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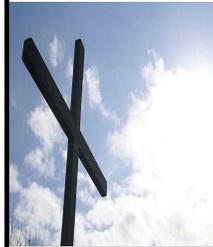
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Rev Joan distributing Simnel cake

During Mothering day service

From Rev. Joan

St Luke's has had a very busy start to the year. It is exciting to see the unfolding of our mission action plan as we work toward our vision: St Luke's will be an open community of faith which engages with the community and inspires and encourages people to know Jesus Christ. I sincerely believe God is blessing us as we follow this new path and commit to the work given us here in Modbury. For those who don't know, we are developing a community garden and working to make the garden and op shop a community precinct where people can enjoy nature's garden, find hospitality and make friends. It's an ambitious project, but with many affirmations along the way we are making it happen.

Firstly we were given the gift of the garden beds, pavers, shade and accessories by Anglicare at Elizabeth East as it moved site. Next, we were successful in gaining an Anglicare – Parish Community Engagement Fund of \$5000. Other grant applications are in progress. Have a look around outside and see the progress already made. I hope you will support the garden and op shop and tell everyone about it. This initiative will rely on the involvement of people from the community. It is for the community and for St Luke's, blessed by our God. Please keep praying for the garden, that it may bear real fruit.

The second priority of our mission action plan is the delivery of the Pilgrim Christian education course. Pilgrim is a resource from the Church of England. It is an intelligently designed series of short courses intended to connect or reconnect people with the essential elements of being an Anglican Christian. Four groups have been running through Lent, focussed on 'Turning to Christ.' The first question asked in baptism is, 'Do you turn to Christ?' This course has examined the question of the Bible texts, and have reflected on their meaning in relation to our life journey. Another Pilgrim short course will be offered after Easter. Will you join a group?

St Luke's doesn't have many young people at present, but those we have were treated to a great day at the Fringe in March. We spent the day in the Garden of Unearthly Delights, enjoying a carnival ride, nice lunch, fairy floss, and had henna tattoos before moving to Gluttony to take in an acrobatic show called By a Thread. The show was fantastic – ask Antony, Reshal, Jhanelle and Summer what they thought about it.

Easter is almost upon us and we will journey with Jesus through his final week, remembering the paradoxically triumphant entry into Jerusalem flanked with palms, his giving of the Last Supper, betrayal, condemnation, suffering and crucifixion. Finally on Easter morning we celebrate that Christ is risen, that death has no dominion and God's will be done. Come and celebrate together this most profound and wonderful time in the Christian year.

May God be with you, bless, uphold and strengthen you and those whom you love and care.

Rev'd Joan





NURSING HOME VISITATION

A group of ladies from St Lukes visit Nursing homes in our area and Engage with the residents doing hanmdcraft and other entertainment. Shown is some of the floral work done by the ladies.
Contact June Hindmarch for more information.

Knitted Blankets

There is always a demand for knitted blankets and we are now sending ours to The Quickest Warmth Project. The squares are knitted in 8 ply wool, size 4.00 (10) needle, cast on 40 stitches and garter stitch approximately 66 rows so that the square measures about 8" x 8" (20.5 cms x 20.5 cms). The squares go to Yvonne Brumley who sews the squares together, does a crochet edging round the blanket and then puts on a material backing. Blankets are sent out to Anglicare, Aboriginal Health, Dept. of Child Protection and other agencies seeking assistance – including help for the homeless and for families dealing with domestic violence.





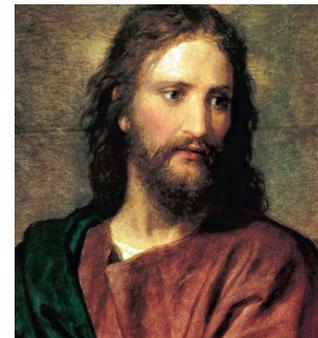
David Datson showing off the Community Garden project that is being built along side
The Op Shop.

Thanks to the offer of equipment from Anglicare at Elizabeth. The Garden tubs have gradually
Been transported to the Modbury site by David and his volunteer crew. Eventually the tubs will be planted with
Many varieties of plants, including vegetables, flowers and other trees and shrubs.
Eventually the community will be offered the opportunity to participate in the project for their
Own benefit and for the benefit of the Op Shop.

PILGRIM JOURNEYS

Four groups of Parishoners have participated in Pilgrim Journeys over 6 weeks. The 1st group was led by Rev Joan on Monday evenings at the Church. On Tuesday afternoons, Dot Possingham hosted another group. Tuesday evenings. Colin Fidock led the group at Danni and Collins home. The final group was led by June Hindmarch in the Balcony room.

About 30 people attended the sessions and have learned a lot about what the Christian Faith is all about. Some interesting things were learned. No doubt there will be other sessions later on.



Waiting for God

Easter Saturday the nothing day
As we wait for
Resurrection
I feel that helplessness
Of the first disciples
There is no obvious resurrection
Only hope

AS the Sunlight hits my shoulder
And the birds sing their chorus in God's Cathedral
As the dog joyfully leaps about
through the grass, sniffing and exploring
he same old places, like they were new

Though I felt that desolation
Which was like a thick blanket weighting down my soul
I knew some how, Hope was abide

Easter The Resurrection
cannot come fast enough for me
Though wait I must
Just wait and hope

Amen

Helen Brown

IT DOESN'T MATTER

Honesty and sincerity make you vulnerable - It doesn't matter, be frank and honest.

That which you have constructed in a year is destroyed in a moment - It doesn't matter, construct.

The man is unreasonable, illogical and egocentric -It doesn't matter, Love him.

If you do good, then attribute it to your ego-It doesn't matter, do the good.

If you realise your objectives, you find that you have false friends and true enemies-It doesn't matter, realise them.

The good you do today is forgotten tomorrow-It doesn't matter, do the good.

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If you help the people, they resent it - It doesn't matter, help them.

You give the world the best of yourself and find that you receive a kick - It doesn't matter, give the best of yourself.



Mother Teresa.

Contributed by Helen Wright

EASTER SERVICES 2019

Maundy Thursday, 18th April 6pm Passover meal

7.30 Eucharist

Good Friday, 19th April. 9am Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Day, 20th April. 6am Dawn Eucharist and lighting of the Pascal Candle followed by bacon and egg breakfast
am Sung Eucharist.

