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Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.

⁴ He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right."

⁵ So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.

⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"

⁷ "Because no one has hired us," they answered.

"He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."

⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.

¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.

¹² "These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

¹³ "But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?"

¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.

¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Psalm 105:1-6 (NIV)

¹ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

² Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

⁵ Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

⁶ you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

Phillipians 1:21-30 (NIV)

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Life Worthy of the Gospel

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

It's wonderful to be
Welcome Back!
able to worship face-to-face again.

West Tamworth has space for 20 people under our current Covid19 rules. We are not able to eat, drink or sing, but it is great to be together.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Exodus 16:2-15



..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



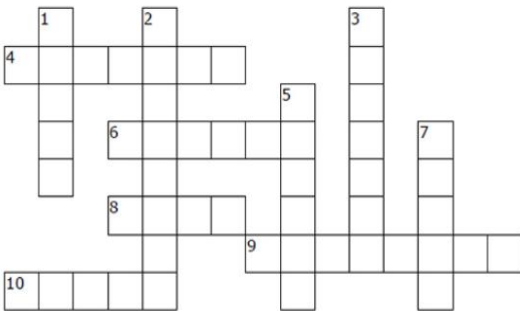
IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Margaret Davidson. She will be in hospital for some time yet, and would appreciate our prayer support.
- We pray for John Murray and his family. They recently lost George, a loved family member.
- We pray for rain to fall as it is needed, to fill dams, to grow the crops and to keep our gardens blooming beautifully. We also give thanks for the warmth and sunshine experienced over the past week.
- We pray for everyone experiencing hay fever, sinus and asthma during this spring weather.
- We pray for the nations where Covid19 is at its' worst - especially India, where many hospitals are overflowing.
- We pray for Athol Whitten.

The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



ACROSS

4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
6. The place where God lives
8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
9. A place where grapes are grown
10. Pay received for working

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
2. To give or share freely with others
3. To gripe or complain
5. Not playing by the rules
7. Two things that are of the same value

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



A BIG thank-you to everyone who has prepared things for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. It is time to start bringing in our contributions, and to see what else may be required. If you would like your items to be picked up, please contact Meg.

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Meg's Musings

Looking up to the hills to the north of Tamworth, it is obvious that many trees were killed during the drought. Many trees, particularly along the ridges, stand stark, with bare branches outlined against the skyline. Other trees and shrubs have recovered, showing new life and growth. Sometimes when harsh times befall our relationships, the friendship can be renewed, and can thrive. At other times, harsh words, or unkind actions can "kill" a relationship, leaving stark reminders of what once blossomed. There are times in our lives when it is very tempting to give voice to thoughtless comments, or harsh criticism. Perhaps we need to remind ourselves at such moments that our words can have long-term consequences. We also to ask that trickiest of questions, "What Would Jesus Do... or Say?"

Blessings from Meg



"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.



I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

~ Maya Angelou

29 September ~ Athol Whitten

30 September ~ John Murray



Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. ~ Leonardo da Vinci

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