

Rector's Letter - Rev'd Jeremy Trew - May 2023

Dear All

The songs and celebrations of Easter are still ringing in my mind as I write this magazine entry for May. I wonder how we will be living out our calling as “Easter People” by the time this makes it to print? It was wonderful and moving to walk the story of Holy Week with so many of you once again. My grateful thanks to all who made the great variety of services happen and those who served behind the scenes to clean and prepare for these celebrations.



It was good also to draw our Lent courses to a close. Several groups met across the Team, each with its distinctive purpose. Feedback was positive, and I hope that we have done more than merely entertain, as we sought to deepen that call God makes on all Christians to be disciples. We are called to know and understand our faith better that we might live it more effectively for the good of all and the glory of God. As a Team we will be looking to offer further opportunities for groups to get together and do just that. Let's not wait until next Lent!

Of course, May brings with it the celebrations of the Ascension and Pentecost. These great festivals work, with Easter, to herald the model of Church intended by God. At Easter the power of sin and death is destroyed. At Ascension Jesus returns to the Father, having instructed and enthused his followers. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit comes that the Church may have the power and authority that was once vested in Christ so that it may continue in God's work. This positions the Church, not as an assembly in waiting for God to act and us to follow, but as the dynamic instrument of God at work in this world. So, what should we turn our energy and focus to. True, we may not have all the resources we would like. We may feel we could do with some more volunteers. But I am sure that we have both all the people and all the resources to do whatever God would have us be doing right now; to be disciples and to make disciples and to pray, “thy kingdom come.”

Yours

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