

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Trinity 7 Sunday 26th July 2020

Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet

Notes from the parish pump

The re-opening of St Marks on Sunday 2nd August after being closed for so long creates several problems for us.

How to follow the guidelines of the Diocese and keep everyone safe is the main issue.

If you are to attend, please remember we are open for **PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY**.

Please follow the guidance of the Warden and Steward.

Please follow the signs in church.

Please use the sanitisers provided on entry and exit.

You may not be able to sit in your normal pew because of social distancing.

Please exit via The Geoffrey Seddon Room doors.

There will be no hymns to sing and no communion.

Ondria will play some quiet music while you are in church but not all the time.

To have had St Marks closed for 3 months or so has been very difficult for us all but I do want to welcome you back if you are able to join us for quiet prayer.

The Forget Me Not Trust are commencing collections of clothes, sleeping bags and shoes etc. for the homeless in Manchester. Drop off the plastic bags at Ray and Sylvia's home, Grosvenor Cottage, opposite church on School Lane.

Blessings to you all From The Bothy,

Alan & Carolyn

Please log onto the church website

www.dunhamchurch.com

for our short weekly service.

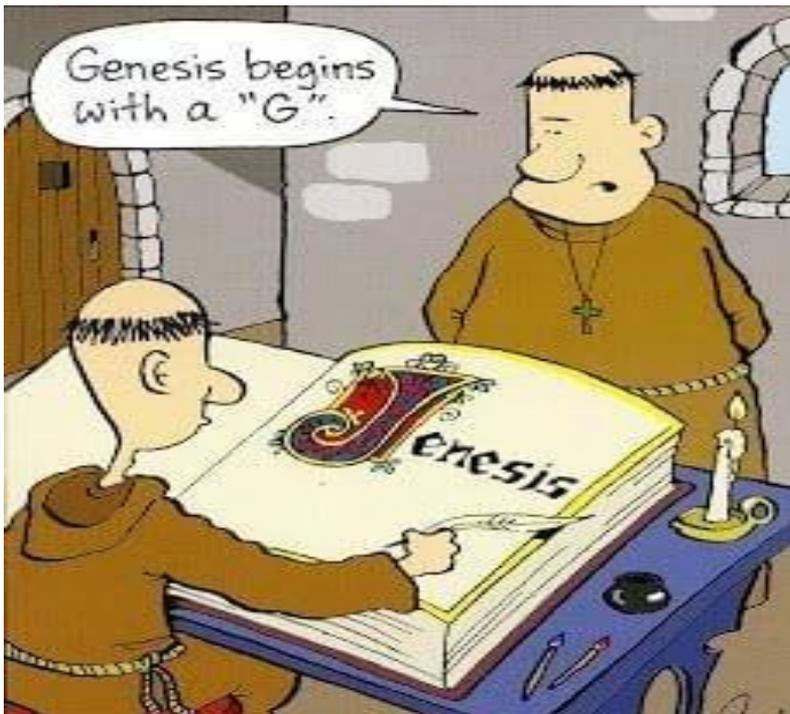
Click on the News and events box in blue, scroll down to click in St Mark's service of the week.

Readings

Matthew 13, v 31-33 and 44-52

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
Increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same:
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



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Anniversary of Herman Melville author of Moby Dick Born 1st August 1819

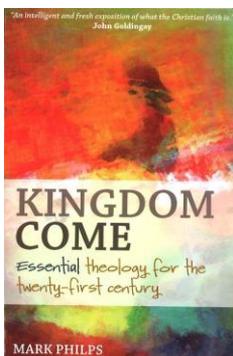


Herman Melville's masterpiece has been a book credited as the favourite read of people across the world since its publication. It's exploration of leadership obsessed with impossible goals, of sexuality, environmental issues, globalisation and race have compelled many to wade through an extensive novel. Melville's feelings about faith resonate with many today and help us understand ourselves a little more and the people we are trying to reach for the gospel.

His closest friend Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote this of him;

He had pretty much made up his mind to be annihilated. But still he does not rest in that anticipation, and, I think, will never rest until he gets hold of a definite belief. It is strange how he persists — and has persisted ever since I knew him, and probably long before that — in wandering to-and-fro over these deserts, as dismal and monotonous as the sand hills amid which we were sitting. He can neither believe, nor be comfortable in his unbelief; and he is too honest and courageous not to try to do one or the other. If he were a religious man, he would foe one of the most truly religious and reverential. He had a very high and noble nature, and better worth immortality than most of us.

Book Review



Kingdom Come ;Essential Theology for the twenty first century by Mark Philps
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.

Hope to see you soon.