



This week at St Mary's Sunday 23 September 2018

I have found returning into my head since Sunday the words from the Gospel reading, "Who do you say I am"? "Well", I can hear you say, "I'd expect a Vicar to say that". Maybe, but certainly not inevitably.

The fairly low priority many give to words spoken by Jesus is in the air most of us breathe. "Who do you say that I am?" - religious words for religious people. So even though we may reply, as the disciple Peter did, "Jesus, you are the Christ", there may be quite a gulf between our words and their actual implications. It's reassuring to know that was Peter's position too. It also helps (a lot) if we are willing to admit that's where we find ourselves.

The Gospel writer (Mark, in this case, at the end of chapter 8) I am sure deliberately recorded the exchange to help us. "Who do you say I am?" is a question certainly everyone who claims to be a disciple of Jesus needs to answer. If Jesus is "the Christ" then its scope extends way beyond just His disciples.

Speaking to myself as a disciple, I think I need to be proactive to hear this question at a deeper level than I am used to. That's why coming back to it is necessary, allowing the words to be repeated again and again, especially in the context of prayer. As I've been doing so this week, I've been trying to reply not just as Peter did, but also praying to get it right as to what type of "Christ" Jesus is – Jesus gives us more than a steer on this.

I know I have a part to do only I can do. However, if that's all I do, I doubt I'll make much progress, so I am wise to reflect on it with others. There's nothing like speaking out loud what I think I think and hearing what others think they think. Also, because of the 'steer' Jesus gives about the meaning of 'Christ' with the emphasis on suffering, brokenness, injustice and death, that's territory I need to be in too.

Tom Gillman

<u>SNAPSHOT OF ST MARY'S EST 2018 YEAR END FIGURES</u>			
<u>Income</u>	<u>1,000s</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1,000s</u>
Planned giving	52	Parish share	50
Other giving	29	Salaries	45
Tax back	15	Building repairs	30
Investment inc	27	Utilities	24
Lettings	24	External Giving	5
		Other	30
<u>Total</u>	<u>147</u>		<u>184</u>

10:45 Sung Eucharist 23 September

Celebrant: Rev Tom Gillum

*Palestrina Missa
'Aeterna Christi munera'
O salutaris hostia Palestrina*

Hymns: 165, 343, 266, 169

**Readings: James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a
Mark 9.30-37**

6:30pm Choral Evensong 23 September

Officiant: Rev Tom Gillum

*Responses Leighton Psalm 119
Stanford in C vv.137-152
How lovely are thy dwellings fair Brahms*

Hymns: 193(i), 233, 200

**Readings: Exodus 19.10-end
Matthew 8.23-end**

Weekly Services from 19 September 2018

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 8.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion

KANNEH – MASON FAMILY CONCERT

What a privilege it was to have at St Mary's last week probably 'the most talented family in the world' (Simon Cowell.) Their combined CVs make awesome reading, with Grade 8s, awards, scholarships, prizes everywhere. Listening to them you can quite see why. They played us an extremely well judged programme, including the piece Sheku had treated the Royal couple to in May. The concert raised over £7,000 for WeRHere and Street Child UK.

RAF 100 SERVICE AND PARADE

This was a major Nottinghamshire occasion with the Lord-Lieutenant, the Mayor, our Bishop and many distinguished RAF personnel present. The emphasis of the service was thanksgiving but knowing, as we do, how many thousands of RAF lives have been lost since 1918, it inevitably had a sad side too. Bishop Paul spoke from Isaiah 40 about how God gives strength to all those who wait on Him. Hearing the band and seeing the Parade enter Market Square was very stirring. The 'preview' of Storm Ali disappointingly prevented the planned fly past of the Lancaster bomber.

REAL LIFE COURSE from 25 September

Discipleship course designed to envision, empower and equip God's people in making the life-long journey of following-after Christ. Three ten-week blocks (Life CORE, Life CREDO and Life STORY), which in their own different ways will look at ten aspects of discipleship that emerge from the teaching and example of Jesus in Luke 9. To hear more watch 'Real LIFE discipleship course' on youtube. It begins on 25 September, and runs on Tuesdays at St Giles, West Bridgford NG2 6AY and Wednesdays at St Margaret's, Aspley NG8 5GE

Deanery Pilgrimage – Saturday 29 September 2018

A chance to journey together to the Minster – walking, cycling or driving – please click on the link for more information <https://www.facebook.com/events/236994490443808/> and get in touch with Kirsty Cowley Kirsty.cowley@southwell.anglican.org if you would like to be involved in helping plan the event.

NOTTINGHAM WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY INSIGHT MEETING: Wed 17 October: What Triggers Homelessness

Welcome: this is your chance to understand **WHAT TRIGGERS HOMELESSNESS**. The Friary's chief executive, Sam Crawford, will give us an *INSIGHT* into 'Why are the homeless homeless?', 'Who are they?' and 'Why people sleeping on the streets?'. We will also hear what is being done about tackling poverty caused by homelessness and unemployment and the work that is also being done to put people in a good position to rebuild their lives. Our host is **ACAS East Midlands** in the Dean Room at Apex Court, City Link NG2 4LA on the BBC Island London Road. The meeting time is **12.30pm – 2.00pm** - A buffet lunch is provided - to help with the catering arrangements please email: lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm your attendance.

SETTING GOD'S PEOPLE FREE for MONDAY TO SATURDAY – Sat 17 November

A conference for the laity at The Minster School, Southwell 9.30am-4pm. Key note speaker:
Alison Coulter - Winchester Diocese Chair of Laity, General Synod Member and Co-author of the report, Setting God's People Free.

CONFIRMATION - Please discuss with Tom if you think this might be the right time for you -
Deanery Confirmation service is 6pm on Sunday 18 November, here at St Mary's.

IRIS WRIGHT's Funeral – Monday 1 October 12.30 Bramcote Crematorium

There will be a buffet afterwards at the Bestwood Lodge Hotel and all are welcome

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks

Debbie Butler

Daniel Hanson

Pauline Miller

Brenda Palmer

Harry Palmer

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