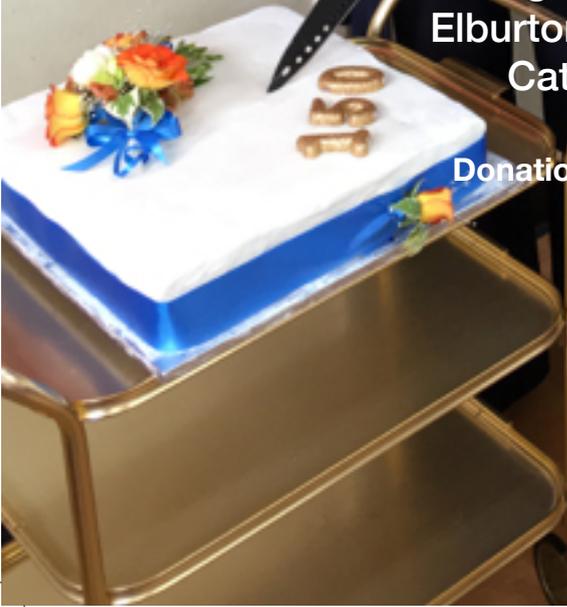


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June 2nd

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-21

John 17:20-26

June 9th

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34,35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

June 16th

Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 23rd

1 Kings 19:1-4,8-15a

Psalm 42,43

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 30th

2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1,13-35

Luke 9:51-62

The above are usually the readings used in church and are offered here for your personal use and meditation.

FRONT COVER - The two sisters who have the most memories of Elburton Church, were chosen to cut the cake marking 150 years of service to the Lord. Page 17.

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Letter for Elburton and Oreston



Dear One and All,

From September to Easter seems to me like an endurance test. It's none stop. The liturgical year gathers pace, the church seems busy, Christmas is a marathon and then Lent and the journey to Easter, phew! Now June and time to breathe.

Sam Wells, priest and theologian, writes a book 'Incarnational Ministry: Being with the Church', which is a 'must' for ministers and a sensible reading for all of us involved in the Christian journey. He takes a good look at Mary and Martha (Lk.10:38) Martha is self-obsessed and distracted. Mary looks only at Jesus. In our Christian year we charge around fretting about this and that when sitting with the Master, looking only to him is all that is necessary. 'How will anything ever get done?' I hear you say. I suppose they will get done in a Christ-centred way is my answer. Our faith begins and ends

with Jesus; he is ' the way, the truth and the life' (Jn.14)

Sam Wells is correct, we behave at times as if we think Jesus isn't enough. We conduct ourselves as though the Church, the faith, the future, depends on us. It doesn't, even if it feels like that. Our task is to be for God in Christ, so that in that being we will do the Christ-like things for the sake of God's kingdom.

Now there's a thought and you have all summer to ponder it.

Every blessing,
Simon

APOLOGY

There is a lack of photos of people, and names in this Link because of recent changes in the Law. A new GDPR representative has been appointed in our church and until clarification has been established over what I may and may not publish I have been obliged to take the safest course.

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SUNDAY

SERVICES

Morning

Evening

10.30 am

6.30 pm

June 2nd

Rev'd Robert
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SACRAMENT

150 YEARS

June 9th

Mrs Di Smart
MWiB

Mr Keith Angilley

June 16th

Rev'd Simon Leigh
SACRAMENT

Rev'd Simon Leigh
ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

June 23rd

Mrs Gillian Higgins

Mrs Di Smart

June 30th

Rev'd David Martin

Rev'd Alison Richardson

Incidentally, 1869 was not only the birthday of our church, it was the year that Heinz baked beans, Sainsbury's and the NCH now called Action for Children all began.

Elburton Methodist Community Church

JaM (JESUS AND ME)
- 10.30 a.m.

JaM is the name for our children's and youth ministry. We meet in the Moore Hall for 10.30 am.

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When we have a presentation to work towards we meet for rehearsals at 11.45 am after church on Sundays to share our love of music.

