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CANTON UNITING CHURCH



A traditional Welsh saying, meaning 'The sun will rise again over the hill'.

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Easter Message from Martha and David

Dear Friends,
2020

April

At Easter we often greet each other with these Words, “Christ is risen” and “Christ is risen indeed.” We will not be doing that in person this year. We will not be gathering in churches. We will not be singing our favourite hymns together. We will not be sharing Easter breakfasts or family meals. There will be no Good Friday walks or Easter egg hunts. Easter will be different for the church across the globe this year.

We look back at the first years of the early church with wonder. Then there were a small bands of people, gathering in people’s homes, working out how to follow Jesus. They must have told the stories of his work over and over, repeated his teaching, and wondered how it fit in their lives. They were persecuted, sometimes afraid to let others know about their faith. Still they found ways to share meals, to care for their neighbours, to live in Christ-like ways.

As I think about Easter’s past and wonder about Easter present, I am grateful for technology that keeps us together today. I also remember a beautiful poem written by Dr. Maya Angelou, “Still I Rise.” This poem is about the experience of enslaved people, from the time of enslavement to today. It is words of and for people taken from their homes, enslaved, isolated, degraded. It is a poem of hope and a challenge to those who enslaved them.

Though our experience is nothing like being enslaved, we are aware that we are facing life in a new way. Many of us are struggling with isolation—we aren’t used to staying at home all the time, or having no one stop by to visit us. Many of us are grieving—not just because people are dying, but because we have lost—communities, routine, the simple walk around the lake. We do not know how long this will last or what life will look like at the end of it. In the midst of a pandemic, what does resurrection look like?

Angelo offers these words:

“Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I’ll rise.”

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus every Sunday. We recognise the resurrection each spring as we acknowledge the cycle of nature. The birth of lambs, the sprouting trees, the flowers bursting through the soil, all remind us that the life cycle moves through death (winter) to new life (spring). We remember the resurrection of Jesus with the certainty of the moon and sun marking our days and nights, Despite the fear and anxiety raging in the world, we are called to rise, still. Like the early church, despite the challenges before us, we are called to rise and when we rise, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Stay safe and remember we still rise.

Peace and prayers,

Martha and David



Canton Uniting Church News



Dear friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today to inform you that, following government and denominational advice, the church buildings will be closing with immediate effect, and we will not be holding a service this coming Sunday. We would have liked to tell everyone face-to-face but sadly this is not possible. All of the church groups and other users have already withdrawn their activities or have been informed of the suspension of church use until further notice.

On Monday evening, Alison and I met with Martha, David (via facetime) and representatives from other churches in the Cardiff and Penarth pastorate to look for a way forward to continue our worship and fellowship over the coming weeks and, most likely, months when we will not be able to worship together in our buildings.

We are hoping that there will be on-line resources available, recordings of services, ways of worshipping together whilst not actually being in the same space as one another. These things will take a little bit of time to work out, but as soon as we have things organised, we will make sure they are available to everyone, including those who don't easily have access to the internet etc.

A few things that we can start to do:

1. The BBC has said that 'Songs of Praise' will be broadcast at 1.15pm every Sunday. We could all watch this and know that others are worshipping 'with us' at the same time.

2. The URC Daily Devotions is a great resource, available as a daily email but also as a 'podcast' at <https://devotions.urc.org.uk> If you would like to receive the emails then please click on the link and go to the top of the page to sign up. However if you don't have internet access but would like this, then please let your buddy group deacon(s) know and they will pass this on to me, so I can arrange for either a paper copy or CD of the podcasts to be sent to you on a weekly basis (this is the theory anyway!). One of the folk at Beulah is organising this for us centrally. Could you please let your deacon know ASAP if you would like either?

3. Some of the buddy groups have set up Whatsapp groups to keep in touch – it has more of a community feel than a phone call (which is also very important of course) as everyone in the group can be part of a conversation. It does require you to have a mobile phone of course, and the know-how of using it. If you DON'T have a phone and would like to be involved with this, then please let your buddy group deacon know as we would like to be able to get some recycled phones put to good use in this way. (Similarly if you have any old but perfectly functional mobile phones at home that you don't need then please keep them to one side as we may call upon you to donate them!)

