

First Reading **Isaiah 38: 9 – 20**

⁹ A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery: ¹⁰ I said, 'In the prime of my life must I go through the gates of death and be robbed of the rest of my years?' ¹¹ I said, 'I will not again see the Lord himself in the land of the living; no longer will I look on my fellow man, or be with those who now dwell in this world. ¹² Like a shepherd's tent my house has been pulled down and taken from me. Like a weaver I have rolled up my life, and he has cut me off from the loom; day and night you made an end of me. ¹³ I waited patiently till dawn, but like a lion he broke all my bones; day and night you made an end of me. ¹⁴ I cried like a swift or thrush, I moaned like a mourning dove. My eyes grew weak as I looked to the heavens. I am being threatened; Lord, come to my aid!' ¹⁵ But what can I say? He has spoken to me, and he himself has done this. I will walk humbly all my years because of this anguish of my soul. ¹⁶ Lord, by such things people live; and my spirit finds life in them too. You restored me to health and let me live. ¹⁷ Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back. ¹⁸ For the grave cannot praise you, death cannot sing your praise; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for your faithfulness. ¹⁹ The living, the living – they praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their children about your faithfulness. ²⁰ The Lord will save me, and we will sing with stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the temple of the Lord.

Second Reading **John 11: 1 – 44**

¹ Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.' ⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.' ⁸ 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.' ¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.' ¹² His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, **(Continued overleaf)**

Unwanted Glasses

The Lions Club of Plymouth are still collecting unwanted glasses for people in countries that need them. Please place any unwanted pairs in the box at the back of Church. Cases are not essential. Thank you.

Video

The video for the new incumbent advertisement has now been published on the Diocesan website. Thanks to everyone for your contributions and we are sorry if any particular scene or speech that you either wanted or actually contributed to, is not included. In the end, we had no actual control over the final product, as that is the Bishop's prerogative. It is sad that the short discussion featuring some pupils from Mary Dean School was not included, as they were brilliant, and Sam Kettley had done a fantastic job in preparing them! The closing date for applications is this Friday, 29th April. The video can be seen at:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/vacancies/team-rector-for-tamerton-foliot-southway-team-ministry/>

Short Mat Bowls

Come and join us on Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.15pm at Southway Community Centre for a game of short mat bowls. We are a friendly crowd and it's a fun evening. Contact (secretary) Tel. 07939 544666

Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

Bishop Nick McKinnel and Archdeacon Ven. Nick Shutt are leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy land in November 2022. All are welcome to join them. The cost is £1935.50pp. See the poster at the back of Church for more details.

Plymouth Foodbank

Plymouth Foodbank is running out of several essential items and are appealing for donations of the following: Long life fruit juice, long life milk, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tinned fruit, tinned meat (especially things like minced beef, curries, stewed steak), large size nappies (size 6 or 7), cereals, shampoo, deodorants (men and women's), tea and coffee. Perhaps you could buy an extra item when you do your shopping. A box will be at the back of St Mary's for collecting any donations. Thank you.

Amazon Echo

If anyone has an Amazon Echo they can access prayers, church and Bible information by saying "Open the Church of England".

Lent Boxes

Please bring your Lent Boxes back to Church as soon as possible. Thank you.