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THE BULLETIN - READINGS

13 May, Easter 7

Collect for Easter 7

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 1:15-17,21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you

have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Epilogue

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17: 6-19

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I

speaking these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<p style="text-align: center;">Readings for 20 May, Pentecost, are: Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</p>
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Christian Aid: the annual miracle by Rodney Nicholson

When we came here 3½ years ago, I was keen to continue what I had done every May for nearly the last 40 years: to organise, or help with, the Christian Aid Week collection. I was told that the house to house collection in Market Weighton had ceased some years earlier because collectors found it a thankless and fruitless task. Determined to find out for myself, I went ahead but found the advice to be sound. Never had I met with such resistance as in that lovely town. Collectors in Pocklington have fared similarly.

The collection still, however, raised £1,800, although that was partly because I personally went out collecting every evening for two weeks. And the response that first year, as since, was not all negative. I met some kind and generous people, and many church members donated, as they always had. Nevertheless, the effort was too much, so we decided to take one of our two weeks' annual holiday the week after Christian Aid Week so that I limit my collecting to one week. Even so, that one week, with donations, produced around £1500 in 2016 and 2017 and we shall certainly exceed £1,000 this time. Last year we boosted Christian Aid in the Pocklington area (which includes Melbourne

and Barmby Moor), raising over £2000. We hope for another good year this time.

Why be so committed to Christian Aid, when there is so much else to do and other good causes to support? Well, certainly there are other good charities, some of which I, like others, support. Christian Aid, though, is uniquely the Churches' own agency to help the poorest of the world's poor and this must lie at the heart of our Christian calling. Central to our faith are the Lord's Prayer, the Bible's teaching and the Holy Communion. All these draw us closer to God but this obliges us to share God's passion for justice and his particular concern for the millions who suffer poverty, food-deprivation, homelessness and poor health. "Give us today our daily bread" must lead us to do something for those who have no bread, or livelihood. Sacrament and social action are two sides of the same coin.

This year's Christian Aid Week supports people in Haiti devastated by the 2010 earthquake and the 2016 hurricane. It will also help some of those displaced by war. Please collect from a few friends/neighbours if you can, but at least remind others that it's Christian Aid Week as you yourself pray and give generously.

Prayers from the Christian Aid webpages

A prayer for the building of God's Kingdom

Give us, Lord God, a vision of your Kingdom as your love desires it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry, a world where life is shared, and enjoyed by all, a world where all races, nations and cultures live in tolerance and respect, a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build your Kingdom here and now. Amen.

A prayer for displaced people

Lord of the journey, we ask for your protection for all who have fled their homes. Grant them strength on their journeys, that they may find places of compassion at which to rest. Ease their fear as they throw in their lot with strangers. God of all the world, keep alive their vision of returning to a secure and welcoming home. Amen.



