

CONNECTING MEOTA February 28th, 2024

This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout the week.

Our next church service will be

**Sunday March 3rd
10:30 am**

at St George's Diamond Valley, Christ Church Millarville

The people of St. James are welcome to worship with us at Christ Church or St. George's.
We would love to see you and worship with you among us!!



**Join us for Worship
In Person Services at 10:30am
Christ Church, Millarville
&
St George's Diamond, Valley**

MEOTA PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

ZOOM study for Lent – Feb 28, 7 pm

Prayer and Praise Service FEB 29TH 7:00 pm St George's

The Robe (movie) – Sat March 23, 2 pm, St. George's

Maundy Thursday March 28, 7 pm St. George's




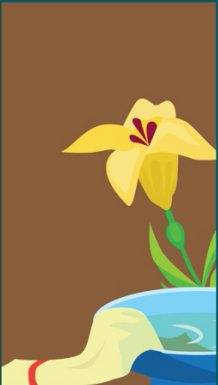
Good Friday (Taize) March 29, St. George's 7 pm

Easter Sunday is March 31, 10:30 am

St. George's, Christ Church and St. James



HOLY WEEK

				
Palm Sunday March 24 10:30am St. George's	Maundy Thursday March 28 7pm St. George's	Good Friday (Taize) March 29 7pm St. George's	Easter Vigil Sat March 30 7pm St. George's	Easter Sunday March 31 10:30am St. George's Christ Church & St James

IT'S NOT TOO LATE Find out what they're learning.

JOIN VEN ALAN ON ZOOM on WEDNESDAYS 7 PM

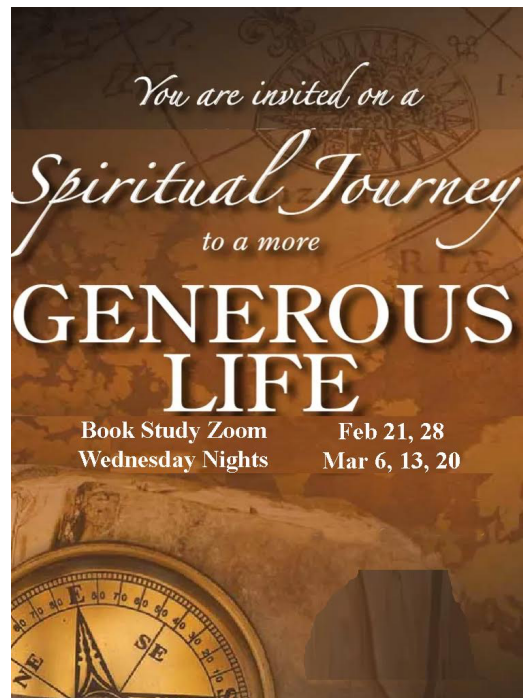
Over the past three years, Ven Alan has been leading us into spiritual maturity by taking on the traditional disciplines of Lent. We have done prayer and fasting in the past. This year we look at Almsgiving.

Come and see, he is holding a Zoom conversation, 7 PM on Wednesday evenings in Lent on the meaning of Almsgiving.

HERE IS THE LINK

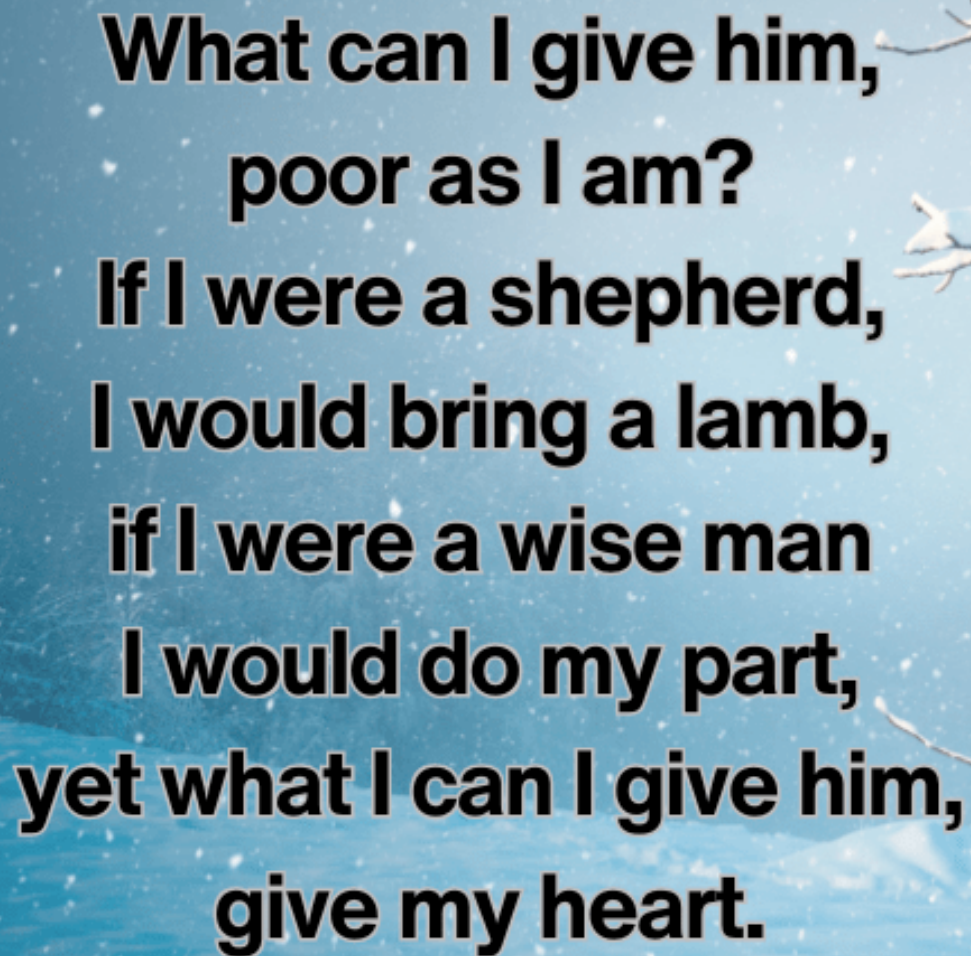
CLICK HERE ON WEDNESDAYS 7 PM FOR THE ZOOM SESSION

