

10am Sunday Service 28th June 2020

St. Peter and St. Paul, Patronal Festival

Introduction

Listen to the bells of Shoreham:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK8s6WtfQPA>

Paul: Description

The New Testament offers little if any information about the physical appearance of Paul, but several descriptions can be found in apocryphal texts.

"A man of small stature, with a bald head and crooked legs, in a good state of body, with eyebrows meeting and nose somewhat hooked ..."

Peter: Symbols

Pair of Overlapping Keys represent Peter's authority as the leader of the early Church.

Shepherd's Staff represents Peter's role as chief shepherd of Jesus' flock. Jesus commissioned Peter in this ministry: "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep".

Upside-Down Cross upon which Peter was martyred.

Cock Crowing Peter's threefold denial of Jesus.

Other Symbols. Peter is also represented by a rock, the rock upon which the church is built; a fishing net, because Jesus called Peter to be a fisher of people; a boat, a symbol for the Church and Peter at the helm.

Call to worship (*A candle is lit*)

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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**Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.**

**Of his deliverance I will boast
till all that are distressed
from my example comfort take
and charm their griefs to rest**

**O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.**

**The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.**

**O make but trial of his love: experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide.**

**Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.**

(N Brady and N Tate)

Call to Reconciliation

Let's pray together and say sorry for the wrong things we have done:

Lord Jesus please forgive us for the ways that we have let you down. We are sorry for the wrong things we have done, the unloving words that we have spoken, and the bad attitudes that we have held. Help us to follow you again. Amen.

Jesus says to each one of us:

"I forgive you. Be free from your sin and your guilt. Follow me."

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is live and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Reading about Paul 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 (Pat G)

God's Story: Paul (You Tube 4 mins)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0p0W_Zbt1s

Quiz So what do we know about Paul?

1. What was Paul's name before he became a Christian?

Caul Raul Saul Daul

2. What city was Paul traveling to when he heard Jesus speak to him?

Jerusalem Damascus New York Rome

3. After Paul became a Christian he started preaching about Jesus, but some of the Jews did not like this and planned to kill him. When Paul found out about their plan, he escaped by being let down through the city walls in what kind of container?

sand bucket water barrel large basket cooking pot

4. Was Paul originally a Pharisee?

Yes No

5. Paul wrote a number of the books in the New Testament. Where was Paul when he wrote many of them?

in his bedroom in jail on a boat on an airplane

6. Where was Paul born?

Tarsus Utopia London Phillipi

7. When Paul was preaching in the Greek city of Athens, he said that he had seen an altar to the _____ god. What is the missing word?

horrible unknown good chocolate

8. Which one of these books in the New Testament did Paul NOT write?

Romans Matthew Galatians 2 Corinthians

9. When Paul was traveling to Rome, his boat was shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Paul and the ship's crew survived the wreck and were setting up a camp on the island when Paul was bitten by which one of these vicious animals?

hamster mosquito snake lion

10. Paul spent most of his life after becoming a Christian in what occupation?

missionary shoemaker postman seller of figs

Prayer thinking about Paul

Loving God, the Apostle Paul -

a man whose life you turned around,
a man who you used in ways far beyond his
expectations or plans,

a man you called to preach the Gospel,

a man whose testimony still has power

to move and challenge, even today.

Loving God, we may not have Paul's gifts, energy or
vision, but you call us just the same.

And, as he discovered, you can use us in ways
beyond our wildest imaginings. Help us then, to learn
from his experience, to hear your voice, and to make
our response.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people

light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled

longing for hope, many despair.

your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light ...

Longing for food, many are hungry

longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others

shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light ...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless

longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others

Walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light ...

Many the gift, many the people

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another

making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light ...

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Reading about Peter Mathew 16: 13-19 (Alison E)

Peter and the Keys - Reflection + Time to chat

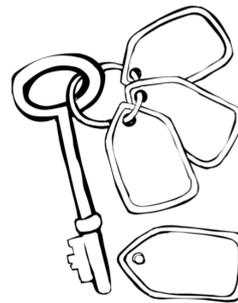
In the reading from Matthew, Jesus said that he would build his church upon Simon Peter (from the Greek word Petros, which means stone or rock). Jesus also gave him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.

Simon Peter recognised and believed that Jesus was the Son of God. He had great faith and was willing to put that faith into words but also into actions.

Because of Peter's great faith, Jesus gave him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. Keys lock doors, but they also open them. As a disciple, Peter spent his time sharing Jesus' message with other people. He opened their hearts to God's love, just like a key opens a door.

We too can open our hearts by taking some time to stop and listen, to pray and to try to hear what Jesus is asking us to do. We can show our faith in our prayers and in our actions. We can try to follow Jesus' commandments to love God and to love our neighbour. We can be kind and generous to others and we can try to make the world a fairer place where all people get what they need.

We are now going to use the chat function on Zoom to come up with some key words for this key ring that show us what Jesus asks us to do or how to live?



(eg. love, believe, forgive,
give, share, hope)

These are just like the keys to God's kingdom – which open us up to God's love. This week let's try to be more loving, more forgiving and more generous to others. Let us try to bring hope to others. And let's try to open our hearts to welcome Jesus in.

Think of three 'key words' that you are going to try and live by this week, to show your faith in and love for God to others. *Silence*

Prayer thinking about Peter

Loving God, we thank you for those moments in our lives that have been milestones in our journey of faith - moments when we have been especially conscious of your presence, when faith has grown, when truth has dawned on us in an unmistakable way.

We thank you for such times but we pray that you will help us always to recognise that our journey is not ended but only just begun. Teach us that however many answers we may have, there is always more to see, more to learn and more to understand.

Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions (Val)

Responses to prayers after a short silence

“in you we put our trust”

Father we continue to pray for our Church and community here in Shoreham, for our Vicar Diane and her family. We pray for all those in power within the Church and our Political Leaders give them strength and integrity to make decisions that will make our world a safer place for generations to come.

SILENCE

In you we put our trust.

We pray for and thank all those who give us support, encourage us and listen to us, make us laugh and share our sorrows.

Bless their lives and give them joy.

SILENCE

In you we put our trust.

We pray for all those known to us who are unwell physically and mentally and pray especially for:

We pray for those who have recently died give comfort to their families and friends in the knowledge they are now resting in peace.

SILENCE

In you we put our trust

We pray for the young people in our community who have worked hard during this difficult time to achieve exam results. Help those who have become anxious about their future in an uncertain world.

Help us to give them loving and steadfast support.

SILENCE

In you we put our trust.

Father thank you for the gift of life may we use it wisely and appreciate what we have and to make a positive difference however small to our own world

SILENCE

In you we put our trust.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God in community, holy three in one, we pray as you taught us ...

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Will you come and follow me

If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

And never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

Will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown

In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind

If I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind

And never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

Should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer

In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see

If I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free

And never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,

And do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean

In you and you in me?

Will you love the you inside

If I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside

And never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

To reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound

In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true

When you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you

And never be the same.

In your company I'll go

Where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow

In you and you in me.

(John Bell & Graham Maul)

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Sending and Blessing

“The LORD bless us and keep us; the LORD make his face shine on us and be gracious to us; the LORD turn his face toward us and give us peace.” (Num 6:24-26)

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**