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Milborne Port, Milborne Wick, Goathill, Charlton Horethorne and Stowell.

27th June 2021

4th Sunday after Trinity

Proper 8



Dear friends

For most of Mark's Gospel it is mostly Jesus who is active, who takes the initiative, who appears to be in charge of events- and others who respond to him and follow in his

wake. Here, Jesus is on his way to heal Jairus's daughter who is terminally ill when he is interrupted by a woman who is suffering from hemorrhages and chronically ill. Here we see Jesus on his way to do something, to solve a problem to sort things out for people. Until he is interrupted. The woman literally stops him in his tracks. The woman interrupts the drive to always be doing something, the compulsion towards continual busyness.

I do wonder sometimes, in the church whether the drive to have a clear direction and purpose, or the urgent needs and demands around us produce a kind of 'tunnel vision' and that the jostling crowd, -of people and tasks, or concerns- mean that particular people may get lost or pass by unnoticed.

Jesus was interrupted. He stopped and noticed her. The power which had seemed to lie with Jesus and the powerful leaders of the synagogue, this unnamed woman now claims for herself. She turns the expected power dynamics on their head.

For us as a church I wonder what might get in the way of genuine person to person encounters that might transform both parties?

Services This Week

Sunday June 27th- Trinity 4

2 Corinthians 8. 7-end/Mark 5.21-end

10.30am Holy Communion-Milborne Port

6pm Patronal Festival Evensong- Goathill

Wednesday 30th

10.30am Midweek communion Milborne Port

Saturday July 3rd

3pm Wedding -Annette and Gary -Milborne Port

Sunday July 4th Trinity 5

2 Corinthians 12.2-10/Mark 6 1-13

9am Holy Communion-Charlton Horethorne

10.30am Holy communion-Milborne Port
6pm Evensong - Stowell

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Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 8.7–end

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to

desire to do something—¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵ As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.’

¹⁶ But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. ¹⁷ For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. ¹⁸ With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; ¹⁹ and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. ²⁰ We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, ²¹ for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others. ²² And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. ²⁴ Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

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Mark 5.21–end

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no

better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' ²⁹ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' ³¹ And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" ' ³² He looked all round to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Looking to the future in the Benefice

Sunday 4th July 3-5pm Church House

A meeting for the whole benefice.

Revs Richard and Mandy Priestly are coming to help us think through some vision questions. For example, 'What do we want outsiders to say of our church in the future? What do we want to look like? How are we going to live and tell the story of Jesus as we move forward into a vacancy.

Please come and help us think through these important questions together.

Richard and Mandy are experienced rural clergy. They lead the Beacon benefice of Oakhill, Binegar and Ashwick in the Mendips

Sponsor a Date 2021

We would like to thank God for the kindness of the following people for contributing to the daily costs of running our beautiful Church on their memorable date.

Alison & Will Hawker - 21st June
John and Margaret Barker - 22nd June
Graham and Jan Sharpless - 26th June
Ronnie & June Goodman - 26th June
Caroline Woodall - 29th June

Thank you Lord for their memories of these special dates.

If you too, would like to help us with the day-to-day running costs of our lovely Church, please choose a special date, e.g.. birthday, anniversary etc, and pledge £25 towards the running costs on that date.

Forms are at the back of Church or from a Churchwarden or email jacquie.hall@me.com / 01963 250328.