4. Also, church leaders in Britain and Ireland have urged Christians to take part in a National Day of Prayer and Action about the coronavirus on Sunday 22nd March. The call, states: "Whether you are continuing to worship as congregations or not, we have the great privilege and freedom to be able to call upon God, wherever we are, individually and corporately, for healing in our nation."

People are asked to light a candle in their window at 7 p.m. on Sunday "as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ". Maybe this is something you would like to do.

5. At our meeting with the Pastorate churches, we discussed matching up people in need of help and support with those who are willing to offer the help, across the pastorate. We are thinking particularly of those over 70 and those with health difficulties needing help such as shopping, collecting a prescription or going to the post office etc. Please can you contact Alison on 029 2022 1380 if you either need the help or if you are willing to provide it.

There are plans to hopefully organise some form of worship for Holy Week/Easter Sunday so as soon as this is planned we will pass on the information.

With every blessing,

Fiona Harding, on behalf of the deacons of Canton Uniting

Church Secretary

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SACRED SPACES< SACRED TIMES

What is sacred for you about church?

I remember at St James in Chicago, my first church, one of our members, an elderly woman, told me about the emotional distress she had experienced when she came to the Sunday service and found a new young family sitting in “her” pew. We went into the sanctuary and sat together in her pew, where she told me how her family had always sat in that pew, and then when all her children had grown up and moved away she and her husband had continued to sit there, and then after he died she sat there, every Sunday, on her own.

We carried that whole story in prayer together, and she said she felt better for having told it. The next Sunday, she made sure she arrived at church early, and when the young family came in, she introduced herself and invited them to join her in the pew that, from that day forward, was no longer just “her” pew.

I’ve been reading about the idea of “sacred space” in the seventeenth century. It occurred to me that “sacred space” was not just the “holy of holies” sort of space you got at the railed-in altar of an Anglican-style church. It was also the kind of space hallowed by devotional use over years of continuous worship.

I read a story about the Broughton family in 1632 who found a certain John Sayer sitting in “their” pew. Notice the quaint old spelling. Coming into church and finding their seats occupied, “Thomas Broughton and his uncle took Sayer by the haire of the head and pulled him by the eare, and bended his head downward, and knocked his head against the bench, and drew him out of the seat in violent manner, and threw his staffe out after him, whereas the minister being disturbed made a stand, and there came a great tumult in the church.” Has anything like this ever happened at Canton Uniting?

The Reformation, our heritage as Congregationalists and Baptists, was in part a revolt against the idea of sacred space in favour of an idea of sacred time—not the sacred time of the eternal cycle of the church year, Christmas, Easter, Whitsun and so on, but the sacred moment when the word of God pierces the heart of the believer in a way that the world can no longer be the same.

I think we still tend to see things as sacred that can be counted on, things that remain ever the same, like the same-old-same-old of the eternally revolving seasons of the liturgical year, like churches that seem more holy because their architectural style and furniture are reminiscent of otherwise long-dead Gothic times or Victorian times when confident missionaries went out into the empire to, as they said, turn the world to Christianity in a generation, and all those just-as-confident Victorian hymns—so what is sacred is what never changes, like the pews that have always been ours.

There is something about power and authority that exploits this hunger we have for continuity and predictability. Those who control the way things are do not like change to the way things are. But the most important heritage of the Reformation churches is the evangelical promise that things can indeed change. You can change. The world can change. The powers and the authorities get anxious when that is the message, when the sacred is not what never changes, but the power of God moving in us as the Holy Spirit to transform us and the world is what is sacred. Opening our hearts to God, we can become more compassionate, less self-focused. The world can become a place of justice, reconciliation, a refuge for the destitute. In our tradition churches are not sacred space. They are the walls and roofs that keep the rain off the gathered people of God while such transformation happens to them in our worship.

I like to joke when I talk to someone who has just led worship, asking them how many blessed conversions they made. But really, isn't this what it is about?

I remember hearing sermons where, about three quarters of the way through, there was always this "Aha!" moment when something was said that turned the world upside down or opened the window to a new way of understanding. Conversion, for Christians, isn't a single moment. We depend on a continuing diet of such "Aha!" moments to keep us on the right track.

What is sacred for you about church? Isn't it that moment when your heart is quickened, and you begin to live again, or maybe for the first time? Or do you want the church to just help you hang on to the familiar same-old-same-old?

