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ST CHAD'S
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH
A WARM WELCOME

TO OUR
LESS FORMAL WORSHIP SERVICE
10.00 AM

18th MARCH 2018
AT ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FASTING FOR LENT

Words from Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope

Fast from worries and trust in God

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressures and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to
others

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

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 25th March at 11.30 am

SUE SAYS: How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.

An imagined letter from God for the times you need encouragement.

My Dear One,

As I walk with you I see your weariness. I know even bearing love to the world is hard work, and sometimes the joy gets worn down. I know there are days when it seems you are no good at what you do, or no one wants to receive what you offer. There are times it is clear your work has not changed anything. Times when your prayers are arrows that fall two feet from the bow. Times you think of quitting, not trying, not caring. Times of discouragement and self-doubt. I know what you feel. Because I am with you and in you I've felt that, and I've been at this forever.

But trust this: you have not failed. You have been present, and I have been present with you. That's all that matters. I want you to know you have done good work, and also that the work doesn't matter. You have been present. That is enough. What more do I myself do than be present and shine my light that few see? You are my creation, perfectly redeemed, and that is enough. You don't need to have given an offering. Jesus has shut down that temple.

In your presence, your trying, even your weak, fruitless attempts at love, even your feeblest shot at trying to pay attention, I have been present. My grace has been at work. People may fail to see it, and many resist it, and you yourself may doubt it. But it is there. I live and work among the unseen. Seeds sprout underground. *Stories* are told whose endings—happy endings—occur only later and far away. A single stone contributes to a mountain the stone can never know.

My Beloved, even in your discouragement I want you to hear my joy. You are a sparkling thread in my tapestry of the universe. Don't disparage yourself for not seeing what only I can see. I have imbued you with my grace, unseen even to you. You have given gifts you can never measure. In the end you don't give an offering. You *are* an offering. You have been present. That matters to me. I thank you. You will be present. That gives me hope. Let go of the outcome, forego judgment, and take courage. You are my child, my Beloved, in whom I am delighted. Be yourself, and let the universe be blessed.

Love, God.

With thanks to Steve Garnaas-Holmes (www.unfoldinglight@gmail.com)

What a very special jotting this week. Thank you. SR

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

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

2nd and 4th Sundays will be 11.30 am

1st Sunday 1st April
Wednesday 4th April
2nd Sunday 8th April
Wednesday 11th April
3rd Sunday 15th April
4th Sunday 22nd April
5th Sunday 29th April

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
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4th Sunday 25th March

Worship with Holy Communion 11.30am
AGM 12.30 pm



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 or
Psalm 51: 1-12 or
Hebrews 5: 5-10
John 12: 20-33

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