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16th August, 2020

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Ps 67, Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32, Matt 15: (10-20), 21-38

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Dear Friends in Christ,

“What are you doing here...?”



This was the question that God asked Elijah in our first lesson last week from 1 Kings 19: 9-18.

Elijah had fled to Mt Horeb, the mountain of God where God put this question to him. Elijah answered *‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have*

*forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’*¹ I wonder what you might expect God to reply?

What does He say?

You might be surprised at the answer:

*“the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;”*²

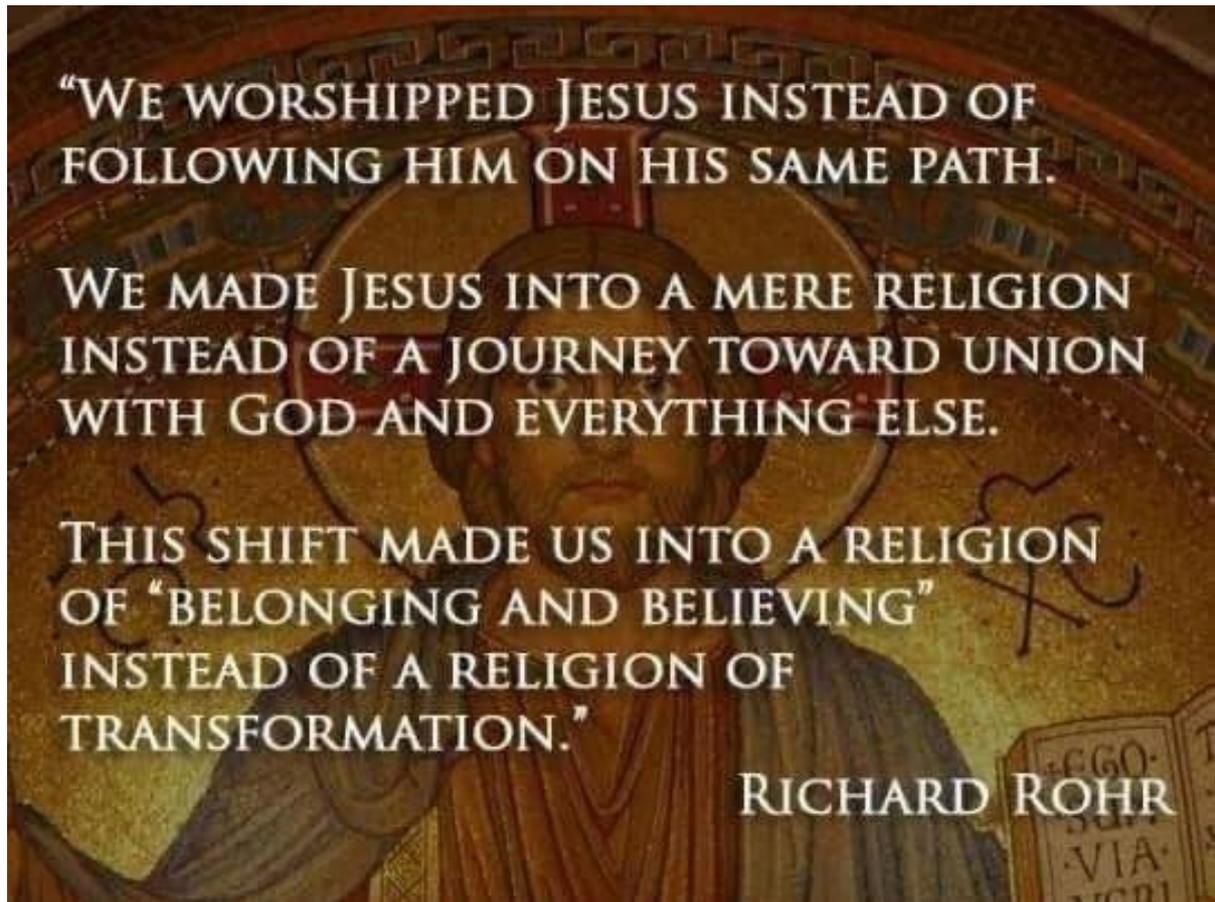
It is not a sympathetic answer! Especially, when one considers the circumstances Elijah has just suffered and escaped from. Elijah plays a pivotal role in the Christian story. The Jews are waiting for his return and they wonder if John the Baptist or Jesus could be him. Our original question in Hebrew, I understand, has no mention of ‘doing’. This changes God’s question to ‘What are you here for?’

As we begin the process of returning to our churches. It would seem very appropriate to ask ourselves this question **‘What are we here for?’** In so many ways it will be a ‘New beginning’. Covid-19 has turned our world upside down. You only have to visit your favourite shop, school, coffee shop, garage... to recognise the changes. Those of us longing for theatres, cinemas, and gyms are still waiting for these worlds to begin!

¹ 1 Kings 19: 14

² His full reply is at 1 Kings 19: 15-18

Could this post from our Instagram page provide an answer?



I wonder what your reply is?

Do you feel there is 'Truth' in Richard Rohrs's comment?