MONDAY

DANCE FITNESS - 10.30 a.m.

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LUNCHEON CLUB - 11 a.m.

On Mondays delicious lunches are provided for those less able to cook for themselves. Contact June Dinner (407418) for 3rd Mondays, Barbara Jeffery (311100) for the other Mondays.

BEAVERS - 5 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
CUB SCOUTS - 6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
SCOUTS - 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

There are a few vacancies for boys and girls and also helpers. Contact Roger Galloway 268803 for more information.

TUESDAY

METHODIST WOMEN

IN BRITAIN - 2.30 p.m

June 4th Cream Tea

in aid of Air Ambulance

June 11th Mr Tony Kirk

June 18th Mrs Dii Smart

June 25th Rev'd Arno Bessel

The Women's Network Fellowship, now called MWiB, meets in the Moore Hall of Elburton Methodist Church. For more information contact Carol Batchelor 491962

RAINBOWS

BROWNIES - 6.00 p.m.

Contact Julie Hoskin on 481605.

Elburton Methodist Community Church

PLYMSTOCK & RIDGEWAY

MEN'S GROUP 7.30 pm

June 11th Ridgeway (with the ladies)

Jane Ford speaking on -

"Household Waste to Energy"

June 25th Elburton: Annual Meal Out

Contact Andrew Gow (341037) for more details. Half the meetings are held at Ridgeway, the others are in the Rank Hall, Elburton Methodist Community Church.

WIVES CLUB - 7.45 pm

June 4th - Sue Hooper

"French Underground Resistance"

June 11th - Maureen Stockdale

"Special Olympics"

June 18th - Pauline Kadoche

"A dancer's life, continued"

June 25th - Adam Hart-Davis

Mysterious Times

Ladies are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm in the Elburton Moore Hall. For more information contact Sylvia Harris or Carol Pike. (311150)

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HOME GROUP 1 - 7.30 p.m.

The Tuesday home-group is co-ordinated by Di Smart and is held at homes of the group. For more information contact Di (405435) or Pam Kingsland (519452).

WEDNESDAY

EXERCISE CLASS 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact Denise Avent (402818)

HOME GROUP 2 7.30 pm

Held at the home of Trisha Stringer and led by Maureen Richardson (407137)

HOME GROUP 4 8 p.m.

A group meets at a different home each week (helpful for the young families who attend). Contact Jon Carhart (480319).

THURSDAY

WORKING PARTY from 9.30 am

Come and help us keep our church in a good state of repair. Contact Tony Sleep (403247) for details.

Elburton Methodist Community Church

MEET AND EAT

THIRD Thursdays from 10 a.m.

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Contact David Finemore (406372)

HOME GROUP 3 7.30 p.m.

David and Brenda Youngs (880286) lead this group on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm at Ruth Sweetland's home.

FRIDAY

LUNCHEON CLUB

11 a.m. (in term time only)

A lovely lunch provided for those less able to provide for themselves. Good food, good company. Contact Trisha Stringer (482532).

SATURDAY

COFFEE MORNING

Last Saturday of the month
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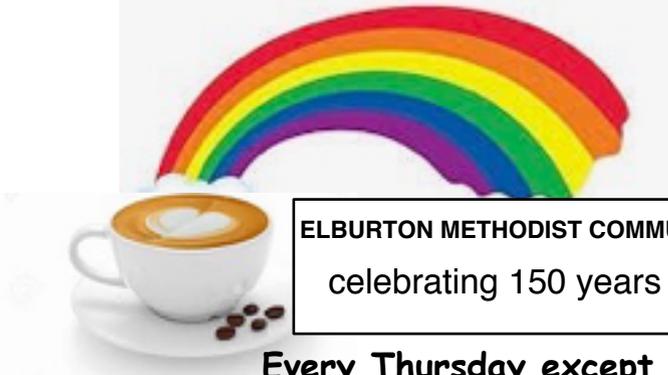
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THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

A young man who had been raised as an atheist was training to be an Olympic diver. The only religious influence in his life came from his outspoken Christian friend. The young diver never really paid much attention to his friend's sermons, but he heard them often.

