



2 Corinthians 4:5-12

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shrivelled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MON 4 JUNE** 10.00 a.m. Crafty Coffee Morning in the Church Hall - all welcome
- SAT 9 JUNE** from 9.30 a.m Church clear-out in readiness for re-painting
- SUN 10 JUNE** 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

PLEASE NOTE

As previously advised, the interior of the Church is being re-painted from 14th June to the second week of July. However, scaffolding will be erected on Tuesday 5th June and the Church will be closed for all activities. From next Sunday, 10th June all our 10.00 a.m. services will be held in the Church Hall and the service today will be the last in the Church until the refurbishment is completed.



PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Ashburnham Close and Bishop's Road; Ludlow Infant School; the Diocese of Winchester.

We also remember the bereaved and the housebound, all those known to you who may be ill at home or in hospital and all those who care for them. In particular, please continue to pray for the Ockelford family, Les Beard, Win Stead, Mary Stone, Aimee, Fred and Edith, and Emily Thomas.

~~ THANK YOU ~~

... to all those who organised and supported Messy Church in the Church Hall on Friday.

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