For me there is another quote of Richard Rohr's which seems to accompany his earlier statement:

"Many of the happiest and most peaceful people I know love a God who walks with crucified people, and thus reveals and redeems their plight as His own."

My prayer is that through our Faith we can:

transform resentment into compassion and darkness into light

as Jesus said:

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*³

Something to pray about...

³ SPB Scottish Liturgy, Comfortable Words, Matt 11: 28

Yours in Christ

Christopher
Rector

Why not contribute to your newsletter?

If you have any news, stories, poems or articles you would like to share through our newsletter, please send them to Christopher cg.ketley@zen.co.uk

Prayer Themes for Wc. 16th , August

Pentecost 11	Continue to pray for the people of Beirut, as they recover from the explosion.
Monday:	For all the staff and pupils of our schools as they begin the first full week of the Autumn Term. For all pupils affected by downgraded exam results. The NHS, our local surgeries, and all at DGRI.
Tuesday:	For those affected by the Corona virus throughout the world. Pray particularly for the people of the Yemen, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Aberdeen, and our community.
Wednesday:	Our local community, key workers & volunteers. Bothwell House, Hanover House, Carlingwark Care Home, Barlochan House Care Home, Munchies Park House, and Alma McFadyen Care Centre.
Thursday:	The Government, and all in authority.
Friday:	For those with job insecurity or financial difficulties. For a renewal of the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) scheme in Dumfries & Galloway. For refugees throughout the world.
Saturday: ourselves.	For Guidance of the Holy Spirit, and for

Gospel Readings for the 20th week of Ordinary Time (Proper 20)

Sunday	Pentecost 11	Matt15:(10-20), 21-28
Monday	feria	Matt 19: 16-22
Tuesday	St Inan	Matt 19: 23-30
Wednesday	feria	Matt 20: 1-16
Thursday	Bernard of Clairvaux, William & Catherine Booth Jn	17: 20-26

Friday feria
Saturday feria

Matt 22: 34-40
Matt 23: 1-12

Saint Inan (Evan). 18th August



Born in the C9th reputedly on Iona, Inan became the patron saint of Irvine, Ayrshire. Although known as a hermit Inan often visited Beith and is said to have frequently preached to the assembled people on Lochlands Hill from a cleft in the rock still known as St Inan's Pulpit or St Inan's Chair. He made pilgrimages to Rome and Jerusalem before settling in Irvine where he died and is buried. His tomb is reputed to be the site of many miracles. Modern scholars believe that Inan and Ninian are the same person.

Picture shows St Inan's Chair

Prayer Chain

Prayer is perhaps the only help we can give to people in need throughout the world. Please consider joining our ever growing 'Prayer Chain'.

Contact Sandra Walsh tel.01557 331596 email sandrawalshkbt@yahoo.com.



Rev. Beryl Scott

Beryl died on Thursday 6th August after 90+ years of a very fulfilling life. She was still in her own home and supported by her many friends and her daughter Catriona. After leading a very Christian life she was finally ordained by Bishop Idris just after the turn of the millennium.

Beryl worked as a non-stipendiary priest serving Christ Church for seventeen years. She was a devoted and conscientious church visitor and helped many people over the years in her ministry

and friendship. She was a strong believer in Christian Unity and had many friends in all denominations.

Beryl became a friend of Cumbrae and enjoyed many peaceful retreats there.

Just before she died, she was delighted to receive kind messages from our newly appointed Bishop Kevin Pearson, whom she knew from her visits to Cumbrae.

Many will have read her two books on her life on Hestan Island and her Spiritual journey through her life. These give insight into her calling to God and her Christian way of life.

She has been an inspiration and an example for others to follow and now continues on her final spiritual journey in Christ.

The following quotation from the end of Beryl's Spiritual Journey book sums up Beryl's truly Christian and spiritual life;

"May we all experience the love, joy and glory of a resurrected life here, now on earth, and be ready to share in the ultimate glory of God when the time comes".

May Beryl rest in peace and rise in glory.

Keith Dennison

John Comper 1823 - 1903

I have really enjoyed the insertion of information of the saints, especially the Scottish saints in the Newsletter each week.

On the 27 July we celebrated John Comper. I looked at the name and immediately read Ninian Comper, whose name I have known since childhood.

John Comper was a priest in the Piscie church in the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney. He, like my Father didn't have a degree and they both weren't accepted by the C of E for ordination, but were accepted by the Scottish Church.

You can find John's history on the internet, if you would like to explore his 'career'. However, my focus is on my involvement with him and his son Ninian.

In the first year of his incumbency at St John's, Aberdeen, the first sister arrived from St Margaret's, East Grinstead, the foundress of St Margaret's Convent, Aberdeen. The East Grinstead sisters travelled up the east coast following and working with the fisher girls, the girls who processed the herrings catches, hence the reason for coming to Aberdeen, and later

Lerwick. St Margaret's Convent prayed for me when I was a small child because my Mother was worried that I didn't speak!

