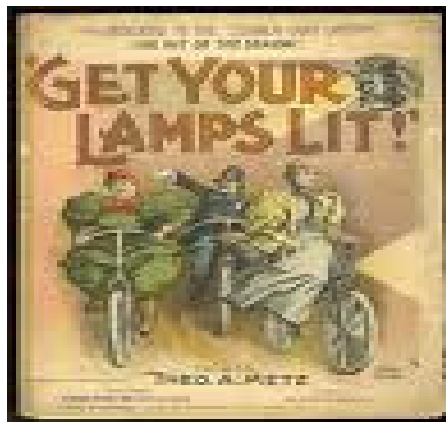


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PEW SHEET
8th August, 2010



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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Today's reading troubles and perplexes me each time I read it. I spoke with friends of mine who were very helpful in contemplating and expounding a short reflection in which one does not have the space to perform a deep scholarly essay. With passages such as these it is essential to look at commentaries as well as the Greek. In so doing one would be faced with questions of whose words we read in the form we receive them. It is also essential to read these violent texts in context. It is clear in the gospel narratives and the salvation event of the life, words, death and resurrection of Jesus that Jesus was for peace and unity. God became flesh so that we may have life in all its fullness. The implications of fullness of life are wholeness in relationships, community in diversity, and celebration in mission.

- Pray that your relationships may be signs of God's healing and wholeness in a divided world.
- Give thanks for the evangelism taking place within our Partners, rejoicing in lives finding fullness in Christ.

Anglican Board of Mission Pew Reflections 2010

SEDUCTIVE MELODIES

For years I thought I would like to sing in my church's choir. But for a variety of reasons, I didn't. Then we moved. And some of my new friends grabbed me by the arm and said, "We need you. Come join the Choir."

"Okay," I agreed. "But just for a few special occasions." That was eight years ago. I'm still in the choir and loving it. But I've discovered something uncomfortable about myself. I started when the choir graduated from singing folk songs to more complicated music. I have a fairly good ear for a melody. But I have trouble carrying a part when we sing harmony. During rehearsal I can learn the bass line just fine. But as soon as the women start singing the melody, it takes over. My voice involuntarily wanders off and chases that pesky melody. It's hard to be different. A few people, I'm sure, enjoy dancing to a different drummer. But not most of us. Rather than swim against the current, we usually prefer to go with the flow. After all, who wants to be known for not paying attention to what others are saying or doing? It implies a kind of egotism, a self-centred arrogance. And yet, just like singing harmony in a choir, sometimes we have to do just that. We have to switch off the pressures of the world around us. Pressures to spend more, buy more, own more, accomplish more. Pressures to worship the almighty dollar, to ignore the poor and powerless, to climb the ladder of success no matter how many fingers get stepped on. It's essential for at least a few people to sing an alternate tune. For someone who has trouble holding a part, it's a tough task.

Jim Taylor

Readings 8th August HC

Isaiah 1. 1, 10-20
Ps. 50. 1-8, 23-24
Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16
Luke 12. 32-40

Reader: D. Walton

Sidesmen:

J. Cook/J. Correll

Readings 15th August HC

Isaiah 5. 1-7
Ps. 80. 1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11. 29 – 12.2
Luke 12. 49-59

Reader: M. Anderson

Sidesmen:

G. Illman/T. Martin

Prayer of the day- Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Southpark Hostel - 1st Thursday at 9-30am

Melaleuca Court - 1st Thursday at 11am

Elanora - 3rd Thursday at 11am

St. Benedict's - every Wednesday at 9am MP

WELCOME! Especially to family and friends of our congregation, other visitors, or newcomers. If you receive Holy Communion in any Christian tradition, you are very welcome to receive the sacrament with us. We invite you to join us for morning tea afterwards in the hall. It is our custom to not pass the offering plate during the service, but there is a plate at the door if you would like to make a donation to our church

Prayers are requested for Felicity Corlett [*Dawn Parsons' Daughter*], Clarence Cook [*Jeff's brother*], Christopher Pullin, Rosemary & Bob Nicholls, Alison Clark [*friends of Michael & Anne*]

Year's Mind: Malcolm Tilbrook, Amie Gully, Doris Edwards, Jack Rogers, Stan Germein, Percy Peters

Smile at each other - it doesn't matter who it is - and that will help you grow up in greater love for each other.

THE CALENDAR

August 8 Fork & Talk at Ford's home 6pm tonight

11 Mothers Union meeting 2pm

PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS EACH WEEK

FORK & TALK TONIGHT A once-a-month shared dinner and discussion night will begin on Sunday, 8th August at 6pm in Anne & Michael's home. Mark the date in your diary. Please place discussion ideas in the box on the morning tea table.



Tonight's discussion "Are we living in a Christian Country?"

MOTHERS UNION

Mystery meeting next Wednesday at 2pm. Reader: Kath Newbold; Intercessions: Jenny Hunter. Hostesses: Lorraine Rice and Bev. Litster. Aged Care visiting: Margaret Cook and David Walton.

NO DIFFERENCE

An Anglican minister dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a bloke in a loud shirt, leather jacket, jeans and sunglasses. St. Peter opens his great big book and asks the bloke, "Who are you? I need your name and profession so that I can decide whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven."

And he replies, "I'm Barry Cohen, taxidriver, New York City."

St. Peter turns a few pages of the book, smiles and says to the cab driver, "Takest thou this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven where you will be very happy for all eternity." So the cab driver gets into heaven with his robe and staff and it's the Anglican minister's turn. "I, St. Peter, am the Reverend Arthur Briggs, pastor of the North Balwyn Anglican Church for the last forty three years."

Once again St. Peter consults the book and says to the minister, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Hang on!" says the minister. "That bloke was just a taxidriver and he got a silken robe and golden staff. It just isn't fair."

"Up here, everything is based on results," says St. Peter. "When you preached, people slept. When he drove, people prayed."

