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**ST CHAD'S
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH
A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
10.00 AM
4th MARCH 2018
AT ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

ABUNDANT LIFE -

A university professor tells of being invited to speak at a military base one December and there meeting an unforgettable soldier named Ralph. Ralph had been sent to meet him at the airport, and after they had introduced themselves, they headed toward the baggage claim.

As they walked down the concourse, Ralph kept disappearing. Once to help an older woman whose suitcase had fallen open. Once to lift two toddlers up to where they could see Santa Claus. And again to give directions to someone who was lost. Each time he came back with a big smile on his face.

"Where did you learn to do that?" the professor asked. "Do what?" Ralph said.

"Where did you learn to live like that?" "Oh," Ralph said, "during the war, I guess." Then he told the professor about his tour of duty in Viet Nam, about how it was his job to clear mine fields, and how he watched his friends blow up before his eyes, one after another. "I learned to live between steps," he said. "I never knew whether the next one would be my last, so I learned to get everything I could out of the moment between when I picked up my foot and when I put it down again. Every step I took was a whole new world, and I guess I've just been that way ever since."

The abundance of our lives is not determined by how long we live, but how well we live. Christ makes abundant life possible if we choose to live it now.

Richard Roberts

Barbara Brown Taylor, Clarkesville, Georgia

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St Chad's Regular Worship with Holy Communion every Sunday at St Patrick's

Except for the 3rd Sunday in the month which will be

Less formal non communion service

Our next service: Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday 11th March at 11.30 am

SUE SAYS: Every path has a puddle. No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted. Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.

Pax et Bonum

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
Exodus 20: 1-17 or Psalm 19
Or
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
GOSPEL John 2: 13-22

TAKEN FROM ENCOUNTER WITH GOD—1 CORINTHIANS 1: 6-16

A shop window may be gull of goodies, but until the shopkeeper lifts the blinds they remain out of sight. This simple act of unveiling is what the word ‘revelation’ means, describing what God has done for us by his Spirit. In Corinth there was great interest in wisdom, both in culture and in the church. In the teaching of the false apostles and opponents of Paul, wisdom was highly prized. Earthly wisdom alone, though, will not satisfy our longing to know God. We need God to lift the blinds to reveal his nature and his ways, through the work of the Holy Spirit within us. He alone is source of true revelation, not the media or even what other people say. Only then can we discover God’s secret, the gospel of salvation in Christ.

Paul is not despising education, but he calls his readers to recognise its limitations without the Holy Spirit’s revelation. No human mind has yet conceived the full extent of what God has prepared for his children in eternity, but it can be grasped by faith in the power of the Spirit. Such divine revelation can keep us from despair when trouble comes. When we feel that we are wasting away outwardly and troubles get us down, the Spirit within renews us and gives us a divine, eternal perspective that keep us going.

Those who live without a personal relationship with God through his Spirit are ill-equipped to understand spiritual realities—these realities are foolishness to them. Jesus told Nicodemus that unless someone is born gain by the same spirit they cannot see the kingdom of God. There is a spiritual blindness around us today. Being able to see the kingdom, even to the extent that we can have the mind of Christ, is the work of the Spirit.

Count the little ways that God sends his help. You may pray for guidance and don’t feel you are getting an answer. You may wonder at the things that are happening to you (or not happening) and become a bit depressed. Then something, out of the blue, happens and suddenly all your feelings and thoughts fall into place and you realise you have been cared for all the time.

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PRAYER MINISTRY

We ask for your prayers – that God who knows each person or situation, may bless each one according to their needs.

Bishop Ross Bay: Bishop Jim White: Rev. Marilyn Welch: Rev. Chris Harris: Marston would welcome your prayers, but no visitors. Rosemary needs prayer to bring her back to full health and would welcome phone calls and visitors.

Dear Lord, we also bring to you others who we know in our hearts and we pray that you will look with mercy and grace upon our needs.

We would appreciate it if you would let Maureen— Pastoral Care Co-ordinator of anyone needing prayer. (tel: 021 1150598)

THE OP SHOP WILL BE CLOSED	FROM THE WEEKEND 18th February 2018
SERVICES AT ST PATRICK’S	1st—3rd—and 5th Sundays will be 10.00 am 2nd and 4th Sundays will be 11.30 am

SERVICES AT ST PATRICK’S

1st—3rd—and 5th Sundays will be 10.00 am

2nd and 4th Sundays will be 11.30 am

1st Sunday 4th March
Wednesday 7th March
2nd Sunday 11th March
Wednesday 14th March
3rd Sunday 18th March
4th Sunday 25th March

Worship with Holy Communion 10.00 am
Women’s Fellowship 7.30 pm
Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am
St Chad’s Church Council 7.00 pm
Less formal non communion service 10.00 am
Worship with Holy Communion 11.30am
AGM 12.30 pm

When the world is all at odds
And the mind is all at sea
Then cease the useless tedium
And brew a cup of tea.
There is magic in its fragrance
There is solace in its taste
And the laden moments vanish
Somehow into space.
The world becomes a lovely thing!
There’s beauty as you’ll see
All because you briefly stopped
To Brew a Cup of Tea

**PLEASE JOIN TOGETHER
IN FELLOWSHIP AND
REFRESHMENTS
AFTER THE SERVICE**

