

St Chad's, Coseley

Sunday Bulletin

28th June 2020

Ss. Peter and Paul



*The church is open for
Private Prayer
on Sundays
9.30am to 11.30am*



Saint Paul. Peter and Paul were both friends of Je sus, but their lives were very different.

Peter, a fisherman in Galilee, was first named Simon but Je sus gave him the name 'Peter', which means 'rock'.

Jesus told Peter that he would build his Church on this rock. Je sus called Peter to leave his work as a fisherman and follow him. Peter became the leader of the twelve Apostles. When Je sus asked his friends who they thought he was, Peter said "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." At the Last Supper, Je sus fore told that Peter would deny him three time s, before the cock crew. That night, when Jesus was arrested, Peter was so frightened that he denied knowing Je sus – three time s – and then the cock crew, and Peter wept. After Jesus rose from the de ad, he asked Peter three time s "Do you love me?" When Peter replied, three times, that he did, Je sus told him "Feed my sheep". Peter was an important leader of the early Church. After Pentecost he was able to pre ach to large crowds, telling them about Je sus. He became the first Bishop of Rome: the first Pope.

Paul, a very religious Je w from Tarsus, was first called Saul. He never me t Je sus whilst Jesus was on earth. After Jesus had ascended to heaven, Saul was trying to stop the early Christians teaching about Jesus. Then on the road to Damascus, the Risen Je sus appeared to Saul, telling him to stop persecuting Christians and to believe in Je sus. Saul was converted. He became known as Paul and Je sus made him into an Apostle for the Gentile s (the people who were not Jews). Paul made three missionary journeys, founding churches in places in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and Europe. Paul was a tentmaker and he did this work to support himself on his t ravel s. After his third journey, Paul was arrested and put into prison for two years. He insisted on standing trial in Rome, but the ship he was taken on was shipwrecked off Malta. Finally Paul reached Rome, where he spent two more years under house arrest.

Collect

O God, source of every good gift, and sure foundation of our unity, as we honour and revere Saints Peter and Paul, grant your Church a share in their zeal for preaching the gospel. Strengthen our faith to be witnesses, even unto death, of the one Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading:

Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 33:2-9

R: The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R:**

The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R:**

The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R:**

The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R:**

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

St Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

For Our Prayers

Sick & Housebound:

Doreen Bradin, Marshall Bottrell, Norma Brookes, Kerry Bullows, Vicky Bullows, Joan Cartwright, Carol Connochie, John Connochie, Lyn Cooney, Alice Corbett, Emily Cousland, Madeline Darby, Val Dallaway, John Dutfield, Sue & Mark Davies, Gail Gardner, Gordon Gaskill, Leon Gilson, Jan & Andy Guest, Sara Jayne Horton, Beryl Hunt, Sue Jones, Ann Lovesy, Maureen Lloyd, Rosemary Oakley, Stan & Edna Reeves, Chris Smith, Jacob Smith, Pauline & Denzil Smith, Joan Stringer, Les Waldron, Diane Williams, Charlotte Witzcack, Dave.

Birthdays; 29th Rosemary Oakley ,Mary Halford, Robin Chambers , 1st July Jennifer Harris

Baptism; 30th Abigail Nicholds

Anniversary 28th Mary & Alan Halford

Ordination Anniversary: Father Alan Howes (40 years)

Recently Departed: Gerald Smith

And all those who have died due to the Coronavirus especially those known to us.

Years Mind: 28th Robert George Adams, Alex Johnson, 29th John Ashford, Colin Causer, Douglas Slatter, 30th Marie Howell, Arthur Saxon, Raymond Shinton, 1st Alice Baker, Brenda Mary Dutfield, 2nd Audrey Evans, Charlie Webb, 3rd, Ellen Dutfield, Iris Wright, 4th Michael Green, Terence Joseph Jones

Residents in Care Homes: Lynda Blakemore; Beryl Cooke; Mavis Douglass; Pat Eades; Josie Fiske; Eunice Jackson; Hazel Saxon.

OHMS: Lee Bullows, Amy Chambers, Ebony Churchill, Ian Day, Scott Sabin, Neil Skett, Fr Michael Wagstaff, Craig Ward, Nathan Yates

During the Vacancy THE CHURCHWARDENS

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Many Thanks again

to all those who have let Sue have their weekly offering envelopes during the last few weeks to enable us to continue to pay our bills. This is our main source of income we have at present to enable us to pay our standing orders for Insurance, Gas & Electric etc. Please bring to Church on Sunday or If you have any that you would like collecting please let us know.

Thank you also to all those who have supported our **Time & Talents** initiative, we are grateful to all who coming up with great ideas and all who are supporting them . Smarties Tubes & Pens now available in Church