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85232472145?pwd=Mmxtd0cray9panl3SjlEQjRCNGhkZz09>



Please join us. Check your email for a message from Michelle at Meota Parish. It will also contain the Zoom link.

A notion of Almsgiving, a sentiment not just for Christmas.



**What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.**

From one of my favourite Christmas Carols: **In the Bleak Midwinter** by Christina Rossetti.

MY FAVOURITE HYMN

We have looked at Lord, you Have Come Down to the Lakeshore, How Deep the Father's Love For Me, Abide with Me, It is Well with My Soul, I Come to the Garden Alone, I Was Full of Joy, and How Great Thou Art.

Email meotaparish@gmail.com with your choice and I will research it for you!

Today, for Carol, we look at a country and western song:
Why Me Lord' by Kris Kristofferson

Click this link for the YouTube video for a FABULOUS interview with Kris Kristofferson and his explanation of the song.

<https://www.wideopencountry.com/kris-kristofferson-why-me-lord-story-behind-song/>

Why me Lord, what have I ever done
To deserve even one
Of the pleasures I've known
Tell me Lord, what did I ever do
That was worth loving You
Or the kindness You've shown
Lord, help me Jesus, I've wasted it
So help me Jesus, I know what I am
Now that I know that I've needed you
So Help me Jesus, my soul's in Your hand

Tell me Lord, if you think there's a way
I can try to repay
All I've taken from You
Maybe Lord, I can show someone else
What I've been through myself
On my way back to You
Lord, help me Jesus, I've wasted it
So, help me Jesus, I know what I am
Now that I know that I've needed you
So help me Jesus, my soul's in Your hand
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Now that I know that I've needed you
So help me Jesus, my soul's in Your hand. Jesus, my soul's in Your hand

Kris Kristofferson was a famous football player and then a famous musician. He had it all: fame, fortune and ease of life.

BUT, he said that he was lost.

