CHRIST CHURCH BARNSTON ST MICHAEL'S PENSBY

Weekly Mailing **24th August 2020**

Dear friends,

Our technical difficulties on Sunday 16th meant that our service was only enjoyed by those in church. Even the radio broadcast was affected. Our apologies for that. But here is the gist of what I said!

Q: How can we glorify God?
A: By loving him and by obeying his command and law.
You can tell a football fan by the things they wear, and the things they do in the ground. They declare in obvious terms their allegiance and their praise - they want to tell their team, their friends and everybody else that they think this team is great. This is similar to what Christians do as we glorify God. We glorify God by loving him, praising him, telling other people about him and serving him.

In Deuteronomy 10: 12 - 22 Moses tells God's people that God alone deserves this kind of praise and loyalty.

God alone is uniquely glorious: To God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in them...The Lord is God of gods, he is Lord of lords.
Yet this supremely powerful God chose your forefathers. He chose a particular people above all nations, to be a blessing to all nations. And he is still utterly fair (he accepts no bribes). He is kind and merciful - he looks after people who are helpless, fatherless, the widow and the foreigner. And He does amazing things to rescue people - your forefathers who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky. God is uniquely glorious.

So, God is to be uniquely glorified. Because God is uniquely glorious so he should be uniquely glorified- that is his people should praise and love and serve him more than anyone else.

Love and obey God - do what he says. Take his commands seriously. Of course this is right. Imagine if someone didn't do this. They said to God:
God you are really wise, you know everything - but I know better how to run my life
God you are so strong, I know you can defeat any bad thing that comes along - but I will fix my problems myself, without your help or any prayer.
God you are so good, everything you do is for my blessing - but I will choose to live my way rather than yours.

Live like God they are to treat other people the way God treats them. God loves the alien - the foreigner. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.

They are to **praise God** and to praise God alone. He is your praise. Tell God how wonderful he is and tell other people who wonderful he is. That's what the football fans are doing. They are telling their team they are great. And they are telling the other fans that their team is great. Telling anyone who will listen that their team is brilliant. And this is what God's people do. They know that they are his fans. He is the one they support and follow. And they will do all they can to love and obey him, to be like him and to tell others about him.

May God bless us and help us to be those who see him as he is - uniquely glorious - and who treat him as he deserves, by glorifying him uniquely.

Peter

Coming up:

APCM. Please come if you can, on September 13th at 10.30 am and let Cecelia know if you would like paper copies of the reports or the accounts in advance of the meeting. There will be a chance to ask questions. There is one small error in the information: The Deputy Wardens will not be elected by the PCC but chosen by the wardens, in consultation with the Vicar. Sorry for getting that wrong!

So far, the following have indicated their willingness to stand for these roles:

Church Warden:
Bob Fiddaman
Rob Moots

Deanery Synod:
Linda Edward
Graham Hill
David Mann
Sue Orman
David Reed

PCC:
Roy Edward
Eleanor Haslam
Paul Irons
Bob Jarvis
Carole Jordan

Colin Leeman
Zoe Putman
Paul Tolley

Thank you for all being willing to stand. If you would like to nominate someone please ask for a form from the Parish Office.

Sunday services. Our next step in re-establishing church services will be, God willing, the starting of an 8.30am Holy Communion service at Christ Church. We currently intend that this will begin on September 20th, the week after the APCM. This will coincide with moving the live-streamed service to 9.30am and the start of Sunday groups for children. If you would like to come to either service, please ring Cecelia in the office. We still need to be aware of who is coming so that we can make proper arrangements for seating.

Please continue to pray for our services. The services will continue to be available on Flame Radio (**1521MW**) and a recording of the sermon can be heard on Dial a Sermon on **0151 318 0420.**

Do join us as we **pray** this week:

To join in Morning Prayers:
From Tuesday 25th August to Friday 28th August from 9.00am to 9.20am.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88458297824

To join in Pray at Home:
Through the Summer we will continue to pray each Thursday evening from 7.00pm till 7.30pm.
To join us on Thursday 27th August use this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87224692785
Our mission partners will be Neema Children's home.