Later, these same sisters set up a 'House of Charity', dedicated to St Margaret and Mary, in Lerwick, which became the Rectory and where I lived for four and a half years of my childhood. The house had a large room downstairs called the school room and there was a billiard table in it. When my grandmother came to live with us for the last year of her life, the room was divided in two to make her a bedroom and sitting room.

Upstairs there was a chapel, which my Father used to marry two couples from the ex-military camp up the road that was being used for slum clearance families, along with, on occasion a tin biscuit box containing the remains of someone who was to be buried on the Island of Bressay.

And now to Ninian Comper, John's son. He became a very famous stain-glass artist - he used a strawberry as his trademark - as well as designing the beautiful gold reredos at Wyndham Abbey in Norfolk. The chapel in the Rectory had three of his windows, subsequently moved to St Magnus, when the Rectory was sold and the incumbent moved to the original Rectory.

John and Ninian Comper, good and faithful servants to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Edith Thorp

Loneliness, and the lack of human contact, has been the enemy of so many during this period of 'lockdown'. I know that we are trying to keep in touch with each other by many and varied means. The inability to meet for a coffee or just travel somewhere to meet a friend can be unbearable. May I remind you that I am just a phone-call away 01556 505894 or you could speak to Helen 01556 504007 or Christine 01556 670275. (All calls would be treated confidentially). Why not contact someone you have not spoken to in a while?

Michael Little – Leaving Collection

As members of the congregation may be aware, our organist Michael Little is leaving us to go to university. In the past we have given our departing undergraduate members a cheque for £250 to help them on their way and the Vestry have authorised me to make such a payment to Michael.

However given the enjoyment that Michael has given us with his organ playing over the last three years the Vestry thought that the congregation might wish to augment this sum with their own donations. Any member wishing to do so should either send me a cheque in favour of St Ninians Church or arrange a direct transfer into our bank account with the Bank of Scotland sort code 80-06-11 account number 00831396 reference 'Michael Little'.

Please let me have any funds within the next week.
Fred

Galloway Food Banks

Manager Sarah-Jane Allsopp. If you cannot attend tel: 07730 788 335 or email projects@castledouglas.info and they will deliver to your door.

The Heart of Galloway Visitors Centre, Castle Douglas

Open 12noon to 2pm

The Heart of Galloway food bank, 24 High Street, Dalbeattie.

If you need food, drop in Monday-Friday 12noon-2pm.

Useful Contacts:

National COVID-19 Helpline 0800 111 4000

For people who don't have family or existing community support and can't get online and who are over 70, disabled, require the support of mental health services, are pregnant or receive a flu jab for health reasons, will be directed to our dedicated local team who can offer essential assistance.

NHS24 111 www.nhsinform.scot

Emergency 999

Doctor Out of Hours 111

Dumfries and Galloway Council 030 33 33 3000

www.dumgal.gov.uk/SupportDG

Business Support Helpline 01387 260280 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub 030 33 33 3001

Social Work Out of Hours 01387 273660

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway 0300 303 8558

Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service 0300 303 4321

www.dagcas.org

Samaritans 116 123

SHOUT Text SHOUT to 85258 for free

Scotland's Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 027 1234

Age Scotland 0800 12 44 222 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Shelter Scotland 0808 800 444 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

LGBT Helpline Scotland 0300 123 2523

Childline 0800 1111

Dumfries & Galloway Community News

[https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/media/23331/Community-Bulletin-](https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/media/23331/Community-Bulletin-Edition-)

[32/pdf/Community_Newsletter_14_August1.pdf?m=637329945692970000](https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/media/23331/Community-Bulletin-Edition-32/pdf/Community_Newsletter_14_August1.pdf?m=637329945692970000)

Crossword based on Matthew 14. (NIV) Answers

Across

- 2 Who was Herod's sister-in-law? **Herodias**
8 Where did Jesus and his disciples land? **Gennesaret**
9 What relation of Herod danced at his birthday? **Niece**
10 What did the disciples think Jesus was when he walked on water?
Ghost
12 Who did John the Baptist's disciples tell after burying John? **Jesus**
13 Where did Jesus look before breaking the 5 loaves? **Heaven**

Down

- 1 What did Jesus tell the disciples to take when they saw him walking on water? **Courage**
3 Who also walked on water towards Jesus? **Peter**
4 Where did Jesus go to pray after he dismissed the crowds?
Mountainside
5 Where had Herod put John the Baptist? **Prison**
6 On what did the dancer say she wanted John the Baptist's head?
Platter
7 Two what were used by Jesus to feed the five thousand? **Fish**
11 How many baskets of left-overs were there after feeding the five thousand? **Twelve**

Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



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 G S U D O G S Q C R Y I N G T
 I B H Q T Q S W H E A L E D Y
 C I Q G A O Z H L F A L L R S
 D W L Q B C Q M E O L F J F U
 C K J I L J R E D E S D M A F
 C Y N W E E J U E E P T P I F
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 J N H N L M Z H S B M O W H R
 J S M J Q T A A R U S R N F I
 A P B Z K O L N N W S H F K N
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HEALED	DAUGHTER	SHEEP	FALL	MERCY
GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING	KNELT

