First Reading

Read by Kirsty Marjoram

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters:

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

7 let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 116: – Be thou my guardian and my guide *******

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory
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Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
Says the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to You O Lord

There were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² He asked them,

"Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?

3 No, I tell you;

but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on themdo you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ Then he told this parable:

"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here!

For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none.

Cut it down!

Why should it be wasting the soil?'

⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.

⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good;

but if not, you can cut it down."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Prayers

The prayers are led by Robert Marjoram Those for whom prayer has been asked:

Ava who is being Baptised today

For those on active service in places of danger.

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

Visitors to The Top Up Shop and Family First

3 Brian, Drew, Stephen Abbott, Jim Flemming,

Linda Best, Rosie & John Gray, Samuel Thurlow Lesley Horrocks, Jeanette Budinger, Gavin

I Angela Parobij, Sonia Steggall, Sam, Debbie Shaves, Ervenette Harbord, Gill Earey

and those known privately to us.

Those who have died recently

Sybil Barrow Mel Spurling Margaret Starsmoore,

We remember the anniversary of death of

Irvine Burke 26 March 2017 Doris Harvey 28 March 2000

Offertory Hymn; 708- Lift up your hearts!

Communion Hymn

625; — Faithful one, so unchanging

Communion Anthem:

My spirit longs for thee. (Alan Bullard)

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time Vera Emeny, Rita Appleton