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Time (a bit of a link to today's service)

I went out, Lord. People were coming and going, walking and running.
Everything was rushing: Cars, trucks, the street, the whole town.
People were rushing not to waste time. They were rushing after time,
To catch up with time, to gain time.
Good-bye, excuse me, I haven't time. - I'll come back. I can't wait. I haven't time.
I must end this email--I haven't time. I'd love to help you, but I haven't time.
I can't think, I can't read, I'm swamped, I haven't time.
I'd like to pray, but I haven't time.
You understand, Lord, they simply haven't the time.
The child is playing, they haven't time right now...later on...
The high school student has their homework to do, they haven't time...later on...
The student has their assignments, and so much work...later on...
The young couple have their new house to fix up...they haven't time. ...later on..
Their children come...and then their grandchildren...there isn't time...later on
They are ill, they have their treatments, they haven't time...later on...
They are dying, they have no.....Too late!...They have no more time!

And so all people run after time, Lord. They pass through life running--
Hurried, jostled, overburdened, frantic,.....and they never get there. They haven't time.
In spite of all their efforts they're still short of time,...of a great deal of time.
Lord, you must have made a mistake in your calculations.
There is a big mistake somewhere...The hours are too short...Our lives are too short.

You who are beyond time, Lord, you smile to see us fighting it.
And you know what you are doing. You make no mistakes in your distribution of time
to us. You give each one time to do what you want us to do.
But we must not lose time, waste time, kill time,
For it is a gift that you give us, but a perishable gift, a gift that does not keep.
Lord, I have time, I have plenty of time,
All the time that you give me, the years of my life, the days of my life,
The days of my years, the hours of my days, they are all mine.
Mine to fill, quietly, calmly,....but to fill completely, up to the brim,
To offer them to you, that of their insipid water you may make a rich wine
Such as you made once in Cana of Galilee.

I am not asking you Lord, for time to do this and then that, but for your grace to do
conscientiously, in the time that you give me, what you want me to do.

Adapted from Abbe Michel Quoist

IMPORTANT - Please hand in your old church key to Barry who will issue you with a
new one.

This evening

Richard's last evening service on 7th January was on reaching out to our neighbours, this evening will focus on love; if you are available to attend please join us, for this service 6.30-7.30pm

Next Sunday

We welcome the return of Garth next week for our Holy Communion service, do join us 10.30am, the title of the service is 'Love builds up'

A chance to see the magnificent carpet of snowdrops.

February 10th (10am to 4pm) & February 11th (1pm to 4pm) at St Leonards Church, Beoley

An annual event to visit this ancient 12c church and the carpet of snowdrops around the church grounds. The church is also open to visitors where on Saturday there will be displays relating to church organisations as well as community groups supported by the church. Refreshments available on both days with lunches available on Saturday. No charge for entry but donations welcome.

Congratulations

We congratulate Colin and Jackie Walton on the arrival of their first Grandchild - Isabelle Katie Flanigan on 12th January.

Spring Harvest 2018

Where? Butlins, Minehead

When? April 8-12 2018 (Week 2)

Why? An opportunity to worship God with many other Christians, enjoy great teaching and recharge the spiritual batteries!

Cost? About £170- £250 per person (depending on a choice of apartment, chalet or room only)

Contact Amanda Worley if you're interested in joining her!

(Mobile 07505 354 149 or email amandaworley60@gmail.com)

Card Making

This will be at Lynda's house on Monday 29th January 1 - 3pm.
33 Atherstone Close B98 0BD. Small charge of £3, refreshments included.
Please let her know if you are coming.

Services

Epiphany 3

10:30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* and *Mark 1:14-20* 'Time is fulfilled,

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding *Luke 2:22-40*
'God's Love'

Next Sunday - Epiphany 4

10:30am Holy Communion with Rose Humphrey & Garth Nathaniel
Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 10 and *Mark 1:21-28* 'Love builds up'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Peter McLaren

Lectionary Readings

Mon Heb 5.1–10; Ps 110.1–4; Mk 2.18–22

Tues Heb 6.10–end; Ps 111; Mk 2.23–end

Wed Heb 7.1–3, 15–17; Ps 110.1–4; Mk 3.1–6

Thurs Heb 7.25–8.6; Ps 40.7–10, 17–end; Mk 3.7–12

Fri Heb 8.6–end; Ps 85.7–end; Mk 3.13–19

Sat Heb 9.2–3, 11–14; Ps 47.1–8; Mk 3.20–21

Collect for the week

Almighty God whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 forever. Amen.

Also remember members of St Johns prayer Healing Ministry team are available most Sunday mornings and a prayer chain is available everyday, to pray in confidence for you or someone you know. Call Ann Donovan (for prayer chain) in the first instance on 01527 527789.

Diary dates

Thurs 9:30am Holy Communion - St. John's, followed by coffee morning.

Mon 29th Jan 1 - 3pm Card making at Lynda's house

Wed 14th Feb 7:30pm Joint Ash Wednesday service - St. Peter's

Tues 17th April 7:30pm St. John's AGM - St. John's Church

Thurs 10th May 7:30pm Joint Ascension Day Service - St. Peter's

Please pray for:

- ❖ Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy.
- ❖ *Licensed Lay Ministers* – Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.
- ❖ *Wardens* – Barry Humphrey and Sharon Forrest.
- ❖ Garth as he returns to work..
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ Alexandra Hospital: Staff, patients & chaplaincy team serving the community.
- ❖ Graeme and Jackie Russell as he fulfils the role of Community Missioner in Christ Church.
- ❖ Those recovering from surgery: Chris McLaren, Garth Nathaniel, Sam (Grandson of Erica Dilger)
- ❖ Chris Tilley who is ill
- ❖ Our Nation: For our MP Rachel Maclean & the Government involved in Brexit negotiations, for our security services working to keep us safe;
- ❖ CPAS: Their new initiative “Venture in Schools” which started in May as part of taking the gospel into schools, their work as a “Patronage Society” offering support enabling mission and training leaders;
- ❖ Parish Prayers: : Felton Close, Matchborough; Gateley Close, Winyates Green; Eckington Close, Woodrow; Harris Close, Greenlands; Barrow Close, Winyates;

Please keep praying for:

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