



Dear friends,

As I write, the ballot papers for choosing the next Prime Minister are being dispatched to Conservative party members. We have witnessed the two candidates promoting their vision for the role and seeking to 'sell' themselves to a very small electorate. Saying things which do not go down well with those you are trying to win over can lead to a hasty Uturn!

When Jesus called people to follow him, he did not attempt to dress-up his message in attractive or appealing terms. As we would say today, he laid it on the line. 'Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple' (Luke 14:33). His demands were unequivocal. Not surprisingly, many fell away from following him when they realised the full cost. But those who took up the challenge and followed him along the road, discovered both the joy and the pain of discipleship.

The same certainly applies today. In a post-Christian and very secular society, to call yourself a Christian can invite at best indifference, at worst scorn and ridicule. That is all part of the cross-carrying to which Jesus refers in this Sunday's bible reading. But the way of the cross leads ultimately to the glory of resurrection and life in all its fullness.

Yours in Christ, Paul.

What's on this week AUGUST

7 Sun		Eighth after Trinity: Profit and Loss	
		bible readings: Philippians 3.4-11, Luke 14.25-33	
PPT	9.30am	Sunday Praise (Lord's Supper): Rev Paul	
		Reynolds	
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Rev Paul Reynolds	
	6.30pm	14-18s - Mill Marsh park Contact Angie	
		for details	
St Mary's		Bible Readings: Proverbs 23.1-9, Luke 14.1-24	
·	11.00am	Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom	
8 Mon	6.30pm	Wise Guys (11-14's) PPT Church Rooms. Contact	
		Angie for details of Summer Programme.	
10 Wed	11.00am.	Funeral of Pat Savage-Jones at St Mary's, Hennock	
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14 Sun		Ninth after Trinity: Lost and Found	
тла	0.20 am	Bible Readings: 1 Tim 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10	
PPT	9.30am	Sunday praise: Mrs Carolyn Laycock	
	11.00am	Morning prayer: Mrs Carolyn Laycock	
Ot Man de	6.30pm	14-18's. Contact Angie for details.	
St Mary's	11.00am.	Bible Readings: Philippians 3.4-11 Luke 14.25-33	
		Morning Worship: Rev Paul Reynolds	

Notices

New to PPT? We email this bulletin every week (with <u>working hyper-links</u>) to the members of the Church Family Roll. If you would like to receive this, to join the electoral roll, or find out more what it means to be part of the church family, then please complete a "Connect" card in church, or email <u>office@pptbovey.church</u>

Ukrainian Refugee Family Holiday at Heatree.

In conjunction with St Matt's Church, Exeter, Heatree is running a holiday for Ukrainian refugee families from Aug 20-24th. They need volunteers please, to help with providing meals and also to provide a chaplaincy service. For this role, you need some pastoral experience, and be comfortable supporting people who have experienced trauma. If you feel you could help please contact Steve McIlhenny via email: <u>s.mcilhenny@heatree.org</u>

Peninsular Gospel Partnership course: next course starts on Wed 21 September at St Leonard's Exeter: cost £60 per term. Full details from <u>https://</u> www.stleonards.church/whats-on/courses/pgp-training-course/

HITS: Please keep giving - the gifts are much needed. Current priority needs: **Food:** instant mash potato, instant noodles, pot noodles, instant custard, jars or packets of pasta sauce, small tins of spaghetti, small tins of macaroni cheese, small tins of tomatoes.**Toiletries:** size 5 nappies, shampoo (not conditioner).

Nourish Festival

The organisers of the Nourish festival are looking for volunteers to help with the festival on September 10th. There are lots of different volunteer jobs from Stewarding to helping with exhibitor registration. Register here by Aug 19th to help-

https://form.jotform.com/41906226527960

<u>Nourish Festival Tickets</u> for **Tenebrae** on Sat 10 September are now on sale (<u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nourish-festival-</u>)for £25 (U18 £5):

Collect for 8th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Prayer List:** Mary Bambridge, Theresa Samuels, Juliet Borowiec, Nina Colby-Clark, Christine Downing, Brian and Jenny Huxtable, Caroline Limb, Mathew Percy, David Hopkins(Alison Lewis), Michelle Sadd,

In memory: Rosemary Barker, Pat Savage-Jones, Matthew Evans, Megan Gadd.

Mon 8 Aug: Ps 30, 1 Samuel 14.24-46

Pray for those working in hospitality and tourism, that seasonal visitors to Devon may be welcome and bring a blessing to the area.

Tue 9 Aug: Ps 36, 1 Sam 15.1-23

Pray for industrial relations, that the powerful may not protect their interests at the expense of the weak and vulnerable.

Wed 10 Aug: Ps 34. 1 Sam 16

Pray for the NHS, for the frontline carers, nurses and doctors, and for those who manage resources and plan against future waves of infection. Pray for the family of Pat Savage-Jones whose funeral takes place today at St Mary's, Hennock.

Thu 11 Aug: Ps 37, 1 Sam 17.1-30

Give thanks for the work of the Family Storehouse, and pray that they may be able to support struggling families with resources.

Fri 12 Aug: Ps 31, 1 Sam 17.31-54

Give thanks for the work of the police, courts and prison services, that justice may be seen to be done, and criminals reformed.

Sat 13 Aug: Ps 42, 1 Sam 17.55-18.16

Pray that we may learn to cherish the earth and soil, and act as responsible stewards of the land, sea, air and all its creatures.

Sun 14 Aug: 9th after Trinity: Ps 119.33-48, Jonah 1

Pray for our neighbouring churches to thrive and glorify God. Pray for Mark Godbeer and Bovey Baptist Church.

Icebreaker: What would persuade you to vote for someone seeking election to a political role? What part would self-interest play in it?

Discussion Questions

1. How does Jesus 'persuade' people to follow him? In what ways does he challenge them? (Luke 14:25-27)

2. Is Jesus saying we should 'hate' those nearest and dearest to us? If not, what is he telling us?

3. How should carrying our cross manifest itself in everyday life?

4. What point is Jesus making in the parable in verses 28-30? How does this relate to discipleship?

5. In what way is the second parable in verses 31-32 different to the first? What does it tell us about discipleship?

Application: Have you given up everything you have to follow Jesus? (v.33) What does daily discipleship cost you?

If you need to speak to a member of the clergy while Graham is on Sabbatical, their contact details are shown below. Please contact the church administrator or a church warden for any administrative matter.

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The Hennock bank account is: FOR PCC OF HENNOCK acct no: 01220021 sort code 30-96-06

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