

Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 18. 1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Luke 10. 38-end

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Temporary Accommodation needed

One of our church members is in urgent need of temporary accommodation for 3 or 4 months from 21 July, while he buys his own property in the local area. This could be rental of a furnished or unfurnished house or apartment, or B&B (and evening meal if possible). The person seeking help is a non-smoker and non-drinker, and known to the congregation at Wood End. Any offers of help gratefully received—phone John Skelton on 07849183017.

Psalm 15

- ¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- ² Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;
- ³ who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,
- ⁴ nor take up a reproach against their neighbours; ⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
- but who honour those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
- ⁵ who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Colossians 1. 15-28

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powersall things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. 24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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Joining Details for all Online Zoom Services & Meetings Meeting ID: 999 516 9418 Passcode: Twigster3 You can also join by telephone on num- ber: 0203 481 5237 and entering the ID: 999 516 9418 and Code: 570910568	Dates for your Diary: Group Service Sunday 31st July 10.30am at Kingsbury	 advice from the Church of England, those who wish may now receive wine at Holy Communion. However, it is still permissible to receive the bread only if you prefer or if you have reason to minimise the risk of contagion. Dipping the bread in the wine (intinction) is not encouraged.