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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

What does a good person do when the world seems to have gone mad? Izaak Walton asked the same question and is reputed to have replied, "Behold, I goeth a fishing." And he did, even writing his experiences in a work entitled "The Compleat Angler".

However, that is not all he did. A devout Churchman he prayed while he fished. A window at Winchester Cathedral, in the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist and the Fisherman Apostles, shows Walton sitting on the bank, his fishing rod next to him, and reading his Prayerbook. A good person, in a time of turmoil, returns to that most efficient use of time, prayer.

Walton, indeed, may have found this in the Epistle of Jude our topic from this week's Bible Study. In the Epistle the question is raised about what we are to do in times of turmoil, either personally or communally, and the author responds that we are to, "build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus

The Good News

July 12, 2019



Theology Uncorked

Our monthly discussion will resume on July 14th at 6PM. Weather permitting we will meet outside. Our topic will be to determine topics for the remainder of the year and whatever else bubbles up to discuss.

All are invited to come share and learn together.

Evensong

Is held each week at 5:30PM on Sunday. If you cannot make it to Sunday morning services Evensong is a great way to end the weekend and prayerfully prepare for the new week.

Midweek Activities

Midweek services and Bible study have resumed. Topic for this session is "Banned Books of the Bible".

MLT

The MLT will have its monthly meeting on 7/21 at 6PM. MLT meetings are open to all who wish to attend and hear the discussions and updates.

Outreach Opportunities

Items of the Month

During the months of May and June [AND CONTINUING IN THE MONTH OF JULY] the Outreach Committee will be collecting items for St. Vincent dePaul food pantry. St. Vincent's provides assistance to the homeless and working poor of our communities. We at St. Matthew's can actively help by contributing items like those listed here:

Christ that leads to eternal life." (Jude 1:20-21 NRS)

Everything else we are to be and do as Christians in the world is dependent on our life of prayer, in the love of God, and in the hope we have in Christ.

So, if you don't mind, I will join Izaak Walton for a bit, and ask that you come with us.

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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield

canned vegetables
peanut butter
tuna fish, and other canned meats
rice and cereals, especially cereals individually
wrapped in packets
beans, both dry and canned
water and fruit juice
baby diapers and baby wipes

Contributions may be placed in baskets in the narthex or the hall.

Thank you from volunteers at the pantry, as they are very grateful.

Joyful Welcome

The St. Matthew's family, along with Libby, Corey, and Theron Tutewiler welcome Ali Grove Tutewiler, who was born on June 20th.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

14-July 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Ann Sokan

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Valerie & Shelley Carter

21-July 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: Emily Lavikoff

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.: Shelley Carter & Bob Kohlhasse
Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis
Coffee Hour: Congregational Youth

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of July 14

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-Theology Uncorked

Monday-5:00 p.m.-WMFY Classes

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

Wednesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Zumba

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Readings for July 14, 2019

Hymns: #

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may

hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *

and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *

for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *

and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and

Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in

Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ

Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of

the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope

before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you.

Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it

has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you

heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you

learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a

faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made

known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased

praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the

knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and

understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord,

fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Birthdays & Anniversaries July 14 - 20

Anniversaries

Linda & Craig Baughan

Birthdays

John Gibson

Tori Roberson

Doug Dyson

Rose Adams

Valarie Jones

Dedications for this week:

The Memorial candle is lit in loving memory of

Phyllis J. Feaster

by her sons Kurt, Karl, Marc, and Morris

Collect for 5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 14th

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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