Tom Arthur

Holy Week celebrations

During Holy Week, we will have sound files for the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

On Thursday and Friday there will be a Facebook live event on Beulah URC. You can watch it live on the site or play it back later.

On Thursday we invite you to have some bread and (small) glass of wine to share communion together.

"See you then."

Martha and David

Church Message from Martha

Dear friends,

Church is closed due to Coronavirus

With real sadness the Elders and I have decided that we should close the church premises in response to today's Government briefing about the Coronavirus outbreak.

All of the groups that hire our premises are being notified about this. All of our own groups and activities are suspended from now on until further notice.

We do not have control over homegroups who meet in homes rather than on the church premises, but we do urge you to make a decision that best protects the health and wellbeing of every person in your group, as well as their families who would also be affected by your choices.

What happens about worship, pastoral care etc?

We will not be meeting at church on Sunday for worship. I hope to sort out something online that will be helpful, but that's a task for the coming days.

We have not had a chance, yet, to address any of the other practicalities...we will be looking at ways to be church in these unusual times. And when we have more information we will let you know.

But for now the best thing to say is simply this:

Keep in touch with one another, and keep praying for one another.

Remember, this is temporary

Nobody knows when churches will be able to resume gathering to worship. But a worldwide virus outbreak does not mean that Jesus has fallen off his throne! He remains King and we are a people of hope who constantly look forward to the day when he will bring sorrow and sickness to an end and make all things new.

In the meantime we are called to live our daily lives in a way that demonstrates that he really is our Lord and our Saviour. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

'For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39 (NIVUK)

Rev. Martha McInnes

Imagining a new relationship with creation

Just before Christmas, Andrew had a dream!

His ideas - without giving too much away - comprise reflection on issues to do with protecting our planet, through a short series in Sunday worship and in other ways. At a meeting of about 15 church members and Martha, chaired by Phil, the ideas were enthusiastically taken up.

Two small sub-groups have been set up. One has been making arrangements for 4 Sundays worship that would be devoted to love of our planet; both Martha and David have contributed to this worship sub-group's work. At the time of writing, it is not clear when these 4 Sundays can be part of our calendar. The other sub-group is working on further ideas from Andrew's dream, but when the events that they have in mind can take place will also depend on COVID-19.

The aim of the worship sub-group is to promote a feeling of optimism over the 4 Sundays, that humankind *can* resolve the climate and related crises. That there is a future whereby we continue to share the wonderful life we have without overconsuming or spoiling our planet's resources, and without making the poor of the world even worse off.

The principal focus for the services will be on 'imagining a new relationship with creation.' We won't tell you what you have to imagine. But we hope that stories of what has been and is being achieved will add to positive and realistic imagining of how things might be.

To be optimistic, we need to reflect on why we're optimistic! There are of course other ways to look at climate and related issues, and, whilst we haven't chosen these as our main focus for the 4 Sundays, the following may be noted.

Campaigns to get politicians on board - such as the 'strikes' by schoolchildren across the world, led by Greta Thunberg - are important. As demonstrated by the present coronavirus crisis, we need politicians to tell it 'how it is'. If leaders of the major parties don't publicise and explain in simple terms the carbon budget, methane gas releases, etc, when will a majority of the public fully understand the imperative for urgent change?

Economic solutions and reformed politics that will accompany the change from ever expanding consumption to sustainable living are also important. Many talented people have thought about what's possible. For example, local currency has been used in Totnes for over a decade, to encourage local sourcing. Some think that universal basic income should be considered. Some think that targeted taxation is a solution. Some think that proportional representation or a citizens' assembly might help to create consensus legislation. But all these thoughts may not be enough until there is a groundswell of public opinion that can imagine an end objective and demand action.

In the February/March *Newslink*, Tom reflected that living in our God-centred world means living imaginatively and cooperatively. Some of you - like me - will feel that we don't know a whole lot about physics, or farming, or economics. But surely we can all imagine what we want for life on this Planet; share it with family, church, neighbours, friends? Who knows where a shared imagining can take us?

Ken Woods,

Convener of the 'Protecting the Planet' worship sub-group

Dear Friends,

April 2020

We have become news junkies. If we are not busy, we are watching the news channels to see what the latest information is in relation to Covid 19. Not particularly healthy you might say, but it is our current practice.

