



ARDHAL GENHADOL ABERCONWY MISSION AREA

Sunday 20th March 2022 – LENT III

LUKE 13: 1-9: The parable reflects Jesus offering a chance for repentance and forgiveness of sin, showing his grace toward his believers. "These three years" logically refers to the period of Jesus' ministry, or simply that is the period it took for a fig tree to bear fruit. The fig tree (gentile) was given the opportunity to be in the vineyard where it otherwise should not have been as well as the needed time to bear fruit. The vinedresser, who is Jesus, does not fail and has offered to cultivate it and so it will produce fruit.

Readings for the 27th March: Principal service: 1 Samuel 1: 20-28, Colossians 3: 12-17, and Luke 2: 33-35. Green and Red Book: pg. 85

Daily Bible Pledge: Mon 21st: Matt 16: 13-20. Tue 22nd: Matt 16: 21-28. Wed 23rd: Matt 17: 1-13. Thur 24th: Matt 17: 14-21. Fri 19th: Matt 17: 22-23. Sat 20th: Matt 17: 24-27. Text 07775778469 to join a discussion group.

Mon 21st

Adventures Toddlers Group 9.30am in St Michaels Church

Eglwysbach Monday Club meet at 1pm in the back room of the village hall for crafts, friendship and chat, soup and drinks served, please bring your own mug – everyone is welcome inc parents with small children

Aberconwy Care and Share Deliver week – thanks to all who support this.

Opening the Scriptures Lent Course 7pm in St Ffraids – all welcome

Julian Prayer at 8pm – all are welcome to join us by zoom for a time of contemplative prayer – link from Rev Juliet

Tues 22nd

Opening the Scriptures Lent Course 2pm in St Grwsts – all welcome

St Davids Hub Prayers at 7pm – please join us as we pray together for the new church hub and guidance

Wed 23rd

Storytime Cafe at 10am in St Pauls. For 0-5 year olds

Holy Eucharist service in All Saints Church at 10am

Coffee Morning at 10am in St Ffraids

The things he held - Lent Course 7pm in St Davids Church Email Rev Sam if you would like a book

Thurs 24th

Morning Prayer – 9.45am in St Martins Church – all welcome

Holy Communion 10.30am in St Pauls followed by coffee – all welcome

Every Thursday – 'Coffee Stop' 10.30am to 12noon in Eglwysbach Village Hall – warm welcome to all and

Panad a Sgwrs in St Grwsts Church 10am to 12 noon

Come and Sing at 7pm in St Davids Church – all welcome to come along and enjoy a good sing

Fri 25th - 10am **Midweek Eucharist** in St Davids followed by refreshments – all welcome

Sat 26th – **Lent Prayer Walk** beginning at 10am from St Grwsts, Llanrwst

Mothering Sunday workshop – St David's church at 10am. Come and make a card or possie for Mothering Sunday

Sun 27th – St Cystennin's church open 2-4pm Remember mums no longer with us.

Prayer Book Society service at 3:30pm in St Pauls church with Cantamus Choir. All welcome.

Café Church in St Davids at 6pm. All are welcome.

PRAYER LIST: Margaret Mee, Pat Sharp, David Jones, Beryl & Harold Bradbourne, Margaret Cooke, Anne Davies, Christine Dodgson, Shirley Lucas, Irene Webster, Westgate family, Wendy Jones, Denise Pender, Josie Stanton, Doreen Williams, Norman Zigomo, Alan and Adrina Price, William Humphrey Jones, Delores Harding, Tom Walsh, Graham Hobbis

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SUNDAY 20TH MARCH

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM ISAIAH (55.1-9)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63.1-9

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul is athirst for you. My flesh also faints for you, as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

My soul is athirst for God, even the living God.

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself and so my lips shall praise you. I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul is athirst for God, even the living God.

My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

My soul is athirst for God, even the living God.

For you have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand shall hold me fast.

My soul is athirst for God, even the living God.

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS (10.1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'

We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (13.1-9)

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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