



15 MARCH 2020

READINGS

Romans 5: 1—11

John 4: 1—26

**A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS THIS MORNING**

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING** John 4: 1—26

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— <sup>2</sup>although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup>Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

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<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

<sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

<sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

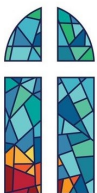
<sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Monika and Judith are hoping to develop the garden area around their new home. If anyone has garden tools, a wheel barrow, hose and decorative pots that they no longer need they would be happy to have a look. Please phone Judith on 021 1029180 if you can help out!



Contact

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## ANGLICAN MISSIONS LENTEN APPEAL 2020

This 2020 Lenten appeal is for the following three projects

- a) Penman Medical Centre, Zabadeh [*Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*]
- b) Princess Basma Centre [*Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*]
- c) Roofing of Churches [*Diocese of Mara, Tanzania*]

*Donation envelopes are available on the foyer table.*

## OUR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETINGS

- ◆ **Lenten Bible Study:** This is being held each Wednesday from March 4 to April 1 at 7:30pm. The group is studying the John Stott book '**The Radical Disciple**'
- ◆ **Bible Study on Alternate Saturdays at 4.00pm:** The next meeting will be on 28 March. Enquiries to Judith 021 102 9180.

**Evening Prayer Group:** Third Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm.  
Next meeting date to be advised

**Morning Prayer:** Held every Wednesday at 8 am - everyone welcome.  
All groups meet at the church unless advised otherwise.



You have special permission to stay in bed on Sunday morning 21 June  
BECAUSE our service that day is not until 2pm in the afternoon.

So have an early lunch and come with all the other members of the church family along with specially invited guests who have helped us as we hold a special Thanksgiving Service followed by a very elegant afternoon tea.

We are delighted that Bishop Ross and our Archdeacon, Michael Berry, will be able to be with us .

**And another date for your diary**

On Sunday 24 May we will again be hosting a performance by the Choirs of One Tree Hill College.

**Plan to be there!.**