As we watch, we also read articles about the pandemic. There is so much to take in, to process, to try to make sense of what the news, the conditions of our world, mean for us today and mean for us tomorrow. We can only process the information in small bits. We cannot imagine being locked in for two weeks much less 12 weeks.

But here we are. Life is filled with questions and uncertainty. Some of us have family members who are ill. Many of us have family members here and around the UK and the world whom we cannot see. We wonder when or if we will be the next to develop some symptoms. We are trying to avoid fearful thoughts that can overwhelm us. What can two ordinary ministers say in such unprecedented circumstances? This is not the last word by any means, but some reflections in this time of crisis.

Remember who you are. Firstly, you are a beloved child of God. Whatever happens in the days and weeks ahead, you are not alone. God is with you. God loves you. "The Lord is our shepherd" who is with us in this valley of deepest darkness. (Another option for the translation of the Hebrew which we usually translate as "the valley of the shadow of death".)

Remember who we are. Secondly, you are a follower of Jesus. Jesus lived in a world that was dominated by an unjust political system. He encountered people who lived in isolation because of their illnesses. He found ways to feed people who were hungry and had limited resources. We are followers of Jesus Christ. Fear is not our motivator. Love is our motivator. We are not asking anyone to put themselves at risk, but we are asking that we all show love to those around us. Can we look out for neighbours in need? Can we ask for help from the church where there are people prepared to shop for us and help in other ways? Find ways to act in a loving manner in keeping with the teachings of Jesus. We are coordinating a list of people who can help those who need shopping or other jobs done. If you want to help or need help, someone in your church can put you in touch with Shelagh Pollard who is coordinating this list.

Remember who we are. Thirdly, love is our guide. Pause in the midst of this craziness, pray, allow Love to envelope you, pushing the fear aside. Take a deep breath, remember the community of faith that embodies God's love for you. We are still here for each other. Ring someone. Text someone. Write someone a letter. Find a way to connect safely. Share the love. If you want to talk to someone for any reason, you are welcome to contact us: David (07772714388) or Martha (07519831405).

Finally, remember—despite the physical distance we are connected as brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray, we love, we put one foot in front of the other, getting through today, trusting God for tomorrow. "Church" is more than the building; it is the connection we still share in Christ.

Our family of faith gives us these words in times of crisis: "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah, pilgrims through this barren land. I am weak but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand." May God guide us and comfort us in this strange time.

Stay safe and share love.

Peace,

Martha and David

Pastorate Youth Group

Young people from City, Canton Uniting and Beulah have been getting together every school holiday for well over a year now. The original target age was 11 – 14, but the upper age has risen as the members get older, and there are often some younger siblings and leaders' children in the mix. The group has become a lot more conscious of the pastorate since Martha and David's Induction, hence the evolving group title. We don't think there are any young people in the other churches at the moment, but anyone young in age or temperament is welcome to join us!

Our Christmas holiday get together took place on Friday 3rd January in Canton Uniting. As usual, we met at 10.30 and started with games to get to know each other and generally have fun. And also as usual, the host church provided lunch...we do like our food!

The theme for this session was New Year's Resolutions. We divided into groups and thought about our own resolutions for 2020, then our New Year's Resolutions for the world. Suggestions were imaginative and diverse:

- Use alternative methods of transport to reduce pollution
- Use more re-usable products and less single-use plastic to save the animals!
- Donate more to charity to help with injustices in the world, and give voice to those without one
- Be nice!
- Recycle by doing it more in our own society, even if we can't influence it in some other places in the world
- Try and make a change personally
- Donate to people who are less fortunate than us more
- Respect people more; all world leaders should show respect for other people!
- Increase people's access to freedom
- Increase research into carbon capture systems

Discussion then turned to our New Year's Resolutions for our churches. Ideas flowed; these are just some of the young people's suggestions:

- Become closer to God by listening to other people
- Incorporate other churches in our activities (in the Pastorate and out)
- More charity based things with other churches
- Get together more
- Have coffee mornings
- Learn how to respond to homeless people better
- Do a forest church activity for the children
- Host homeless people – open our doors
- Support people with mental health problems
- More activities for young people
- Joint services between churches
- More activities/events for the local community e.g. community gardens
- Pastorate zero single-use plastic policy?
- More support for people who can't come to church because of health issues
- More joint events between our different churches
- Fundraising for community/charity/people around the world
- Places for little ones to play
- Clean up days – cleaning local streets

We came together at the end for discussion about the emerging predominant themes and how we will respond to them. It was agreed that I could share what we had done with the pastorate via our church magazines...apologies for taking rather a long time to do so! Homelessness will be the focus of our next session in February, including a visit from a member of staff at the Huggard Centre. And we're planning a sleepover on Easter Saturday, leaving in time to get back to our own congregations for our Easter services. Coming together as young people, and taking a little of what we have done back to our congregations.

