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Theme: WHOLE LIFE WORSHIP

Simon writes.....11th March 2018

Please read Jesus' Parable of the Wedding Banquet, Matthew 22:1-14. I have always struggled with the attitude of the King in verses 11&12. But I found this (written by Phil Lane in his Oasis Belgium daily reflections) most enlightening.

'Who is the man at the end of the story, who is thrown out because he is not in wedding clothes? Surely, if the King had invited everyone, including the very poor, then there would be many people who were not well dressed.

When we (Phil & Rachel Lane) lived in India, we noticed that when it came to the major festivals, people were often not able to give each other gifts, but they had saved and worked so that they could wear new clothes for the occasion. It was their way of showing their pride in their family and in the celebrations to come.

It was sometimes startling to see people who had been in the same dusty clothes all year, suddenly in beautiful outfits, full of smiles and hope. Often people gave clothes to the poor for the celebration, so they could be included too. In the story, the man had just come along to disrespect the King in his everyday clothes.'

This weekend we welcome Sam & Sara Hargreaves for our Whole Life Worship weekend. Jesus' parable reminds me that I need to be aware of my own attitude in worship. Do I, like the man without wedding clothes, fail to prepare myself? Do I come to the party without having thought about what it means to be invited by the King himself?

Our Services Today

9am Holy Communion @
Church Centre.
10.30am Morning Worship
Matthew 5: 13-16
Psalm 71

Next Week 18th March
9.00am & 10.30am @ BSB.

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 13v13

And now these three
remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is
love

Collect Lent 4

Merciful Lord, you know our
struggle to serve you: when
sin spoils our lives and
overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid and turn us
back to you again; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR::

.....Sam & Sara Hargreaves (& the ministry of Engage Worship) as they lead our Whole Life Worship weekend!

.....our own frontline (the situations this week we will find ourselves in, as we live & speak for Christ).

.....the work of Banunule school in Kampala Uganda as it prepares to transition into local ownership, providing an opportunity for education amongst the very poorest children <http://www.thebssg.org.uk/>

.....our distribution of Bibles that the Word of God may be alive for those who receive them.

.....the follow up for those who responded during The Turning mission outreach in Brussels. Pray for protection for all who took steps towards Jesus Christ and that they would want to continue & walk closely with him.

.....that the people of the world would learn to live in peace one with another & that Christ-followers would be a good example to all.

Lifestream 2018 Summer Festival, Herentals, Belgium. July 29th – Aug 3rd
www.life-stream.eu

VBS Save the date. 20-24th August 2018.

Volunteer Management

Workshop. Open to all who manage teams involving volunteers. Tuesday evenings 17th and 24th April 8-10pm St. Paul's Church Centre, Please see Ann Start for more information.

Lent collections. Through our weekly basket collections we are supporting Bishop Robert's Lent Appeal 2018 aiding the plight of unaccompanied child migrants in the Calais area. Please give generously to this vital work

25th March "Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God." Those words of Billy Graham became relevant last month, and to remember his life and ministry, we will be showing a documentary of his life in the Church Centre at 6pm on Sunday 25 March. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Bring your friends and family Thank you

Church Weekend Away: Save the Date! It will be 12th – 14th October. Newsflash – the speaker has been booked: Stuart McAllister, who has worked with OM, the European Evangelical Alliance and is currently with RZIM. The theme for the weekend is as yet undecided.... but we anticipate that it will kick off the St Pauls 30th anniversary celebrations, since we turn 30 this year on Dec 25th. Details about cost and how to sign up will be coming soon. In the meantime...all suggestions and ideas and offers for help are welcome, talk to James and Penny Gibbs.

Lost property. If anyone left any items behind after the Church lunch please collect them from the refreshment table after Church.

Cups: We are looking to make St Pauls more environmentally friendly by using ceramic cups for hot drinks and plastic beakers for the cold drinks we serve after church. If you have ideas or suggestions about this, please talk to Ann Tyndall or Penny Gibbs.

St Paul's Annual General Meeting will be held after our 10.30am morning service on Sunday April 22nd. Please join the Electoral Roll if you feel you're a member of this Church then you can vote at the meeting! We are looking for a new Church Warden.

Join us for a sponsored cycle ride in Nairobi, Kenya from: 7th – 15th July. To get more information or to join the team please contact: Lynn Nwagbara at lnwagbara@aieint.org.