



St Mary the Virgin Baldock



“Building with Christ”

Rector's Blog – day 27

Dear Friends

Following Sharon's excellent sermon yesterday, here are a few more musings on the Road to Emmaus

Acts chapter 24, verses 17 - 21

Jesus said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' 19He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.'

The two disciples, walking dejectedly away from Jerusalem hadn't recognised Jesus at this point. All they really wanted was for life to go back to how it had been. They were followers of Jesus and now it seemed they had been duped. He wasn't the one to redeem Israel! He had been killed and that was the end of that. And to add insult to injury, now his body had disappeared.

All they really wanted was for life to go back to how it had been! Is that what you would like? Because life will never be the same again. That's what the disciples had discovered by the end of the day. After they had recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. They rushed back to Jerusalem to find that others had seen him as well. And life was well and truly renewed. It certainly was 'never the same again!'

We have a faith in Christ who makes 'all things new'. When lockdown eventually ends and we begin to re-establish some sense of a regular daily routine again, do you want life to go back to just how it was, or do you hope the world will have to make some changes about how we live and the priorities we think are important? And if so, what would these changes be? And what changes does that imply to your lifestyle and aspirations? And are you prepared to make these changes?

Here is a Celtic prayer

May the God of the dawn awaken you
May the God of sunrise stir you up
May the God of morning bless your work
May the God of noon renew your strength
May the God of sunset bring you home
May the God of dusk soothe your soul
May the God of night bring you rest.
And until we meet again may God
hold you in the palm of his hand.

And for something to listen to, a taste of heaven, how life might be!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YaGwl7GjIA>

Every blessing

Andrew



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If you would like to join us for Evening Prayer this evening it is at 4.15pm

The link is

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on Monday
Time: Apr 27, 2020 04:15 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87021848582?pwd=ajJUd3hzcHNSVDdRWURrdU9XMUdjdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 2184 8582
Password: 026559

The times for Evening Prayer for the rest of the week are as follows:

Tuesday 4.30pm
Wednesday 5.00pm (contact Katrina)
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Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 6.00pm