It's a privilege to spend time with these vibrant young people. They certainly are thought provoking!

As we moved towards our closing worship the sense of community was palpable. I'm looking forward to the next time.

Brenda Cheer



PASTORAL NEWS

It is time to share in our caring for each other:

Iris Grimaldi's sister has died. We remember her, and the wider family, in our prayers.

Tom Arthur is recovering slowly;
Rowena Davies is recovering from her illness;
Megan Atherton has had shingles;
Nancy Waterfield is still in hospital;
Angie Luther is still having treatment for her back;
Marc and Alison;
Mrs Millie McQuade;
Sylvia Neate;

Keith Bick;
David Cook.

We think of all in our church family, and of the wider community of Canton, Cardiff, and of communities throughout the world, as we all come to terms with the consequences of the covid 19 virus.

Congratulations to Abbie, Matthew and Brooke on the birth of a baby boy, Toby.

Lord, thank you for your sacrifice, your ultimate display of love. We pray for your church around the world.

Audrey T.

Peter Edwards

I would like to express my thanks to all who attended the funeral of Peter. I was sorry I could not speak to each and everyone on the day, I was overwhelmed by the caring which was so obviously expressed by all present.

Thanks to the Rev. David Dean who conducted the service and also to Mr Brian Westacott who gave a talk about Peter's life - from childhood to adulthood!

Thanks also to Matt, who was in charge of the catering and thank you to all who sent cards and letters.

Love and best wishes from

Rhys, Sian, Steve, Joshua, Harri and Toni

Prayer Call

April

1st	Chris and Megan Atherton	4th	Sian, Joshua and Harri Jones
2nd	Geraint Atherton	5th	Elinor Kapp
3rd	Gwyn Atherton	6th	Olaide, Taiwo, Ore, Korede and Nifemi Kassim
4th	Lowri and Amelia Baldwin	7th	Jenny Keenor
5th	Lent 6: The leaders of the Nations (Palm Sunday)	8th	Beverley, Christopher, Ioan and Evelyn Kibble
6th	Barbara Ball	9th	Ann and Tom Lloyd
7th	Keith Bick	10th	Young people
8th	Catherine Blakemore	11th	Angie Luther
9th	Doreen Cassam	12th	Cindy, Arwyn and Nye McCabe
10th	Debbie Cheshire, Paige and Lola	13th	Millie McQuade
11th	David Cooke	14th	Audrey Morgan
12th	Easter Sunday: The proclamation	15th	Hugh, Barbara and Bence Morgans
		16th	Sylvia Neate

February - March 2020

	of the Gospel	17th	The A.A.
13th	Clive Curtis and Constantino Dumangane	18th	Danielle Phillips, Laura, Will, Cian and Ruby
14th	Fred and Rowena Davies	19th	Mandy and Steve Phillips
15th	David Dean, Martha McInnes and family	20th	Abigail, Matt, Brooke and Toby Powell
16th	Ann Dobbins	21st	Julie Richards
17th	Marc and Alison Dummer	22nd	Janice Richens
18th	Gareth Dyer	23rd	Lucy Robinson and Andrew Wilson-Dickson
19th	New Christians	24th	The Emergency Services
20th	Hiroko, Richard and Emily Edge	25th	Barbara Smith
21st	Toni Edwards	26th	David and Malou Smith
22nd	Eva Elliott	27th	Audrey Takle
23rd	Alan Farnham	28th	David and Joy Thompson
24th	Barbara Farnham	29th	Alison Walker
25th	Ceri and Phil George	30th	Nancie Waterfield
26th	Teachers	31st	Pentecost - The Church
27th	Linda Gibbs		
28th	Rachel, Kate, Evan and Emily Gill		
29th	Bronwyn Gregory		
30th	Rob Fiona, Isobel and Alistair Harding		
May			
1st	Jean Hawkins		
2nd	Barbara Jones		
3rd	Work with children		
		June	
		1st	Liz Williams and family
		2nd	Kenneth Woods
		3rd	Rita, Francis, Gloria, Gabriel and Michael
		4th	Tom and Marieke Arthur
		5th	Chris and Megan Atherton