One night the diver went to the indoor pool at the college he attended. The lights were all off, but as the pool had big skylights and the moon was bright, there was plenty of light to practise by. The young man climbed up to the highest diving board and as he turned his back to the pool on the edge of the board and extended his arms out, he saw his shadow on the wall. The shadow of his body was in the shape of a cross. Instead of diving, he knelt down and asked God to come into his life. As the young man stood, a maintenance man walked in and turned the lights on. The pool had been drained for repairs.

FREE CREAM TEAS!



On Tuesday 4th June, as part of our anniversary celebrations and instead of our normal meeting, we are holding a Cream Tea in the Moore Hall at 2:30 pm, to which everyone is cordially invited. Gentlemen will be made especially welcome! There is no charge, but there will be a draw and a retiring collection, and the proceeds of both will go to Air Ambulance in the South West, our new MWiB District Project. Tony Cannon, a representative from Devon Air Ambulance, will be there to tell us more about their excellent work. Please come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of fellowship and home made goodies. We look forward to seeing you – please feel free to bring your friends!

Sunday 9th June at 10:30 am is our MWiB Anniversary Service. The Preacher will be our MWiB District President, Mrs Di Smart. This is the weekend when we will also be celebrating Elburton's 150th Anniversary in flowers and display of memorabilia, so there will be a lot of interesting things to see as well. contact Carol Batchelor (491962)

Devon cream is possibly a little thicker than Cornish Cream which could be the reason why Devon people put it on the scone first to anchor the jam. Cornish people are supposed to put the cream on top of the jam. It is a matter of culture and habit for some; life and death for others! Let's hope there are no wars here on the 4th June!

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Action for Children 150th Anniversary Concert Central Hall on Saturday 13th July 7.30pm

Compered by Darren Middleton
who will also be singing alongside his wife Ann.

The La La Choir will be taking part plus Organ Recitals by the talented Paul Whitell and also Mark Jenner. Both are amazing!! Please make a note of this in your diaries.

Action for Children needs your support!



Tickets £8 / £5 for children are available
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LEE ABBEY- LYNTON

Church Weekend away at LEE ABBEY, LYNTON, North Devon.

Date: From 1st May 2020 arriving after 3pm until 3rd May 2020 leaving at 2.30pm

Theme: Pilgrims: The Adventure of Journeying with God.

There are 50 places available for those who would like to attend what promises to be a great weekend at Lee Abbey. The staff at Lee Abbey will help facilitate the weekend and provide activities for children and teenagers. If you want to take a look at what Lee Abbey has to offer take a look at their website

leeabbeydevon.org.uk

So as to encourage younger families and thanks to some generous gifts, there are places available for families at the rate of £100 per family. If there is anyone else who might find the prices listed below an issue, please speak to either Bob Faulkner or Revd Simon Leigh in the strictest confidence and I am sure the matter will be resolved. And now the prices: 2 adults and 2 children on a subsidised rate = £100.

En suite room = £178 per person for the weekend.

Other rooms = £151 per person for the weekend.

There are 18 single, 15 double and 16 twin rooms.

There may be another party at Lee Abbey that weekend, hence only 50 places available.

There are no extra costs all prices are inclusive of all meals and activities.

I shall need to confirm the booking by the 20th June 2019. If you wish to attend please contact Revd Simon Leigh on 01752 335773 or email revdsimonleigh24@sky.com before the 20th June 2019.

Every blessing,

Simon



FRANK BELLAMY

I got to know Frank when Brixton Methodist Church closed, the minister asked if I would host a house group, to keep a Methodist presence in the village. Hilary Marlow ran the group for a few years, when she left I took over, I was very reluctant to do this as I don't know any more than the next person. Frank told me I could do it, so I said I would as long as he was there as my mentor.

