

Newsletter 14th August 2019

Dear Friends

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

This week we started a new series at the Midweek Eucharist of looking at the letters of St. John to the early church. These writings are very helpful and interesting. We first meet John, brother of James, in the gospel narratives. He is described as a young man and later we meet him as an old man contained on the Greek island of Patmos. In the gospels, John is the one to whom it is referred as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” and “the one whom reclined on Jesus chest.” This imagery is rich and is rooted in relationship rather than activity. To know that we are loved by God and that we can begin to hear his heartbeat is an amazing place to be in our spiritual journey. It is perhaps for this reason that the focus of John’s writing is that we should “love one another.”

Indeed, Jesus said “the world will know they are my disciples by the love they have for one another”. The hallmark of our faith is our actions and particularly our relationships. Perhaps this is why there is the line in Jesus’ teaching: “love your neighbour as yourself”. Next year we will be installing a lead love gutter on the western wall of the Church porch with the words “LOVE ONE ANOTHER” on it to remind all about the importance of this aspect of the Christian gospel.

FAMILY NEWS

We welcome Ella du Jardin into the Church this Sunday as she is baptised. We prayer for her parents Darren and Alex and her big sister Ophelia.

We prayer for Beryl Lovell who is in hospital and recovering well. Others we pray for with respect of health and wellbeing are Paul Baudains, John Sarre and Christine Siviter.

Graham Kendrick Visit - Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th September. All at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. start. More details on church website.

NEXT WEEK’S SERVICES - 8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 a.m. BCP Holy Communion

10 a.m. Family Service - "I lift up my eyes to the hills...." Psalm 91.

There is no 3rd Sunday evensong this month but we will resume our 3rd Sunday Sung Evensong in September at 6 p.m.

With love and prayers

Adrian and Myfanwy