

ST MARGARET'S VOICES

St Margaret of Antioch Church ~ Crick

Thought for the Week

A couple of weeks ago we reflected on Acts 4 when Peter and John were boldly and confidently talking to people about the risen Jesus and many who heard them became Christians. We are the modern day apostles. As our American cousins might say "the best defense is a good offense" and that means us, the individual Christian, sharing our lived experience of our relationship with Jesus. On 14th January, we will be running a Start course which introduces Christianity to adults. It makes no assumptions about what people do or don't know. It really does start from scratch. Who would you like to invite?

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES

Every Wednesday~ Holy Communion (BCP) **10.30am**

Sun Nov 3rd -Morning Praise **9.45 am**

Mon Nov 4th & 11th Little Saints- **2.15-3.30pm**

Sun Nov 10th Remembrance Sunday service **9.45am followed by an Act Of Remembrance at the War Memorial 10.50am**

COME AND JOIN US. OUR DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN AND OUR WELCOME ASSURED



WELCOME

I've just finished the Brixworth park-run, and Brixworth is also the place where on the **6th of November** you get a chance to meet Bishop Debbie. There was a great atmosphere of support and encouragement at the park-run and this sure to be found in 'bucket loads' around Bishop Debbie. This week is also All Souls and at this time of year we particularly remember loved ones. Indeed you may have been one of the many who attended the All Souls service at Lilbourne on Sunday! Don't forget St Margaret's is a place where there is not only a good atmosphere and a place to find encouragement but also a place to remember.

BREAKING THROUGH THE CLOUD

Peace comes when there is no cloud between us and God. Peace is the consequence of forgiveness, God's removal of that which obscures His face and breaks union with Him. The happy sequence culminating in fellowship with God is penitence, pardon, and peace – the first we offer, the second we accept, and the third we inherit. - *Charles H. Brent*

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Prayer for the Week

Lord God, I've done it again. A few thoughtless words have hurt my friend and spoilt my relationship with them. I have said sorry, and meant it, but Lord, your lasting remedy for this and all my sin is to be born again; to be washed clean and renewed by your Spirit poured into me. This is your kindness and your mercy towards me. So Lord, I ask you to wash me, fill me with your Spirit, and heal me. Forgive me Lord, and create a new heart within me.



We are moving into the time of year when we are being reminded of those who have passed away. Many of us will have remembered them at the beautiful benefice All Souls Service in Lilbourne last Sunday where we remembered them with gratitude joy and thanksgiving.

We will also be supporting **Light For A Loved One** over the Christmas period. This is a time we can reflect and for ever be grateful for their presence with us and the effect they have had on our lives.

We have entered a time of remembering. Remembering loved ones and friends whom we have lost in more recent years this All Souls Sunday, and remembering those lost long ago in times of war this Remembrance Sunday coming. Let us remember the good news that Jesus offers us through faith -no matter how small or fragile that faith may be- that he has us safe in his hands today and into eternity where we will be reunited with our loved ones who received and remembered this good news in their day.

Titus 3: 1-7 Paul was persuading Titus to encourage the believers to "remember your good works". Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men. This did not mean being passive and not speaking out when the occasion called for it. ***Like them we need to remember we are called to be God's witnesses to the saving power of Christ and live the gospel.***

FACT FILE- Communication Communication is simply the act of transferring information from one place or person to another – or maybe not so simple. There are many ways of communicating. Bees “waggle dance” to tell others the location of nectar, other creatures “talk” to one another and now we learn that plants can communicate too. Certain organic compounds and even their roots help plants communicate. Plant auxins and other hormones influence growth. Black walnut trees, for example, emit a toxic hormone that has the ability to kill other plants. It is the tree’s way of saying, "don't crowd me."

John 3 v1-22 In the preceding verses Jesus has cleared the Temple of the traders and been challenged by the Jews as to his authority. Presumably Nicodemus was among them and felt he needed to know more about Jesus. His problem was that he was a member of the Jewish ruling council so he came quietly at night. He accepted that Jesus was a teacher from God but was confounded by the need to be born again. Which simplistically meant having complete belief in and reliance on the love of God. Nicodemus could not take this step but came part of the way later when, on Jesus death, he provided expensive myrrh and the embalming spices for Jesus, which he and Joseph of Aramathea carried out.