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We extend a warm welcome to
Rev Simon Topping, our
members, friends and visitors



For meditation: *Lord, you are my island, in your bosom I rest,
You are the calm of the sea, in that peace I lie,
You are the deep waves of the ocean, in their depths I stay,
You are the smooth white strand of the shore, in its swell I sing,
You are the ocean of life that laps my being,
In you is my eternal joy.* *Attributed to St Columba*

NEWS AND VIEWS

This week is Mental Health Awareness week. It was established in the US in 1990 and this year has the official theme of 'loneliness'. We are encouraged to build meaningful connections with friends, family, colleagues and members of our communities – all links that have been stressed during the long periods of isolation during the pandemic.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

We continue to pray for the people of the Ukraine, for Natalia and all her family and for the many other refugees spread around Europe. Pray, too, for all those suffering with mental health issues and for those struggling to provide appropriate care in a time of increasing demand. In the circuit we are praying this week for the congregation at Peasedown St John, and we continue to support the Chapel House students who are completing projects and preparing for exams. Pray for Antony especially as he seeks a work placement for the year ahead.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 15 May

Acts 11: 1-18
Revelations 21: 1-6
John 13: 31-35
Psalm 148

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths as he has promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me. Psalm 23 1-4

The Psalms touch the depths of human nature and experience and it is no accident that all generations who have known them have responded to them and have found them fit their need. They are songs of the human soul, timeless and universal: it is the sacred poets of Israel, more than any others, who have well and truly interpreted the spirit of humankind. H Wheeler Robinson

DIARY

Tuesday 10th May

Compass Point 10.30 – 11.30am

Come and explore the next of the Holy Habits – led by Rev Simon

The Filling Station 7.30pm

Cafe style worship – the speaker this month is Rev David Hull

Wednesday 11th May 3.30 – 4.30pm

Grace- an hour of fun, games, activities, stories, and prayer for children and accompanying adult.

Thursday 12th May

Café 9.30am – 12noon

Sunday 15th May

Morning Worship 11.00am

led by Mark Robinson

Father God, your love surrounds us,
Cove and headland, sea and sand
Sing the praises of your beauty,
Show the hallmark of your hand.
Give us eyes to see your glory,
Ear attentive, hearts aflame,
Voices raised in nature's anthem
To the worship of your name.

God in Christ, your grace surrounds us,
Balm of sadness, hope in pain,
Costly love that seeks and finds us,
Bears us gently home again.
Grant to us, your pilgrim people,
Joy to serve and strength to lead,
Grace to share and live your message,
Gospel word and gospel deed.

Spirit God, your power surrounds us,
Power of tempest, wind and wave,
Source of sainthood, artist's vision,
Life that conquers sin and grave.
Pour your sevenfold gifts upon us
Minds to open, hearts to move.
Gather in the whole creation
To the banquet of your love.

Perran Gay

