

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Trinity 2 Sunday 21st June 2020

Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet

Readings

Matthew 10, 24-29

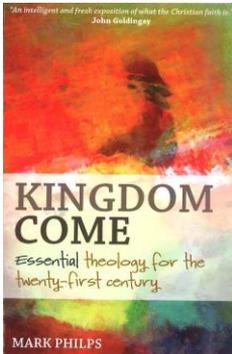
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for our short weekly service.
Click on the News and events box in
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service of the week.

The Collect

Lord You have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Book Review



Kingdom Come ;Essential Theology for the twenty first century by Mark Philips
Sacristy Press £9

“An intelligent and fresh exposition of what the Christian faith is.” — **John Goldingay**

Kingdom Come makes essential theological topics relevant and readable without diluting the Gospel message, drawing on the work of thinkers such as Augustine, John Calvin, George MacDonald, Karl Barth, C. S. Lewis, J. I. Packer and N. T. Wright.

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OLD ST MARK

If only old St Marks could talk, I think he would remind you that he has just had his 150th birthday, and that he remembers the first Stone being laid in the north east part of the church in the year 1866. He came to know the architect Mr George Shaw who was commissioned to build him on land given to him by the 7th Earl of Stanford and he was built for £1500. He'd tell you that over his life time many alterations have taken place on his interior by members of the Stanford Family and members of the congregation.

He'd say he's not always been as noble as he is today. His early days were a bit bleak and dismal. He had coal fired heating which had to be stoked up in the early hours of the morning on bitterly cold days, by his wonderful friends who came in to look after him and light the gaslights high up in the roof by hand,

He would tell you that he shouldn't have smiled when he remembers the early days when he had gas lighting which caused condensation on his slates on the inside of the roof, and caused droplets of water to rain down on his congregation so that some would sit there with their umbrellas up during the service. Happily his roof has been insulated and he would say thank you.

He's not always looked as grand as he does now, and he knows he should not have felt the great pride he did when first the grand porch entrance was built and then His magnificent spire was added, and he feels grateful for the work that has been recently carried out on him and he would thank you for saving his old friend the bell, when you had to rebuild the spire. They have been together for such a long time. Then when the Geoffrey Seddon room was built on his side by one of his vicars, well that was something, He remembers every one of the 13 Vicars by name, and felt proud when the First Lady bishop came to his parish to live in the grand house that used to be his Vicarage for his vicars, and the Grand Garden parties that took place there.

He would tell you that with sorrow he's watched over two World Wars and was so pleased when the nineteen men from the village was honoured with the cenotaph that was erected in his garden for their supreme sacrifice they made for our freedom, and how he looks forward to the service each year to honour them.

He'd would tell you that he has always been thankful at being able to keep a watchful eye on the village graveyard where so many of his friends are laid to rest. He remembers the faces but maybe not the names of all the people who have attended services over the years. The hundreds who have been christened, married, and buried, some of them coming back to see him for all three.

He would tell you that he realises how critical his position is in the world today, how things have changed out of all proportions, and he understands how difficult it is for his friends and parishioners to keep him well maintained and looking as grand as he has for all these years.

So he would tell you what he hopes for the future. He knows that he is vicar less at the moment, and a great deal of work is going on behind the scenes to raise funds, and seek for him a new vicar to look after him over the years that lay ahead.

He would wish you all the happiness you wish yourselves, and he looks forward to seeing you all over the coming years, as he knows without you he would not exist.

It was great fun producing this.

I would give my thanks to Old St Mark

And ask you all to **STAY SAFE**

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Hope to see you soon.