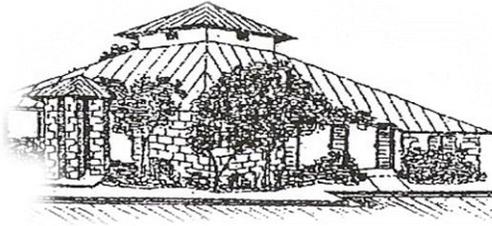


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

WELCOME! *We welcome all visitors with us today, and pray your time with us will be a blessed one.*

Kirwan's Mission Statement

To be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit to practise and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world

26th April 2020

Lectionary readings	Easter 3
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	Ps 116: 1-4, 12-19
1 Pt 1: 17-23	Lk 24: 13-35

Richard's Rambling

Do you remember the Wombles?

Underground, overground, Wombling free
The Wombles of Wimbledon Common are we
Making good use of the things that we find
Things that the everyday folks leave behind.

I've been reading about unexpected "leavings behind", scriptures dumped on an Egyptian refuse tip 300km or so south of Alexandria, during the first few centuries of the Christian Era. You can read the academic paper for yourself, if you're into that sort of thing:

<https://religion.princeton.edu/wp-content/uploads/Luijendijk-Sacred-Scriptures-as-Trash-VC.pdf>

No-one's too sure why they were dumped, although one theory is that scribes discarded papyri which had the ancient equivalent of our typos. Whatever, they were preserved under desert sand until the late 19thC when researchers were alerted to them, and began to retrieve and study them. Some were gnostic, or not incorporated into what is now our accepted canon, but some were variants of canonical Gospels and Apostolic letters. All have been valuable, either to

contribute to our more accurate contemporary translations, or to cast light on the battles over heresy which beset the church in antiquity. Like the Wombles, those researchers made good use of the things which everyday folk left behind - on a garbage tip!

Hebrews 13 describes the early Jewish practice of offering the blood of slain animals as a sacrifice, as something holy. But the animals' bodies were burned "outside the camp", ie on the refuse tip outside the city wall, the Unholy of Unholies if you like. Verse 12: And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

We might feel a bit discarded right now, with certain economists and pundits suggesting that some of us are disposable. But God can make good use of us "Left behinds", made holy and useful by the One who was discarded on that garbage tip outside Jerusalem's walls.

Verse 15: Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others.



Kirwan’s Prayer List

During Monday’s Pastoral Care Meeting via Zoom, the question was asked, “Is the Prayer List getting out to everybody?”

If you would like to be included in the Prayer List that goes out via email, or you would like a printed copy, please contact Richard, Annette, Pam or Greg.

Also, if there is anything that you would like to be included on the Prayer List, you can contact Richard, Annette, Pam or Greg.

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So now wrap your heart tightly around the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps his promises. Discover creative ways to encourage others & motivate them towards acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love. (eg; Zoom, Jitsi phone calls letters, cards etc) This is not the time to pull away & neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing. In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage & urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning. Hebrews 10:23-26 (The Passion Translation)

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From Kate

Dix, retired minister at Aitkenvale

Uniting: The Women’s centre Patrick St, Aitkenvale need food for needy women. Mon-Friday 1-1.45 pm. Drop off to centre. Ladies packing food daily. Non perishable foods only and toiletries. Please spread the word. Thanks