We did this for many years, and in all that time Frank was there watching my back. Yes he did put us on the right path, but never took the meeting over, we had a super group who enjoyed meeting and learning together. I was also Frank and Hazel's Pastoral Visitor,

they were super times, Gerald and I had great conversations with them. Every time I spoke to Frank whether on the phone or face to face, he would always say, "I am blessed I have so much I am blessed, I have a loving family who care for me, what more could I want". He was a joy to be with never complaining. Frank was a true soldier of Christ, and I can picture him now sitting on a cloud asking his Lord lots of questions and having great discussions. He has certainly earned his place in Heaven.

Janice Pope



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Meet and Eat

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20th June**

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The advertisement includes a photograph of a large, modern care home building with a palm tree in the foreground. It also features a circular inset image showing a group of people and another inset image showing hands being held together. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the main headline at the top and contact information at the bottom.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & STRAWBERRY TEA

April 28th was the date set aside to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church as near to the actual date as possible. The service, at 5pm was led by Simon Leigh. We were also given an enactment by Brenda Youngs and Tracey Yelland of the work they had done with children of Elburton School at an assembly. The theme was "Elburton now and in 1869." Tracey, fetchingly dressed in an 1869 outfit and Brenda discussed the differences that had occurred in the life of Elburton in the church's 150 years.

Before the service a Strawberry Tea had been arranged. Sixty friends sat down to strawberries, scones, jam and cream and tea or coffee. A special addition was the beautiful 16 inch iced fruit cake lovingly made and donated by Rosemary Lee, which was decorated with ribbon and fresh flowers by Liz Coleman. Grateful thanks must go to all who gave of their time to arrange the occasion and those who generously donated in many ways to the event (a £10 gift card to use in the store was donated by Sainsbury's, the company also celebrates it's 150th anniversary this year). How lovely it was to see Ann Hunt amongst us! After all at the tea had been given a piece of the cake, it was cut and wrapped into individual pieces and distributed to groups within the church - another successful event in our anniversary year.

THANK YOU

"To all my friends at Elburton Methodist Church, I would like to say a very big "thank you" for the kindnesses shown to me on the afternoon of the 150th Anniversary. What a great day that was! I really felt I was 'coming home' and it was such a joy to be among you and meet with friends I had not seen for so long as well as my stalwarts who are so supportive. The service uplifted me in a wonderful way . You truly are a beacon in the community. God bless you all!"

Ann

Prayer Page by Rev'd David Youngs

9th Pentecost & Methodist Homes Sunday: May the Spirit work in us all today and inspire us to communicate in different ways. Help us to embrace non verbal communication. May the Lord continue to guide us as we continue to spread the Good News to everyone.

11th Barnabas, Apostle: We thank you, Father, for dedicated men and women who like Barnabas have offered their goods and gifts to your service, and their companionship to your servants. Help us to follow their pattern of their selfless devotion and loyal friendship, and so to further the cause of your kingdom; for the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Basil Naylor

16th Trinity Sunday: Blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be to your glorious name, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all people, all creation, for ever and ever.

After Lancelot Andrewes

17th Refugees Week: We remember before you, O God, the multitudes of refugees throughout the world, and all who are without homes and without hope. Show yourself to them in your great compassion; save them from despair and bitterness of spirit; and graciously bless all that is being done for their present relief and their future security; for the sake of Him who had nowhere to lay His head, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

24th Birth of John the Baptist: By your power, Sovereign Lord, John the Baptist was born into the world as forerunner of the promised Messiah. Help us to heed his message of repentance and amendment of life, and to follow his example of boldness and self-denial; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

27th & 28th Presbyteral Session of the Methodist Conference: Be with all your Presbyters represented in this session, for those waiting to be ordained and those waiting to have their new circuits to be confirmed.

