

Bulletin for Sunday

16th August 2020

Good morning! Firstly, I must apologise (especially to those who noticed...) that the heat during the middle of the week addled my brain sufficiently to leave the wrong date on this week's Newsletter - sorry! The other thing to draw your attention to is that our Zoom worship and also Zoom social events can now be accessed by phone, so that you don't need a computer of any sort to join in. Speak to Karen or myself for more details.

Hymn: Morning has broken (Rejoice & Sing 45)

Prayer: God of wonder, we praise you for each fresh new morning,
and for its endless possibilities and hopefulness -
as long as we realise that you are in it with us!
We come to worship this morning
grateful for the chance to focus on you;
help us to be open to your word to us
whenever and wherever we hear it -
particularly in unexpected and unfamiliar voices.
We have much to learn - help us listen!
We need to act on what we hear - help us understand how...
We ask your blessing on everything we do,
and everything we bring to you or give in your service,
today and every day. In Jesus' name, Amen

followed by The Lord's Prayer

Readings: Matthew chapter 15: verses 10-28

Reflection: These sections are sandwiched between the story of the feeding of the five thousand, which we read recently, and the feeding of four thousand people which comes soon afterwards. And in all these stories we hear of crumbs - crumbs falling to those who need them most, and God's provision of an abundance of crumbs...

In Jewish law, coupled to the promise of land from God, there was a requirement that God's people didn't harvest fields too thoroughly - it was important that there was always something left for the poor gleaners working behind the harvesters (do you remember the story of Ruth?). Nothing belonged completely to the landowner - it was vital that there was enough to share with the marginalised who otherwise would have nothing.

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