

Did you know . . . ?

The term 'Mass' used by the Roman Catholic Church comes from the Latin word 'missa', which means to send away, to dismiss.

Our Holy Communion service ends with these words:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

So our worship concludes with a call to mission.

The Brickhills and Stoke Hammond

Lent Course 2011 At The Table

Week 2 Sunday 20th March

2. A meal for the journey: The Passover

Exodus 12. 1-14

I Corinthians 11. 23-26

Luke 9. 1-6

Next week

Jesus got into trouble with religious people because of the company he kept, and the kinds of people he was happy to sit at the table with.

The Bible readings will be:

Isaiah 55. 1-7

Colossians 1. 15-23

Luke 5. 27-35

We will explore what this, and the contrast between Jesus and John the Baptist, has to say to our faith and life.

The Course Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his friends
as they gathered at the table
and broke bread together:
open the eyes of our faith
so that we may see all things
in the light of your love,
shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Getting Started

Do you like change, or not?

How would you feel about starting something, without knowing how or where it was going to end?

Hearing the Word

What can you remember about the Passover?

Read: Exodus 12. 1-14

Exploring the Word

What did you notice as you heard the passage? What did you find helpful, interesting, or puzzling?

The chapter contains both an account of the original Passover, and guidance for the continuing annual celebration.

Read: I Corinthians 11. 23-26
and, as you hear the passage, picture what Jesus says and does in the setting of a Passover meal.

Does this affect how you see the Last Supper (and our service of Holy Communion).

Living the Word

One aspect of the original Passover is that the people were instructed to eat the meal 'in haste', dressed and ready to travel.

Last week we read about the sending out of seventy-two disciples (Luke 10).

This Sunday's gospel was:
Luke 9. 1-6

Are we called to be 'sent out' like those first disciples (and the Hebrew people in Egypt)?

What if we are 'sent out' back to familiar settings, rather than to somewhere new?

Praying the Word

Take some time to reflect in quiet together, and to offer our thoughts and discussions in prayer.

A prayer based on this theme and reading:

Living God,
as you called your people to prepare and eat the Passover meal,
and to be ready to travel and move on;
so help us to be ready to go where you lead,
and to share the way of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.