29th Peter, Apostle: We praise you, Lord Christ, for your apostle Simon Peter, the man of rock: for his bold confession of your name; for his courageous leadership of the apostolic church; for his abounding zeal in your service; for his love and loyalty to you, his Lord. Give us the same rock-like qualities of faith, courage and devotion in your service, and keep us steadfast to the end, for the honour of your great name.

Frank Colquhoun

Representative Session of Conference begins: Bless our new President and Vice-President of Conference as their work begins. May your Spirit flow through them in all that they do in this new year of office. We pray for the work of Conference that your will be done through the work of Conference and your kingdom grow as a result of this work.

A NOTE FROM A PROOF READER

When last I wrote I told you of a resident coming in while I was proof reading Share a Prayer and how she listened to some of the prayers and went off without saying anything. Sadly she passed away suddenly on Saturday and I cannot help but believe she was at peace and that the prayers played a part. Who knows what God has a purpose for - worth all your hard work!

God bless!

Ann

PENTECOST

Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Autumn. According to the Old Testament, you would go to the day of the celebration of Firstfruits, and beginning with that day, you would count off 50 days. The fiftieth day would be the Day of Pentecost. So Firstfruits is the beginning of the barley harvest and Pentecost the celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest. Since it was always 50 days after Firstfruits, and since 50 days equals seven weeks (?) it always came a "week of weeks" later. Therefore, they either called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks.

The account in Acts 2 reports that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit "*filled the whole house where they were sitting*". "*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them*". This strange occurrence drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ. The Church grew by 3,000 people. This is why Christians still celebrate Pentecost.

MEMORIES FROM BARBARA

I first went to Elburton Methodist in 1947 for a piano lesson with Mr Salter, the organist who also taught piano. When we moved to Elburton in 1951, my Grandad who was blind after an accident at Moore's quarry, asked me to take him to the morning service at the chapel, which I did. When I first went, the main door was to the left, where the fire exit is now and at the top in the centre was the organ with a screen in front of it.

In 1951 we entered via a gate to the door in its present position, the entrance was as it is now. The vestry was on the left. In the church, an aisle was on each side of benches in the middle facing the organ. The choir seats were at the right of the organ. There was a pulpit on the left hand side.

I attended morning and evening services and afternoon Sunday School.

Barbara



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Friday 7th June from 10am to 4pm

Saturday 8th June from 10am to 4pm

Sunday 9th June from 10.30am to 4pm

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If you don't want to get 'Messy', we'd still like to see you for a cuppa and a chat.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Julia and the Messy Team

June Dinner and Jenny Weymouth

It has been a blessing to my sister, Jenny and myself to have been a part of Elburton Methodist for 80 years. We were actually Christened at St Matthews at the insistence of our maternal grandmother. It must have been a great sadness to our mother who had been a part of Elburton Methodist and a choir member from the 1920's.

Our earliest recollections are of the war years when the church opened its doors to provide a canteen for servicemen and offer a quiet place to write letters. Our mother was one of a team of ladies who entertained the men (in the nicest possible way!) We recall summer evenings swimming at Brixton Tor and enjoying the sing-alongs with a guitar playing soldier.

In the early days we attended Sunday School in the afternoons. Each child was given a card on entering and these were stamped with a gold star by Miss Frances Moore, the number of stars at the end of the year determined whether you were eligible for a prize at the annual prize-giving. We remember Sunday School outings, catching a train from Elburton station to Yealmton where we played games in a field and enjoyed an alfresco tea party. (It never rained!). On the return journey each child was presented with a 'goodie bag' before boarding the train.

We became Sunday School teachers in the 1950's. This is where I met Clive who was a Sunday School teacher, before his National Service, and we married in 1958. Jenny and I retired in the 1980's and then, like our parents, held various offices over the years, richly blessed by the fellowship at Elburton.

Oreston Methodist Church



SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.30 am

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Oreston Sew Knit & Natter

The group meets every Monday from 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the Church Hall. Craft activities of many types take place and all are welcome to attend.



