PRIMLEY CHURCH - MAY 2022

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell, bereaved or struggling:

May 1st - Community Friendship Lunch

May 15th - 21st - Christian Aid Week

May 21st - Sidmouth SeaFest 10am-11.30pm on The Ham

ROTAS						
MAY	1 ^{s†}	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th	
Elder	Barbara	Maggie	Richard	Roger	Barbara	
Door Stewards	Alison	Barbara	Eleanor	Alison	Roger & Marilyn	
Communion - Barbara & Eleanor						
MAY			PREACHERS			
1 ^{s†}			Ann Skinner			
8 th			Rev Barbara Bennett			
15 th			Rev Iain McDonald			
22 nd		John	John Bellamy (from Axminster URC)			
29 th		Re	Rev Aiyana Gardner-Houghton			
		Communion				
June 5	G	Geoff Powell - PENTECOST				

Holidays are a time for sharing time with families, or maybe just being able to sit and re-evaluate life. Wouldn't it be lovely if there were more opportunities to sit and relax, contemplate and dream... but life continues apace and we all have routines that we have to stick to.

We are all far from perfect, and like Thomas we all have worries and doubts. Jesus said that those will be blessed who believe, but have not seen, and that is a great thing to know. But the fact is, Jesus met Thomas just where he was. He didn't berate or chastise him, but came to him, gently leading him into the new relationship He wanted to share with him. So God doesn't wait for us to have a perfectly formed faith. Rather, He comes to us in the midst of our mess, confusion and doubts. Then He offers to walk with us on the unfolding journey of being His disciples.

Each day is a new opportunity for us, a new start, as we take time out to re-evaluate, to sit before God- listen, pray, confess and be re-filled. That's where the real energy comes from to strengthen us for our daily routine. God directs us in our day to day lives, and if we spend time with Him, listening and praying, then in whatever way He chooses, even through other people, we'll surely hear His voice.

So, enjoy every day, whether on holiday, at home or at work, and may you find special moments to spend with our unchanging God, come rain or shine, and be re-filled with His love.

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