Sunday Lectionary Readings from Roots

5th April, 2020 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 118.1-2,19-29; Philippians 2.5-11; **Matthew 21.1-11**

Turning Point: Matthew 21.1-11 Jesus enters Jerusalem as a Passover pilgrim for the last time, demonstrating how he brings in God's kingdom and setting the stage for the showdown with those he sees as God's real enemies.

12th April, 2020 Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31.1-6; **Matthew 28.1-10**; Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24

Delighting in God's Grace: Matthew 28.1-10 Two women, disciples of Jesus, visit his tomb once the Sabbath is over. They find the tomb empty, and experience both fear and joy. They are sent by an angel to tell the rest of the disciples that Jesus is raised.

19th April, 2020

Acts 2.14a,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; **John 20.19-31**

Peace be with you: **John 20.19-31** The risen Jesus appears among his disciples when Thomas is absent. Jesus breathes on them and says, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. A week later, Jesus appears again and speaks to Thomas directly. Thomas cries out, 'My Lord and my God!'

26th April,2020

Acts 2.14a,36-41; Psalm 116.1-4,12-19; 1 Peter 1.17-23; **Luke 24.13-35**

Moments of revelation: **Luke 24.13-35** Two disciples walk back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. They are in despair about the death of Jesus. Jesus appears and walks beside them, but they do not recognise him. He teaches them from the Scriptures and they see who he is when he breaks bread with them.

3rd May,2020

Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-25; **John 10.1-10**

Finding pasture: **John 10.1-10** Jesus speaks of a shepherd whose sheep know his voice and follow him away from danger. The Pharisees do not understand that Jesus is referring to himself. He also says that he is the gate of the sheepfold, and whoever enters by him will be saved.

10th May,2020

Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; **John 14.1-14**

I am the way: **John 14.1-14** Jesus reassures his disciples that they will be with him. He explains that he is the way, the truth and the life and that anyone who has seen him has seen the Father. He promises that he will do anything asked in his name.

17th May,2020

Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.8-20; 1 Peter 3.13-22; **John 14.15-21**

The Spirit beside us **John 14.15-21** Jesus promises his disciples that God will send the Spirit of truth, who will be with them for ever. He reminds them that those who love him are those who keep his commandments. These are the ones to whom he will reveal himself.

24th May,2020

Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10,32-35; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; **John 17.1-11**

Glorify my name: **John 17.1-11** Jesus says that the hour has come for him to glorify the Father. He prays for those who have kept God's word and so belong to God. He prays for their protection in the world as he leaves it, and that they may be one.

31st May,2020

Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.24-34,35b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 7.37-39

Let anyone: **Acts 2.1-21** - On the day of Pentecost Jesus' disciples experience being filled dramatically with God's Holy Spirit, the culmination of many centuries of waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise, made known through Old Testament prophets.

7th June,2020

Genesis 1.1-2.4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; **Matthew 28.16-20**

Worship and witness: Matthew 28.16-20

Jesus has summoned his disciples to a mountain in Galilee. He tells them that all authority is his and that they should make disciples all over the world, baptizing them and teaching them to obey his commandments. He promises to be with them always.



CANTON UNITING CHURCH was established in 1995 when New Trinity United Reformed Church joined with Llandaff Road Baptist Church and in 2013 joined with Grand Avenue United Reformed Church Ely which in 2005 had united with Saintwell URC. We are committed to ecumenism through our links with Cytûn, the Covenanted Churches and Churches Together in Canton. Our previous minister was the Chair of the Committee of the Covenanted Baptists which, with the Church in Wales, the Presbyterian, Methodist and United Reformed Churches seeks to bring about the goal of uniting together.

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USUAL WEEKLY DIARY & MONTHLY EVENTS -

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AND FINALLY ... Please hand in material for the next Newslink to Barbara Ball or Hugh Morgans by the end of the Morning service on **Sunday 21st June, 2020**



The Women at Christ's empty tomb, the workshop of Rubens, 1640