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THE INTERCHURCH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The interchurch Bible Study Group now meets only once a month at Pomphlett on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am and it is led by the Rev'd Andy Day - all are welcome.

Oreston, Sew, Knit and Natter Group -

An afternoon with Kevin Warley on Monday, 29th April, was well attended and £70 was raised for St. Luke's Hospice after which everyone enjoyed home made scones and clotted cream with jam. Kevin gave a very interesting illustrated talk on the history of the village of Oreston.



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June 2nd	Mr Nigel Norris	
June 9th	Rev'd Andrew Day	SACRAMENT
June 16th	Local Arrangement	
June 23rd	Mrs Alfreda Rogers	
June 30th	Local Arrangement	



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Saturday
June 15th

Teas Coffees from 9 am

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It would be great to meet you and share a cuppa with you. The Pomphlett Church Welcome is legendary. Come and experience it with like minded people.

GOD'S HELP IS ONLY
A PRAYER AWAY.



Tea Dance Dates in June

3rd & 17th

Starting at 2pm



Friday

June 28th @ 10 am

We start with a cuppa, chat, Bible Study and prayers led by our Minister Rev'd Andrew Day



Welcome to Family Worship

Sundays @ 9.30 am

Experience the Pomphlett Welcome

**Please pop in for a cuppa
After the service at about 10.30 am**

*Permission has been obtained from Parents, Guardians and individuals
for images and names to be published in The Link*

Our Easter Bonnet Competition winners

Casey best Childrens' Bonnet

Margaret best Adults' Bonnet



Below is our Adult competition winner Margaret and just two of our other entrants to the competition, Marion and Margaret (yes another Margaret). Thank you to one and all. Your entry fee helped us swell the total for Shelterbox.





Fathers Day

Worship Service

Sunday June 16th

Starts at 9.30 am

Our café style worship time today will be a relaxed celebration of Fathers.

Come and enjoy a cuppa and a bun and give thanks to God for our Dads.



Pomphlett Methodist Church Friendship Group

June 5th & 19th

A time for Ladies and Gentlemen with interesting speakers and various other activities.

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The Church in a House



Dear Friends at Gateway

On Bank Holiday Monday we drove to Ivybridge, parked the car for £2.10 and caught the Gold bus to Torquay. To our amazement the bus was not full neither did Torquay seem to have lots of people. We had our lunch as usual at the top of a department store where you get a wonderful view of the harbour and the sea. We had three-quarters of an hour before the bus left (only one an hour on Bank holidays!) so we ventured up the street and climbed the stairs of Fleet View and looked in some of the shops there before catching the bus back to Ivybridge and took the car home. Not a drop of rain and a wonderful five and three-quarter hours together which doesn't happen that often!!

I was sorry to hear that we couldn't meet two days' later because of road works and look forward to catching up with you all the following week.

This month sees the anniversary of the Christian church nearly two thousand years' ago with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost or what our parents used to call Whitsun. You will remember that Peter and the disciples including Matthias who made up the number of them to twelve were gathered together in one place. All of a sudden there was the sound of a rushing wind within that place and each of those men were anointed by the Holy Spirit so that they spoke in languages that those outside could understand!

Of course the outsiders thought these men were drunk, but Peter stood and repudiated that through reminding them that it was too early in the day, namely morning, for them to be drunk.

He then quotes Joel who prophesied that God would pour out His Spirit on every kind of person young and old and they would see wonders in the sky and signs on the earth below and every one who calls out for help in the name of the Lord would be saved.

This month we remember the birthdays of Helen Nicholson on the 9th and Marian Barnett on the 17th. Happy birthdays, Helen and Marian!

With love and blessings from your brother in Christ,
DAVID



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Excuse me!" a middle-aged woman in a pink cardigan approached the vicar of St Bartholomew.

"Yes!" the vicar turned to see who was accosting him.

"You are the vicar here, aren't you?" she began.

"Yes, I am." the vicar confirmed.

"I want you to sort out my daughter." she continued aggressively.

