



Sunday 22 May 2022
@ PPT Bovey Tracey & St Mary's Hennock



The vicar writes:

The Governor of the Bank of England said this week that we face 'apocalyptic' price rises: already many are struggling to pay their bills. So this week's challenge from James 2.16 is very timely.

"Faith' that says, "'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,'" without giving people the things needed for the body, what good² is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."(Jas 2.16).

So how should we be responding? First of all we should pray for wisdom, and for courage to put our faith into action. This coming Thursday 26 May is Ascension, when we celebrate that Jesus is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings. We will be holding a Prayer Breakfast (open to all) at 7am in the PPT church room, and a Communion service at 7.30pm in St Mary's Hennock. The days before Pentecost are a time for praying that God's kingdom would come and that the Holy Spirit would renew and revive the church in her mission. Watch out for further details next week.

yours in Christ
Graham

What's on this week

22 Sun

Sixth Sunday of Easter:

9.30am
11.00am
5.00pm
7.00pm

bible readings: Genesis 15.1-6, James 2.14-26
Lord's Supper: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
Prayer & Praise: Mr Jack Knightly
14-18s in the Church Room

St Mary's
11.00am

Bible Readings: James 2 1-13, Luke 18.15-17
Rogation service: Rev Graham Hamilton
followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting & lunch

23 Mon

9.00am
11,30am
6.30pm

Morning prayer on Zoom
Funeral of Wendy Harrison in church
Wise Guys (11-14s) at Youth Café

24 Tue

9.30am

Mums' bible study in the church room

25 Wed

10.00am
7.00pm

Communion service: Rev David Harris
Midweek Prayer Group (on Zoom- see notes)

26 Thu

7.00am
7.30pm

Ascension Day
Ascension Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
Holy Communion at St Mary's Hennock:

27 Fri

9.00am
7.00pm

Morning prayer on Zoom
Hope Explored course in the church room

28 Sat

9.00am

Morning prayer on Zoom

29 Sun

Sunday after Ascension: Words, words!
bible readings: James 3 1-18, Luke 24.36-end

PPT

9.30am
11.00am

Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

5.00pm Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
7.00pm 14-18s in the Church Room

St Mary's Bible Readings: Genesis 15.1-6, James 2.14-26
11.00am Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock

The 9.30am service is usually streamed to Youtube You can join prayers on Zoom at: [https://zoom.us/j/98621308247?](https://zoom.us/j/98621308247?pwd=RGRoR2RXK3hac1lWQnJKL0gwbmXmdz09)
[pwd=RGRoR2RXK3hac1lWQnJKL0gwbmXmdz09](https://zoom.us/j/98621308247?pwd=RGRoR2RXK3hac1lWQnJKL0gwbmXmdz09)
Meeting ID: 986 2130 8247: Passcode: 102020

Notices

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Platinum Jubilee: PPT is hosting a Flower Festival for the Jubilee from Thu 2 to Sun 5 June. Volunteers are needed for marshalling and serving refreshments- please contact Sue Nickels(sue.nickels@hotmail.com 01626 830308) to discuss or sign up at the back of church.

Hope Explored: There are few emotions more powerful than hope. But these days, hope often feels hard to come by. Where can we find a hope that won't disappoint us? **Hope Explored** looks at the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in Luke's Gospel. The course starts on Friday 20 May in the Church Room.

The funeral of Wendy Harrison will be held at PPT On Monday 23 May at 11.30am. **Our Mission focus** for May is Thika Diocese. You can give by cash or contactless on Sunday, or to the church account (mention Thika in the reference).

Domestic Abuse: caring well for the oppressed. A conference led by Helen Thorne of Biblical Counselling UK at Beacon Heath Church, Exeter, EX4 9BE on Saturday 18th June 9.30am-2.15pm. Tickets £6 from bryony.byrom@gmail.com

Farewell to Sally & Ruth: Sally Simmons and Ruth Flynn are moving away from Bovey Tracey. Please sign the farewell cards in church on Sunday.

Collect for Sixth Sunday of Easter:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer List: Sick: Mary Bambridge, Felicity Bolton, Juliet Borowiec, Nina Colby-Clark, Christine Downing, Belinda Groom, Hans Hodes, Caroline Limb, Noah Maynard, Mathew Percy, Helen Robert, Michelle Sadd, Theresa Samuels, Carola Saunders

In memory. Wendy Harrison, Ann Moon, Gordon Haigh

<p>Mon 23 May: Ps 65, Numbers 16.1-35 Pray for the family of Wendy Harrison and give thanks for her faith as her funeral is held today.</p>
<p>Tue 24 May: Ps 124-127, Numbers 16.36-end (Rogation Day) Pray that the war in Ukraine may end and not escalate or spread to other countries. Pray the work of diplomats behind the scenes, and for the civilians caught in the crossfire.</p>
<p>Wed 25 May Ps 132, Numbers 17.1-11 Give thanks for the Anglican Church in Kenya, for Bishop in Kame and for our link with St Peter's Kame to be strengthened and restored</p>
<p>Thu 26 May Ascension Day: Ps 47, Acts 1.1-11 Give thanks that Jesus is risen from the dead and reigns over all things. Pray that all may come to know his peaceable rule through hearing the gospel, believing and repenting.</p>
<p>Fri 27 May: Ps 81, Exodus 35.30-36.1 Pray for the Hope Explored Course to help people find faith and hope through Jesus.</p>
<p>Sat 28 May: Ps 21, Numbers 21.4-9 Pray for the church to find ways to demonstrate the love of God in acts of service to those most in need in our community</p>
<p>Sun 29 May: 6th of Easter: Ps 97, Acts 16. Pray for ministers to be called and equipped to teach and encourage God's people and equip them for fruitful and faithful service</p>

Discussion Questions:

Icebreaker: How are you and your family feeling the impact of the economic crisis?

Read James 2.14-26. What is the clear and repeated message of this passage?
(v.14, 17, 20, 26)

James presses his point home forcefully by arguing with an imaginary and foolish church member (this is a rhetorical style called a diatribe).

What does this individual ('one of you' v 16 believe, and what does he do?

What do demons believe (v.19) and what do they do about it?

v.18 is very confusing! The quotation marks have been added to distinguish the objector's words from James' reply. Does the objector think that faith and works can be separate, like different spiritual gifts, which some have and some don't?

James uses two biblical characters to prove his point.

read Joshua 2.1-24. How did Rahab put her faith to action? Would she have acted this way without faith?

In talking about Abraham, James refers to two key passages in Genesis. Read Genesis 15.1-6: Abraham asks God what has happened to God's promise in Gen 12, and God repeats the promise with more detail. How does Abraham respond, and how does God look on Abraham as a result?

Read Gen 22.1-12: Abraham obeys God's strange command to sacrifice Isaac, and God's angel stops him at the last minute. What does God now 'know' about Abraham?

How would you answer someone worried that James 2.24 seems to contradict Romans 3.28? What was the problem ('works of the law') that Paul was addressing in Romans and Galatians? What is the problem that James is addressing?

Application: how should we be preparing to help people 'be warmed and filled' as the economic crisis deepens?

Pray for those in need, and for the local church to put its faith into action.

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