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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 May 13th at 11.30 am at St Patrick's**

**MAY You be happy, MAY You be well, MAY You be safe, MAY You find comfort.
MAY You have strength, MAY You have courage, MAY You find healing.
MAY You find healing, MAY You have peace, MAY You have joy.
MAY You be filled with loving kindness
MAY YOU BE BLESSED TODAY AND ALWAYS.**

SUE SAYS



**ST CHAD'S
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH
A WARM WELCOME**

TO OUR 10.00am SERVICE

6th MAY 2018

**HARVEST FESTIVAL WORSHIPPING WITH
ST PATRICK'S CONGREGATION**

The Ascension (Ascension Day 10th May)

Acts 1:1-11 records Jesus final words to his disciples followed by his ascension to heaven.

Following is an excerpt from a commentary on the ascension by Jeffrey D. Peterson-Davis in "Feasting on the Word".

"The ascension narrative is also a story about waiting, about being in interim time, about life after someone significant is gone, about experiences of uncertainty.

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come, but not now. After saying these things, he was lifted up and taken into the clouds. And the Spirit was not yet with them. While their mouths were still agape, the "men in white robes" proclaimed that Jesus would come again in the same way that he had just left.

It is not difficult to imagine the disciples' feelings after all of this. After all they had experienced, Jesus was now gone. They were left wondering and waiting, trusting that the Spirit would come but not certain when, speculating when Jesus might drop down from the clouds. The followers of Jesus found themselves in that uncomfortable space we know as "between".

We can easily connect our own experiences of being in the midst of uncertainty or expectation. While we crave resolution and desperately want to turn the page to the next chapter, in this story we are invited to dwell with the disciples in the between space. Our congregations know well these kinds of time: loss of a loved one, unemployment, broken relationships, waiting for a baby to be born, itching for a cast to be removed, awaiting the results of a biopsy, watching as a parent slips away to Alzheimer's.

Rather than rush to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, in this text we have the opportunity to enter the unresolved time and space created by the ascension.. " *[end of excerpt]*

Richard Roberts

The In-between time. It has been going on for so long, no wonder sometimes we are confused. The world, planet wise and people wise, is in one hell of a mess. We feel inadequate to deal with it and pray to the Lord for help. Will he descend from the clouds bringing a new Jerusalem. His will be done on earth as in heaven. So . . . What can we do? We took a step in faith and believe that Jesus is our Lord.

Each day presents it's own problems and we do the best we can. It isn't until we look back and realise that we are being given guidance. I don't believe in coincidences, there are too many. There must be a force behind them, and one day we will know as we are known. So we do our best each day and live the best life we can, have concern for others and love one another.

I have just been talking on Skype to my cousin in Yorkshire, UK. He is one year younger than me and we spent some of our childhood together. This is quite remarkable for me as my father was Air Crew and we moved a lot and I really didn't know my extended family and grew up as an only child. After all these years, modern technology make it possible to share time with him again. He is a very interesting character and very eccentric. I wish I had that little button on my collar and could tap it and say "Beam me up Scottie". Who knows, it will probably happen one day!

I am learning again the difference between being lonely and alone. I miss Frank but have learned so much now I have to be on my own again. I don't know what the future holds but I am going to live every day of my life to the full, with the Lord's help.

Pax et Borum

Rambles SR

Here we are joining with the congregation of St Patrick's for the Harvest Festival Service. We thank them for their extended hospitality. It is so good to see one church helping out another. In our own little way, we are showing the world that the Love can be spread.

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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.

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
<u>SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S</u>	<u>1st—3rd—and 5th Sundays will be 10.00 am</u> <u>2nd and 4th Sundays will be 11.30 am</u>

SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S

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

13th May

3rd Sunday 20th May

4th Sunday 27th May

Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am

Non communion service.

Baptism—Kristie Lean 10.00 am

Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am



SERVICE READINGS THIS WEEK.

Deuteronomy 24: 19-22

Psalm 67

John 6: 27-35

**PLEASE JOIN TOGETHER
FOR MORNING TEA
AND FELLOWSHIP**