

Dear Friends of St Mary's

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Epistle for today comes from the Acts 2: 42-47.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers. Acts 2: 42.

These were heady days for the fledgling church. It was not long after the first Pentecost and Jesus' followers were gaining in number. We are told that, day by day, the Lord added to their number.

In these Covid-19 days we are being faced with situations and realities that we would never choose to confront as a family, as society and as a church. We are coming to terms very quickly that things have changed, whether we like it or not.

Perhaps as a church we will do things very differently after we come out of lockdown and possibly have a renewed and revitalised view about what sort of church and world we would like to see emerge.

Today's reading from Acts talks about Jesus' followers;

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2: 46-47.

Perhaps we can think about the way we will do church at St Mary's when we eventually get back to being able to worship together. Hopefully, it will be with the same sense of glad and generous hearts that was the hallmark of the early church.

And finally, today is being observed as Vocation Sunday. Perhaps during this period we should be asking ourselves what God may be calling us to do?

With thoughts and prayers

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