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Weekly Letter - 14 May 2023

John 14.15-21

This very short passage from John's gospel is well worth spending as much time as you can, so that you can see and feel the inner beauty of Jesus' desire for you.

For example "The Spirit of Truth lives in you, and will be in you. He will not leave you as orphans, and I will come to you".

I'm sure you can see why people speak of the Christian faith as a love affair with the Christ, and is therefore a million miles away from being a duty based religion. For these words of Jesus to you, let you know that you are standing under the projection of God's power, and secure in his love.

Once again you are being encouraged to understand that your destiny has been given to you, because you are greater than you think you are, and so much greater than the world has let you know. Therefore, God is once again saying to you, "it's good that you exist, do not be afraid, and use the gifts of life to create freedom for others, for I am always here for you".

Stephen

Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom at 10.30 am will be led by Mrs Ruth Smith
Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Cycle of Prayer in the Swansea Region – we will pray for Hall Street, Llanelli
Prayers for every household– we will pray for Manselton Road nos. 76-122

Tea/Coffee Rota – Alison

The Coronation in Westminster Abbey

As part of the processions of Faith Leaders and Ecumenical Representatives, one of the members representing the Church of Wales was Reverend Simon Walkling, *President of the Free Church Council of Wales*. Simon has been President of the Free Church in Wales since 23 June 2021.



St John's Coronation Celebrations

In spite of the dreary weather on Monday, lots of people, including this group from Christ Well, came to the Community Afternoon Tea and BBQ held at St John's Day Care Centre in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

Hot dogs, burgers, and lots of cakes were prepared and served by St John's staff and community volunteers and we were also invited to take part in a Royal Family Quiz.

It was good to see Carolyn Harris, the local MP, who called in to show her support.

We thank everyone who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

A good time was had by all.



The Junior Church Children

On Sunday, the children made 'prayer boats'!

The children wanted to pray for the war in the Ukraine to end. They gave thanks for their family and prayed for more treats!



Adella, who had been involved with the arrangements for this event, was unable to attend because she had a fall on Sunday afternoon and fractured her shoulder.

Best wishes to Adella as she recovers from this unfortunate accident.

Tea and Chat in Christ Well Tuesday, 9th May - Everyone enjoyed the Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Coronation. A BIG THANK YOU to those who provided the sandwiches and cakes, served cups of tea, and did the washing up. It was a lovely afternoon.





Christian Aid Week 14-20 May



Christian Aid Quiz in Christ Well – Tuesday, 16th May – 7pm

Are your teams ready for an evening of fun and laughter? See you there!



The Big Pea Challenge

This Christian Aid Week, we celebrate how our partners in Malawi are helping farmers transform their livelihoods using the humble but mighty pigeon pea: a drought-resistant, soil-revitalising, high-protein, low-cost, delicious crop. Inspired by the transformational pigeon pea.

For a farmer like Jen, pigeon peas are the stuff that dreams are made of

All Jen Bishop wants is to give her children an education. But like so many farmers in Malawi, she's battling a crisis that could crush her dreams. As temperatures continue rising at twice the global average, droughts and cyclones are ruining crops year after year. Food is so scarce that one in three children have stunted growth.

Two of Jen's sons have won rare college places, but heartbreakingly, she can only afford to send one. Every day, Chimwemwe cycles 30km to study. Meanwhile, his brother Matthews stays home, his own dreams on hold.

'My heart longs to see our children finish school,' says Jen. 'These dreams are very important to me, because by doing so, I'll be sure that I am creating a good future for the children.'

In Christian Aid week will you help a family like Jen's to transform their lives forever?

Pigeon peas are a food that can be farmed in the harshest conditions, in a land stricken by merciless droughts, they are a ray of hope.

By producing and selling baked goods made from the peas, Jen can transform her family's future. With Christian Aid's help and training, she's formed a co-operative with other farmers, enabling them to earn a fair price at market. Jen hopes that soon Matthews can also continue his studies.

In Christian Aid Week, you can help a farming family turn their dreams into reality. Your donation could help buy seeds, equipment and training in drought-proof agriculture – starting a process that will not only feed a family, but transform their lives.

Please give now and help turn peas into prospects.

Envelopes are available in Church If you would like to donate to this appeal in cash, or by cheque. If by cash and you Gift Aid please indicate who you are, and make cheques payable to Christ Well Manselton URC.