

Reflection Luke 12 vv13-21

How many of us, sadly, know of a family where a will – or sometimes the lack of a will – causes all sorts of upsets, falling-out and strife, which can go on for years? Our Lord's answer to this question was a warning against greed, and a parable to make His point.

We live in a materialistic world where success is all too often measured in terms of money and possessions. But we also live in an age of uncertainty. However carefully we plan our lives, we can't be sure of very much at all.

And we here in Exeter are highly privileged by global standards. In so many parts of the world, the daily uncertainties that come with war, shortages of water and food, summary injustice of being arrested, and unreliable medical services are all commonplace.

All the more reason, then, for us to remind ourselves of what is eternally certain, with the writer of the letter to the Hebrews: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.' (Hebrews 13 v8)

Jenny Tuckett

**** UNIFORM SWAP ****

Uniform Drop off

Thursday 28th July 9.30-11am

Uniform Collection

Thursdays 11th and 18th August 9.30-11am

NEXT SUNDAY 07.08.2022 Transfiguration

SERVICES: 10.30am in Church

READINGS: OT Daniel 7: 9, 10, 13, 14
NT 2 Peter 1: 16-19
GOSPEL Luke 9: 28-36



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St Thomas, Exeter

31st July 2022

Trinity 7

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Hymn Nos.

15 All my hope on God is founded.

244 In Christ there is no east or west.

464 Take my life, and let it be.

Tuesday 2nd August

7.30pm House Group. See Ian for details.

Wednesday 3rd August

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Thursday 4th August

St Thomas Tots are on holiday.

10.30am Knit & Natter in St Thomas Park.

Friday 5th August

9.30am Morning Prayer.

10am Staff Meeting.



Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12–14; 2.18–23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Colossians 3.1–11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12.13–21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But Jesus said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving

cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

NOTICES

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high. If you are coming to coffee, we also recommend wearing a mask until you are seated in the Hall.

Knit and Natter Summer 2022 In June, July and August we will meet in St Thomas Pleasure Ground or at 19 Maple Road according to the weather, every Thursday from 10.30am to mid-day. Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10-11am. (Note earlier time)

Please Note: Ian Totterdell has a new phone number 07536459096

St Thomas Tots are on holiday on 4th and 25th August.

