



Weekly Notices

Sunday 24th May

“Pentecost”

10.30am Morning Service led by
Pam Murphy

Hymns: StF21 Born in song !

StF238 Lead us heavenly Father

StF498 God of all power, and grace

StF391 O breath of Life

MP18 All over the world the Spirit

Readings: Numbers 11 v 24-30

Acts 2 v 1-21

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer
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Dear Friends,

Seeking the lost



Remember the parable Jesus once told about a woman who had 10 pieces of silver and lost one? A recent event has reminded me that Jesus was a keen observer of how we humans behave when we lose something.

One day last week, I left the office and set off on the ten-minute stroll down to the railway station. Taking a seat on the platform, I noticed that the zip on the outside pocket of my rucksack was open. I peered inside the pocket. It was empty!

My almost new, bright, mustard-coloured, unmissable purse was gone! Forgetting the train that had just arrived, and with the determination of Inspector Clouseau,

I retraced my steps back up the hill towards the office, convinced that my purse would be lying on the pavement, impossible to miss. But it was not there.

Back at the office, I embarked on what can only be described as a frantic search. Drawers were opened, nooks were investigated, crannies were not spared. I turned my bag inside out in a moment of desperate optimism. Perhaps I had cleverly hidden the purse amongst the reams of paperwork inside? Perhaps I had forgotten a secret compartment? But no, it slowly dawned on me that the purse was, gone. Maybe lost, maybe stolen, but well and truly gone. And so began the administrative mayhem.

Phone calls were made. The bank was alerted. The DVLA was contacted. The railcard people were informed. Cards were cancelled and various companies were notified that I would, regrettably, no longer be collecting their loyalty points for a while. The police suggest I might go back to the railway station and ask if they can look at their CCTV footage. And so, the story continues.

What does the woman who lost a silver coin do? Well of course, continued Jesus, *“She would sweep the house from top to bottom until she found it”*.

I think that this week, I caught a glimpse of the woman’s emotionally charged energy to find her lost property. Jesus was using this parable, one of a trilogy of three, to paint a picture of how diligently He seeks for us, when we are lost. And how all of heaven celebrates with a great big party when we are found.

Following a call from the bank yesterday, it looks as if I was the victim of a pickpocket, so I can't resist rounding off with this:

The judge told the accused that he was free to go, as the jury had found him not guilty of pickpocketing, so the prisoner replied, "Does that mean I can keep the money?"

Every blessing, *Cathy*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit our comforter. Your Spirit that finds a home in us and permeates every aspect of our lives. an active presence in us and across the world.

Lord, we thank you for the lives of Charles and John Wesley who at this time on 24 May 1738 whilst attending a Moravian meeting experienced what John described as his conversion, a personal assurance of salvation. The Wesleys preached and sang of the Grace of God, may we too experience your living presence within us.

AMEN

"Refining fire, go through my heart, illuminate my soul; scatter thy life through every part, and sanctify the whole". StF 390 v 4. Charles Wesley.

"I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; an assurance was given me that he had taken my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death".

John Wesley's words following his conversion.

Week beginning Saturday 23rd May

Sat 23 rd May	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for CHAT
Sun 24 th May	10:30am	Morning Worship in church or on the web led by Pam Murphy Followed by "Picnic in the Park"
	6:30pm	Evening worship and communion led by Revd Stephen Mosedale
Mon 25 th May	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
		NO Big Top
Tues 26 th May	7:00pm	Church Council, Epworth Room
Wed 27 th May	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 29 th May	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 30 th May	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for World Missions
Sun 31 st May	10:30 am	Morning Worship in the Church or on the web led by Revd. Simon Leigh <i>Communion</i>

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week: Tinned Fruit, Custard and Rice Pudding. Jars of curry sauce and pasta sauce.
Cereal (not porridge at the moment) Long life Orange and Apple juice,
Toilet rolls, Size 4 nappies Wet wipes
Dog food (wet or dry)

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