"Pardon?" the man was mystified.

"My daughter. She's behaving like a..... I can't say it in front of you. She's sleeping around with half the town. It's got to be stopped."

"How old is your daughter?"

"Nineteen".

"And you want me to... what?"

"Sort her out. Tell her off! Tell her she's doing wrong. That is your job, isn't it?" the angry woman challenged.

"No, I think not! I'm a clergyman. You seem to be looking for a parent figure, or a policeman, or something."

"You're the one who's supposed to tell us what we can and can't do, aren't you?" the woman continued in her confrontational manner.

"No. I'm not!" the vicar protested.

"Excuse me? That's what all clergymen are for! You tell us what to do - and what not to do, we obey, and we get to heaven. That's how it works."

"It's certainly not how I work."

"So what do you think your job is, then?" she almost spat at him.

"I try my best to live and to preach the gospel," confessed the vicar.

"And what, exactly, does that mean?" again the challenging voice.

"I lead the worship of God. I am Christ's representative to the people who live here - I try to show people what I think God wants them to do."

"..and also what he doesn't want them to do! So if you'd just talk to my daughter...," the woman added triumphantly.

"I will not tell your daughter how to behave! That's your job - if it's anyone's, now she's nineteen and an adult!"

"She won't listen to me - but she might listen to you."

"Don't judge each other." That's what the Bible tells us."

"Jesus said 'If your brother wrongs you, reprove him.' That's judging him, isn't it?" the woman argued.

"No. It isn't. Knowing that you personally have been wronged or hurt, isn't the same as judging what's going on between other people." he paused, then continued, "You know, I've found that you have to

walk at least five miles in another person's shoes before you can begin to understand them."

The woman protested, "You want me to walk in her shoes! You're telling me I've got to behave like her before I can tell her it's wrong?"

"No of course I'm not. But if you put yourself in her place, it would help you to understand why she does what she does. Maybe she desperately needs to be wanted and loved, and she doesn't know any other way she can get it."

"Absolute nonsense!" the woman fumed. "Ever since she was born we've both worked full time so we could give her anything she wanted - and it's always been the best - not rubbish!" she changed her tone. "Look! The priest down the road would tell her she's sinning. Why won't you?"

"How can any of us see the sawdust in her eye, when we have lumps of wood in our own? Look at the model that Jesus gave us. He said "Let the person who is without sin throw the first stone."

"I don't want her stoned - I want her told by a man of the cloth that what she's doing is wrong! Is that so much to ask? St Paul would have done it!"

"St Paul often condemned sin, but he didn't judge the sinner. In fact he said "When you judge others, you condemn yourselves."

"So your idea is to let people do as they like! And you call yourself a minister? That's some job you've got there - you only work one day a week, and you won't even do that properly!"

"That's your opinion." the vicar replied huffily. "For the record, I am not happy to watch people sin. If I see what I think is sin: people hurting each other and hurting God, I am prepared to discuss with them my understanding of how God wants us to behave, but I do this in humility, recognising that I too, am a sinner. I will not judge them. That is God's job, and his alone."

The woman sensed she had seen a weakness. "You aren't even sure you're right, are you? What happened to the good old days when a thing was right or it was wrong and everyone knew it? What happened to the old-fashioned hell-fire sermons where preachers told you clearly you were wrong, when they named and shamed sinners, and threatened them with damnation if they continued to do it?"

"They're gone, thank God. That kind of arrogant, self-righteous, power trip, was far away from how Jesus would have done things. Look how he dealt with the woman caught in adultery. He didn't tell her she was wrong. He didn't need to. What he said was, "Go, and sin no more."

"So, you won't tell people how to behave?"

"It's my job to make sure they know what God wants, but we are all thinking people - the decision is theirs and I will not judge them. Neither should you. That's between them and God."

"And people wonder why the churches are closing down. With clergymen like you..." shaking her head, the woman flounced away.

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Joan Marsh

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