

First Reading Exodus 33: 7 - 20

⁷ Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the 'tent of meeting'. Anyone enquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. ⁸ And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. ⁹ As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. ¹⁰ Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshipped, each at the entrance to their tent. ¹¹ The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young assistant Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent. ¹² Moses said to the Lord, 'You have been telling me, "Lead these people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favour with me." ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.' ¹⁴ The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' ¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?' ¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.' ¹⁸ Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory.' ¹⁹ And the Lord said, 'I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.'

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3: 4 – 18

⁴ Such confidence we have through Christ before God. ⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. ⁶ He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! ¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, **Continued**

Exploring Prayer

Angie Andrews has set up a new prayer group at The Church of The Holy Spirit which started on 21st May, and meets on the third Saturday of each month at 10am. All are welcome. It will look at exploring prayer and how we talk to God in different ways. The next one is on 18th June.

Plymouth Foodbank

Plymouth Foodbank still requires 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.

Wedding Invitation

Hi all. We would like to reiterate that everybody from St Mary's and Holy Spirit are welcome to attend our marriage service on Saturday 11th June at 11am. There will be Cake and Bubbles for all in the Church Hall after the service. We hope to see you there! Shaun and Ella

Prayer List

Please can you review the list of names on the front of this Church News and advise Andy King of any names that you have added that can now be removed from the list. Thank you. Contact andy@saintmarys.org.uk or **07708590704**

Changes to Holy Communion

We have been asked by the Diocese to consider the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group's guidance on the administration of Holy Communion. This states that unless there are clear and objective reasons not to, Holy Communion should now be offered in both kinds to communicants. i.e. using the chalice again. There are various ways this could be done, and the PCC will be debating this topic at the PCC Meeting on Monday 6th June. Please let a member of the PCC know what your views are so we can take them into account when discussing the issue. Thank you.

Books For Sale

There is a bookcase situated between the choir vestry and the desk where the Sidespeople hand out the service books. The top 2 shelves contain books available for sale in aid of the Flush Fund. The paperbacks are 50p each and the large or hardback books are £1 each. The bottom shelf contains various Christian books available to borrow. Please have a look and make use of this useful resource.