



Sunday 27th June 2021

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Online Sermon this Sunday: The 10 minute video sermon this week is courtesy of the Rev'd Preb James Grier on the notion that "We never need to be ashamed with God or feel that we don't matter enough for him." <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

Reminder Rachel Belringer has asked for feedback on our use of zoom. See article in the June and July edition of 'The Beacon' magazine on pages 22 and 23.

Could You Pray for Living in Love and Faith at Lunchtime on the Last Friday of each month? The Exeter Diocese LLF team has committed to pray for those running the LLF course, those participating in it and those whose lives will be impacted by the outcome of the LLF process on the last Friday of every month at lunchtime. We would be delighted if you could join-in by praying at that time too. For prayer ideas for Friday 25 June go to the LLF webpage:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/living-in-love-and-faith/>

Join or Support the Relay of Young Christians Walking for Climate Change The 'Relay' of Young Christian Climate Network walkers, taking the 'Pilgrim' boat from Cornwall to Glasgow (for COP26 in November), is getting close! See recent short BBC video www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-57002535. It will come into Plymouth on 23 June, travel through Dartmoor, and then stop in Exeter from 29 June for a series of services, talks, and events. Join the Relay for a fun and prayerful day's walk (or less!). Email relay@yccn.uk to join up. Thanks to everyone providing accommodation en route!

The story of our children's song of hope, which has been included in a National Pandemic archive has featured in the diocese news this week: <https://exeter.anglican.org/devon-childrens-song-of-hope-included-in-national-pandemic-archive/>. Well done to Tom, Marilyn, Jo, Emily, Katie, Rose, Paige, Isabelle, Lauren, Charlotte and Theo.

Look out for the wonderful cards on sale to raise funds for our churches. Thank you to Robin and Pam Thomas for organising this. Fantastic picture Robin!

Thank you! - from The Safeguarding Team The Safeguarding Team want to thank everyone who is working hard to keep Safeguarding on the agenda by implementing good safeguarding practice in your churches, engaging with training and safer recruitment processes and by flagging concerns as and when they arise. Please continue to contact us any time you need to for support, advice and guidance."

<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-team/>

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:	1st Reading	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15
	Psalm	Ezekiel 2:1-5
	2nd Reading	30
	Gospel	123
Readings for the week ahead:	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
	Mark 5:21-43	Mark 6:1-13
	Mon 28 th	Matt 8:18-22
	Tue 29 th	Matt 16:13-19
	Wed 30 th	Matt 8:28-End
	Thurs 1 st	Matt 9:1-8
	Fri 2 nd	Matt 9:9-13
	Sat 3 rd	John 20:24-29

They can also be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
2.00 pm	Interment of Ashes of Frances Fey	- St Andrew's Churchyard, Ipplepen

Telephone support/chat following the church services: Sheila Sheldon is available to speak to following our church services. Sheila's phone number is (01803) 814227.

Morning Prayer

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.00 am	For the Zoom password, email: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

(A time of silent prayer and meditation at Broadhempston)

Reflection

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week at the following times:

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 5pm	Sundays and Wednesdays
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily

Please note, St John the Baptist, Woodland is currently closed for private prayer and reflection.

Mid-Week

Monday	am	Interment of ashes at sea for Betty Elders	- Brixham
Tuesday	10.15am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6.00 pm	Zoom Evening Prayer	- Zoom

For the Zoom password, email: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com

An Evening with Paula Gooder Thank you to everyone who contributed to the wonderful evening with Paula Gooder. If you would like receive a link of the recording of this event, please email Caren at the church office: office@beaconparishes.co.uk

In Memory. Valerie Watson-Jackson, Frances Fey, Betty Elders and Valerie Dakin.

June and July Edition of the Beacon is now available for you to collect from our churches.

Points for Prayer. We pray for the arts, organisations and groups caring for the environment and our local villages.



Reflection by Rev'd Tony Meek

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Mark 5:21-43
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In our Gospel reading today Mark gives us two quite different stories but they are used by Jesus to convey the same message. Jairus is a ruler of the synagogue, perhaps the same synagogue in which Jesus got into trouble for healing someone on the Sabbath a couple of chapters before. At least some of the leaders of this synagogue are among those plotting to kill Jesus. By social and political constraints, Jairus is Jesus' natural enemy. At the very least, it is politically foolhardy for him to appeal to Jesus. But his daughter is dying and he loves her.

So Jairus lays down his own pride. He lays down political expediency. He lays down the respect of probably most of his acquaintances and colleagues. He lays down, perhaps, his social position and prerogatives in the synagogue. He gives it all up to throw himself at Jesus' feet and beg. He wasn't begging for himself. He was simply begging for his daughter's life because he loved her.

When Jesus gets to the house the formal mourning is already in full swing. It was customary to put on a great show of weeping and wailing when someone died. When Jesus tells them to stop because the girl is not dead, they don't just politely tell him he's deranged and escort him to the door. They *laugh* at him. Again, a strange reaction and one that indicates they are more interested in Jesus (or perhaps his departure) than they let on. They interrupt the mourning not simply to remove him and get back to the important business of being respectable. They interrupt the mourning to jeer at Jesus. And the result of their rejection is that they are put out of the house.

Jairus sticks with Jesus. It is more difficult for him. All of these people are his family, his social set, his colleagues. The only instructions Jesus has given him the entire time have been these words: *Do not fear, only trust*. Jairus does. The question is: *Do we?*

There doesn't seem to be any trouble for the little girl. Jesus simply commands her to get up, which she does. And, a lovely touch, Jesus tells them to give her something to eat. That's all quite simple and straightforward. But this story is not just about a little girl who is raised from the dead. It is about different responses to Jesus.

In Mark's gospel, the story of Jairus' daughter is interrupted by the story of the woman being cured by Jesus of her haemorrhages. Mark has put it there to underline the importance of our simply trusting in Jesus. By the way, it is amusing to compare Mark's narrative with that of Luke. Mark tells us that: *She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse*. Luke, himself a physician, puts it rather differently: *And though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her*. Is that an early example of spin? That woman simply trusted in Jesus and her trust was rewarded with healing.

How do we respond to Jesus? How do we respond to God? How obedient are we? Some years ago, when such joys were allowed, we were with our son and his family and both of our granddaughters were being very disobedient, then complaining to us that Mummy and Daddy shouted at them a lot. We told them that if they simply did what they were told, immediately and every time, life would become much simpler, happier and quieter. We all need to remember that when God, when Jesus, tells us to jump, we do not even pause to ask, *'How high'*. We simply and immediately jump as high we possibly can. *Do not fear. Just trust*. Try it.

