

## Parish BBQ 21 July

**Annual Summer BBQ** – The Parish Barbeque will be held after the Morning Service. The cost is £10 per person and members of the congregation may invite up to TWO guests. If you wish to attend please **e - mail [administrator@vedast.org.uk](mailto:administrator@vedast.org.uk)**

## Diary

Tuesday 2 July 11.55am Saddlers Election Service  
Sunday 7 July 9.45am Parish Breakfast  
21 July 12noon Parish BBQ, +Stephen's & Rossie's  
last Sunday

## Threshold by RS Thomas - a poem for St. Thomas' Day

I emerge from the mind's  
cave into the worse darkness  
outside, where things pass and  
the Lord is in none of them.

I have heard the still, small voice  
and it was that of the bacteria  
demolishing my cosmos. I  
have lingered too long on

this threshold, but where can I go?  
To look back is to lose the soul  
I was leading upwards towards  
the light. To look forward? Ah,

what balance is needed at  
the edges of such an abyss.  
I am alone on the surface  
of a turning planet. What

to do but, like Michelangelo's  
Adam, put my hand  
out into unknown space,  
hoping for the reciprocating touch?

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**30<sup>th</sup> June, SS Peter & Paul**

**Celebrant:** Fr Paul Kennedy

**Preacher:** Bishop Stephen Platten

**Setting:** Missa in Honorem Reginae Pacis - Flor Peeters

**Hymn:** 214 Let the Round World with Songs Rejoice

## Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter & Paul glorified you in their death as in their life. Grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Ezekiel 3: 22-27

The hand of the Lord was upon me there, and he said to me, Rise up, go into the valley, and there I will speak to you. So I rose up and went out into the valley; and the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. The spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me and said to me: Go, shut yourself inside your house. As for you, mortal, cords shall be placed on you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out

among the people; and I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be speechless and unable to reprove them; for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD'; let those who will hear, hear; and let those who refuse to hear, refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

### **Psalm 125**

#### **R Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good**

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.  
As the hills stand about Jerusalem,  
so the Lord stands round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway over the land  
allotted to the righteous,  
lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.  
Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,  
and to those who are true of heart.  
Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the evildoers;  
but let there be peace upon Israel. **R**

### **Acts 12.1–11**

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also (this was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was

happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him.'

### **Matthew 16.13–19**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessèd are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

#### **For your prayers:**

**Those who are ill:** Austin Platten, Hannah Rae, Billy Cockcroft, Jean Kennedy, Shirley Goldthorpe, Tracey Llewellyn, Alison Hlrd

**Offertory hymn:** 197 For all the Saints

**Anthem:** Ave Verum - Faure

**Thanksgiving hymn:** 478 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

**Readings next Sunday,** Trinity 3

Isaiah 66: 10-14, Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16, Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Thank you for attending our service this morning. You are all very welcome to join us after the service for tea/coffee in the Church hall.