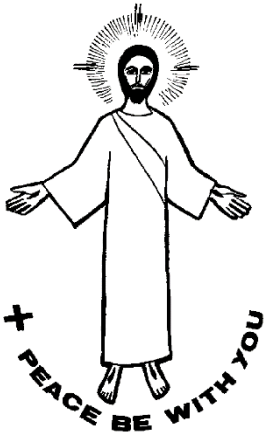


The United Benefice of St Michael on Greenhill, Lichfield
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Living our Easter Faith

Bible Study in Easter Season 6th May

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Acts 2:42-47

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 21:15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

Our on-line Bible study will begin with an introduction to the text and then move on to discussion and end with prayer. Below are some questions to think about beforehand.

Things to think about

John

As a disciple Peter often showed his understanding by saying the right thing in response to Jesus. But he also got things spectacularly wrong!

1. As individuals living in this unprecedented time of crisis what is our personal response?
2. As people of faith how easy do we find it to admit to our struggles?
3. How easily do we receive God's forgiveness when we make mistakes?

Acts

We face this pandemic as individuals but also as communities. Our interactions with others and our daily patterns of life - work/exercise/shopping etc - have all changed.

1. How do we together move forward from this?
2. Are there some changes we, as a society, should continue to embrace?

Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in in the fullness of our Christian faith.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.
Amen