

HEAVEN

As I get older, I find that I appreciate God and people and good and lovely and noble things more and more intensely; so it is pure delight to think that this enjoyment will continue and increase in some form (what form, God knows, and I am content to wait and see), literally forever. In fact Christians inherit the destiny which fairy tales envisaged in fancy: we (yes, you and I the silly saved sinners) live and live happily, and by God's endless mercy will live happily ever after.

We cannot visualize heaven's life and the wise will not try to do so. Instead he will dwell on the doctrine of heaven, where the redeemed will find all their heart's desire: joy with their Lord, joy with his people, and joy in the ending of all frustration and distress and in the supply of all wants. What was said to the child -- "If you want sweets and hamsters in heaven, they'll be there" -- was not an evasion but a witness to the truth that in heaven no felt needs or longings go unsatisfied. What our wants will actually be, however, we hardly know, except the first and foremost: we shall want to be "always...with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17).

What shall we do in heaven? Not lounge around but worship, work, think, and communicate, enjoying activity, beauty, people, and God. First and foremost, however, we shall see and love Jesus, our Saviour, Master, and Friend.

'Your Father Loves You' by James Packer

I recently heard of a study that examined growing churches from across the denominational spectrum: charismatic and non-charismatic, catholic and protestant, formal and 'free' - and the common factor that was shared by all of them was *laughter*.

Perhaps we laugh easiest when we feel safe, and at home. That enables us to laugh at ourselves, too, which can be a huge step to growth. So ... keep laughing, friend. **Fun** can be serious stuff.

Jeff Lucas

Richard and Sue would like to announce the arrival of their second grandson born Friday 30th April. Maverick Owen Newman Simmons.

Bincombe with Broadway Upwey and Buckland Ripers



Please take these notes away with you

Welcome to Church today

By this all people will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.

May 2nd Fifth Sunday of Easter

Broadway 10.30am Family Service (Revd Pat Jones)

Upwey 10.30am Parish Communion (Rector)

Buckland 6.00pm Evening Service (Rector)

Acts 11: 1- 18; Revelation 21: 1 – 6; John 13: 31 - 35 pp 872ff

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The Prayer for Today

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Introduction to the Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you

and also with you.

COMMUNION We welcome all who are members of their own Churches to receive the sacrament at any of our Communion Services.

Today's Gospel John 13.31-35

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

"I never look at the masses as my responsibility; I look at the individual. I can only love one person at a time - just one, one, one.

So you begin. I began - I picked up one person.

Maybe if I didn't pick up that one person, I wouldn't have picked up forty-two thousand....The same thing goes for you, the same thing in your family, the same thing in your church, your community. Just begin - one, one, one." Mother Theresa

Love changes everything : In the paragraph below, from 1 Corinthians 13 : 4 – 7, put your own name in place of the word **love**, (and **it**) and say it aloud – every day.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**The future does not belong to the American Eagle,
the British Lion or the Chinese Dragon,
but to the Lamb of God.**

Notices **Benefice Website - www.theweytojesus.org.uk**
Tuesday 10.00am Holy Communion at St Laurence Upwey

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Broadway

May 9th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Broadway 10.30am Family Service (Rector)

Bincombe 9.15am Morning Service (Terry Landsbert)

Upwey 10.30am Parish Communion (Revd Pat Jones)

Buckland 9.15am Holy Communion (Rector)

Acts 16: 9 - 15, Rev. 21:10,22 -22:5; John 14: 23-29 **pp876ff**

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12th (Wed)

Ascension Day Eve

Bincombe 7.00pm Ascension Eve Service (Rector)

St Laurence Upwey Spring Plant Sale
Saturday 15th May 10.30am - 12Noon
Upwey Old School Village Hall
Stalls include books, plants, cakes, produce
Quality china and glass, also raffle and refreshments.
There will be no bric-a-brac stall this time

Heavenly Father, bless this Diocese of Salisbury as we seek a Bishop to lead us.

May your Holy Spirit direct those entrusted with this task, and may the same Spirit bring to us the person

who with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles; may feed and govern your flock;

lead us in proclaiming the gospel of your salvation in the world; and increase your Church and renew its ministry,

uniting its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love.

This we pray through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever. Amen.