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**MAY 10, 2020: FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER – And MOTHERS DAY! So,**



Mission Statement:

**To love God and to love our neighbours and become an increasingly relevant presence in our community.**

**SUNDAYS MAY 10 and MAY 17, 2020 -**

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to all our Mums, our Grand-Mums, our Fill-in Mums, our Encouragers, esp in the faith!

**Prayer of the Day:** *Ever living God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of His commandments, and to share His risen life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Acts 7: 55-60      Psalm 31: 1-5, 17-18      1 Peter 2: 11-25      John 14: 1-14.  
**ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020:** *"We read that St Thomas said to Jesus, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Many of us will feel like that in these straitened times. What does the future hold? Despite our apprehension and disquiet, if we follow Jesus we cannot feel lost for very long."*

- Pray that** we who yearn for direction may find it in Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, & the Life
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of Pakistan.
  - **Pray Healing for:** Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Pamela J; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Bob B; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for all who grieve.
  - **Pray protection & recovery** for our virus, drought, fire, & flood affected nation.
  - **Prayer for selection of a new incumbent:** (APBA p.212) *"Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak Your word & minister Your sacraments; an encourager who will equip Your people for ministry & enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment & patience, & to us give warm & generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."*

#### **GREAT NEWS!**

- **The Reverend Tim Narraway** has been elected by his peers as Area Dean for 'The Coast'.
- **The Reverend Jane Simmonds** has been appointed Archdeacon for the Diaconate & Head of the Household of Deacons - Bishop Mark says: *"The Reverend Jane Simmonds has accepted my invitation to serve as Head of the Household of Deacons and Archdeacon to the Diaconate. Jane will be collated in her role at All Saints' Bodalla on the afternoon of Saturday May 16. Given current restrictions only a small number of people will be physically present but we will be sending out details of how you can join the service online. I look forward to the whole Diocese gathering together to affirm Jane in her ministry at a subsequent date. Please join with me in praying for Jane as she responds to God's call."*

## Sermon for 10.05.20 - The way, truth, life - John 14.1-14.

Jesus said; 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14.6. These words are often heard at funerals and are usually thought of as meaning something like: "don't be sad when I'm gone."

But it is much more accurate to translate these words as this; "Don't panic. Don't drop your bundle. Remain calm and determined when the heat is on, when it looks like the opposition has the upper hand and you are losing the battle."

"Hold your nerve. When it looks like everything is falling apart and going against you, when there isn't enough money and nobody is listening to you, hold your nerve."

Jesus is saying: "I am the way and you will not get lost if you follow me. I am the honest truth, and those who follow my way, though it not be easy, will not be disappointed, they will eventually arrive at a better place." "Hold your nerve, I am the truth, and those who abide in me will find the truth setting them free."

"Hold your nerve. I am the life, and my life can never be held captive by the grip of death. When it looks like the powers of death are always at work in politics, in our lives and the lives of people we love, hold your nerve. No matter how complete death's victory may appear, I will rise up again and with me all the victims of death will be raised to new life. And I will come again and take you to myself. The power of death will be broken forever, and all of God's people will be free." - Hold your nerve, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No matter what they do to you, they cannot tear you out of the Father's hands. They cannot separate you from the love of God.

You are the temple of the Holy Spirit, and you are therefore part of my Father's house, which is built from the living stones of those who hold together with me on the way. They have tried by force and deceit to destroy the royal priesthood and holy nation into which you have been called, but they cannot demolish my Father's house.

They cannot lock you from the life of the Father, because it is me, not them, who decides who comes to the Father. You come to the Father on my say-so, not theirs. So hold your nerve."

We simply give witness to the one way in which we have found life and truth, and urge others to follow this way and hold their nerve and hang in there.

For to those who keep going, Christ has said, "I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, in the love and life of God, there you may be also."

Jesus is the way—let us follow Him.

Jesus is the truth—let us build our confidence on His promises.

Jesus is the life—let us remain in Him, abide in Him, the source of all life, until He receives us into our eternal home above.

Rev'd. Mandy Wheatley

## MAY 17, 2020: SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER –

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, You have prepared for those who love You joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for You, that, loving You above all else, we may obtain Your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 17: 22-31

Psalms 66.7-19

1 Peter 3: 8-22

John 14:15-21.

**ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020:** "As the song says, Love changes everything. In this time of quietness and confinement, how might we express love for others? How about by praying for doctors and nurses as they deal with those affected by Covid-19? How about calling someone you know who is elderly and shut in? How about doing shopping for someone who cannot do it easily themselves? In these difficult times, What the world needs now is love, sweet love, as another song says.

- **Pray that** you can change your neighbourhood this week by acts of love, sweet love.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.
- **Pray for the Tingle family**, link missionaries in Chiang Mai. **April Newsletter Excerpts:** "Dear friends, a quick update of some things we are grateful for & **some things we'd love you to be praying for** during this unique, crazy, scary, frustrating, .... time to be alive.  
# **We are grateful for:** - more time together as a family, to have some special experiences like camping in the yard & toasting marshmallows on the BBQ; more frequent opportunities to catch up with people on Line & Zoom; the girls can continue with school & Matt can keep teaching online; to have clear air to breathe here in Hua Hin.  
# **Please be praying for Alisa's family** grieving the loss of her grandma. It was difficult to have to watch the funeral from online & not be there with her family.  
# **Please be praying for** all affected physically, emotionally & economically by the Coronavirus. Many people are struggling & need help. We've had some opportunities to provide food & supplies for people in the community here (migrant workers are particularly vulnerable). Pray that God will meet them in their need, that we will all be attentive & generous to those amongst us, & that ultimately they will come to know Jesus.  
# **The economic situation has had a significant impact on our support level** as it has affected the ability of some of our supporters to continue giving. So please be praying for God to continue to provide for them, & for our needs & the ministry here in Thailand. (Things were already tight with the drop in the Aust Dollar & the increase in school fees since we arrived).  
# **Please continue to be praying for the Centre.** Financially, we mostly rely on the donations of students & this is supplemented by some outside donations. With less teachers & students than normal at this time, & the challenge of starting new classes while we can't

*meet physically, this is causing strain & concern for the future of the Centre ministry....” –*  
The Tingles