

Benediction

Lord Jesus Christ, as Andrew, Peter, James and John answered your call and left their nets to be your disciples, so give us the faith to leave behind all that would hinder us from following you.

Let us never be afraid to go where you would go or to serve all who you would serve, for you are our servant King.'

Gerald Morris, Supernumerary Minister, Torbay Circuit

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Pastoral note 16th August

We send Birthday Greetings and very best wishes to Florrie Ballantyne who will be 99 on 21st! Florrie is confined to home these days, but has a wonderful family who care for her and keep her young!

Trish Blanchard will, all being well, have long awaited surgery on 20th, we hold her in our prayers.

You will of course have 30th August 6pm in your diary...the online welcome service for our Minister Revd Bekkie Wright. If you know of someone without the internet near you who might like to watch the service with you, if it's practical, please consider asking them – putting all safety precautions in place with distance and hand hygiene etc. Any number of people from one other household can join you if there is sufficient space. If you are someone without the internet and would like to watch the service, please contact me, and we will see what can be arranged. (755469)

A printed version of the service will be available for those who would like it. We continue to hold you all in our prayers, Angela

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**“Woman you have great faith. Your request is granted”.
Matthew ch.15 v 28.**

Sunday 16th August 2020

Please remember the people of Beirut in your prayers.



Opening Prayer:

‘Grant us, O God, a greater obedience to your will, a more fervent love for our neighbour, and a stronger thirst for your word, through Christ our Lord, Amen’ (William Tyndale 1494-1536).

Let us praise the Lord with **Psalm 133**

Hymn (687 Hymns and Psalms)

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of his word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do his good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus
Trust and obey, for there’s no
other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to
trust and obey.

Reading: Matthew 15 v 21-28

Tyre and Sidon were cities of Phoenicia, a part of Syria. Tyre lay 40 miles north west of Capernaum. Its name means the rock, so called because two huge rocks were joined by a 3,000 foot long ridge, forming a natural harbour and defence. Phoenicians were famous sailors and the first to navigate by the stars. When, under Joshua, the land was divided among the tribes, this area was allocated to the tribe of Asher, but they never managed to take it over. They didn’t obey the Lord’s commands, so that is why it is Gentile territory. Jesus was under attack from the Scribes and Pharisees, so he came here for a brief respite so that he could spend quality time with his disciples before the final showdown with the Jewish authorities.

However, as soon as He arrived there, He was accosted by a woman whose child was very ill and because she had heard about the healings that had taken place elsewhere, she begged Him to heal her daughter. To begin with He ignores her because He doesn’t feel His mission is to the Gentiles, but eventually He is so impressed by her persistence that He engages with her in light-hearted banter and she responds in similar manner. He realises that she has faith, love and hope and he respects that by healing her daughter.

Hymn 675 (Hymns and Psalms)

Have faith in God my heart
Trust and be unafraid
God will fulfil in every part
Each promise He has made.

Have faith in God my mind
Though oft your light burns low
God’s mercy holds a wiser plan
Than you can fully know.

Have faith in God my soul
His cross forever stands
And neither life nor death can pluck
soul
His children from His hands.

Lord Jesus make me whole
Grant me no resting place
until I rest, heart, mind and
The captive of your grace.

Prayers of Intercession

Remember that August 15th marks the 75th anniversary of VJ Day. On that day in 1945, a Methodist, Bert Bissell led a party from his Dudley Bible Class, up to the summit of Ben Nevis, where together they constructed a peace cairn. Pray for peace around the world

‘God of all grace, we recognise that your love in Christ is for all, unlimited and free. May we, your children, have the same generous love for the world that you show us in Christ. For, in Christ, we are all seen and known fully, redeemed and restored and we need never be ashamed of failure.

May we, in responding to all your offer us in Christ, learn to view others and see your world only through the lens of your love, which holds us, heals us and restores us to fullness of life. Amen.

Helen Cameron, Prayer Handbook

The Lord’s Prayer.

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