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WEEKLY LETTER – 2 OCTOBER 2022

Luke 17.5-10

We have only done our 'duty' Luke 17.10b

You will recall the time Jesus spent with Martha and Mary (Luke 10.38-42), in which Jesus says right at the end to Martha, "Mary has chosen what is better". Yes, we feel desperately sorry for Martha, for she was taking care of all the practical day to day realities, while Mary, sat at Jesus' feet listening to every word Jesus uttered. And yet, we know what Jesus said is true. Why? Because, Christianity is not a list of tasks to be carried out, or even a way of life. It is a love affair, and all love affairs regularly need time to be reignited.

For sure, every day there are a few urgent tasks, and numerous daily tasks to be carried out. You will also know that God is patient and silent, for He knows the multiplicity of tasks you think you need to do (by the way, you will never complete all those DIY jobs!!). As you think about the tasks that need to be carried out, you will also know that your relationship with God needs time with Him to develop.

Perhaps today is a good day to examine your conscience, and ask yourself, do I listen to God, and do I spend sufficient time with God's word to feed my relationship with Him? For throughout all the ages Christians have known, 'our deepest joy and duty' is to be with God. And when you sense you have, 'like the unworthy servant' acknowledged your desire to return to 'rest with God' – perhaps you too will simply say, "I have done my duty!". Your duty to love, and enjoy being loved.

Stephen

Sunday, 2nd October 2022

A Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the United Reformed Church Jubilee



Faith - Hope - Love - Since 1972

Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom, at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Kevin Watson

Bible Readings : Isaiah 61: Romans 12

Celebration of Harvest - 9th October.

As usual we will take a collection for Christian Aid. Envelopes will be available from this Sunday.

We will also be collecting for the Food Bank. Donations of tinned and dried goods will be gratefully received. No fresh food please.

Cycle of Prayer in the Swansea Region – we will pray for Hall Street, Llanelli

Prayers for Every Household – Manselton Road, nos. 2-71

He will never betray us (Lectionary Readings – Lamentations 1.1-6: Psalm 137: 2 Timothy 1.1-14: Luke 17.5-10)

Jerusalem,
that thriving, bustling city, stands deserted and desolate.
She, who was respected as a queen, has become a widow, grieving the loss of her people.

Lord in these COVID-shaped times, many of our cities have felt the same,
people forced to stay indoors to contain the increasing loss of life.

Jerusalem,
serving many lovers and different gods -
so her enemies prosper; she is overcome and shaped by her troubles.

So many people, today, make the same mistake – straying in all directions,
embracing all manner of answers, solutions, “something” in which to put their hope.

But our almighty God will never betray us.
Only He can provide the comfort we need.

So, let us put all our hope in Him.
For, by the grace of God, we are freed to live.
And we will be blessed as we travel with Him in to a new normal.

Caroline Akinyele (URC Prayer Handbook 2022)