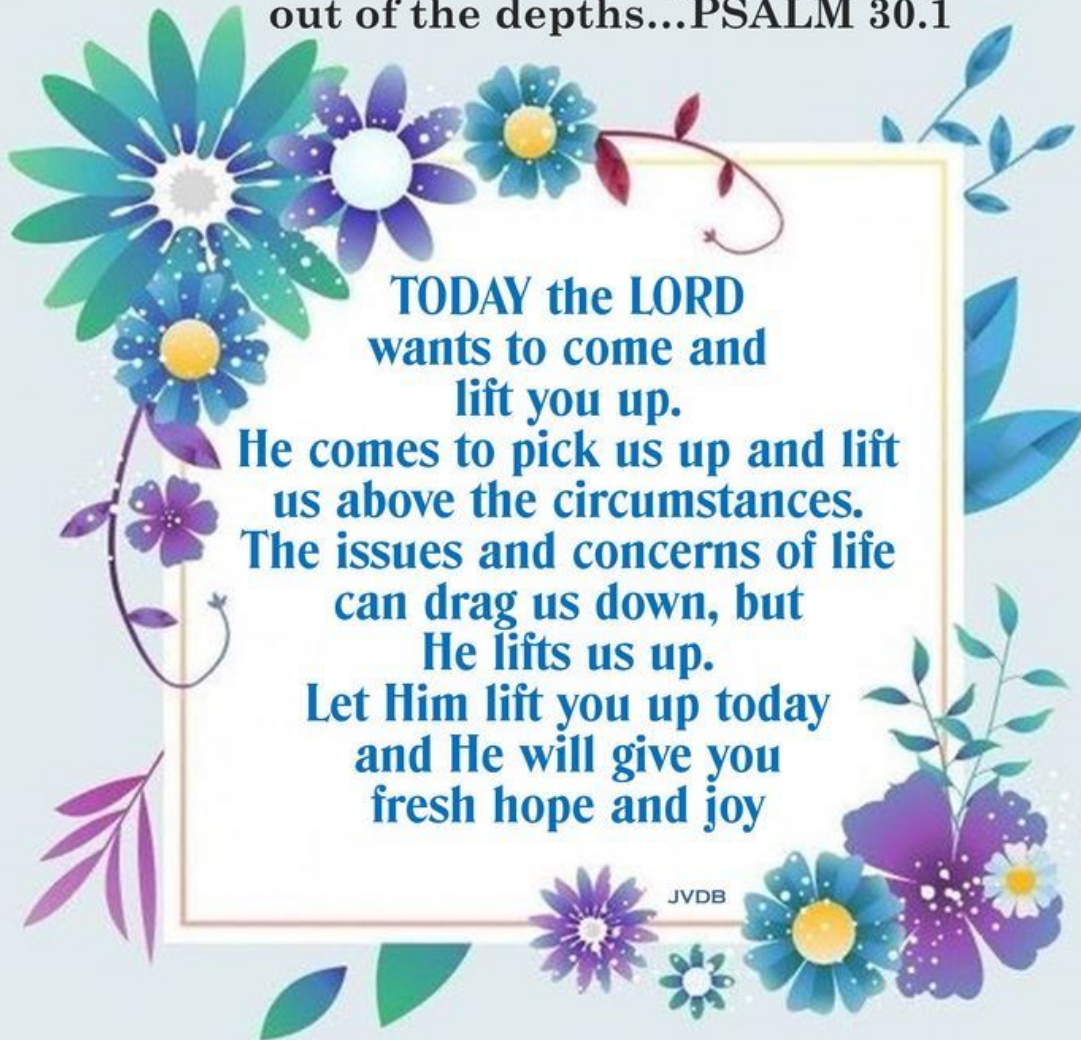
A preacher invited him to ask Jesus into his heart, and when he did, a weight was lifted from his soul.

We can ask Jesus to come into our hearts and into the circumstances of our lives. And He will lift the weight from us.



Good Morning

I will exalt You, LORD, for You lifted me
out of the depths...PSALM 30.1



*Lord, I pray that You will come and lift me up
today. You know the weight that I carry and the
concerns in my heart, but You oh Lord are the
One Who lifts me up and rescues me
Amen and Amen*



We had a full church on Sunday and a very well attended AGM!

(Actually, it's called the Annual Meeting of Parishioners!)

Thank you to all who gave of their time and ideas.

We seem to be headed in a direction of fuller unity!

Thank you to those who have stepped forward to take care of our churches and lead us as the Holy Spirit leads.

Rector's Warden: Pat Raines People's Warden: Paul White

Parish Council:

Pauline Buckley Heather Short Bob Betts Andy Lees

Lois Reid Wayne Linde Walter Kult

Third Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

Readings

EXODUS 20:1-17; PSALM 19; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25; JOHN 2:13-22

First Reading. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

God spoke all these words: **I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.** You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

EXODUS 20:1-17



Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.**

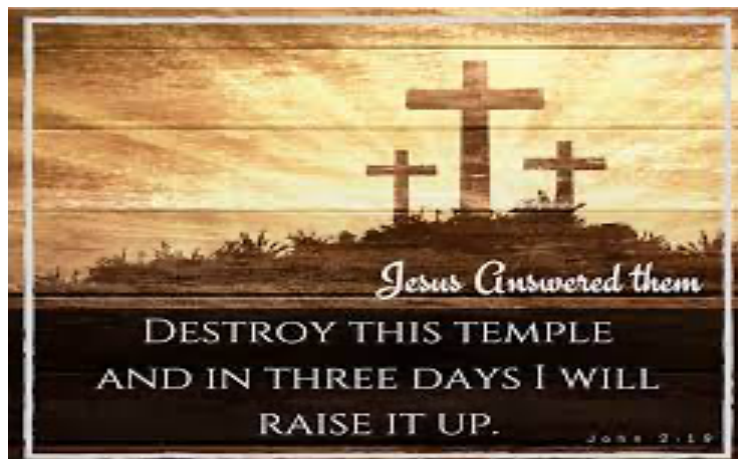
1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" **Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.**

JOHN 2:13-22

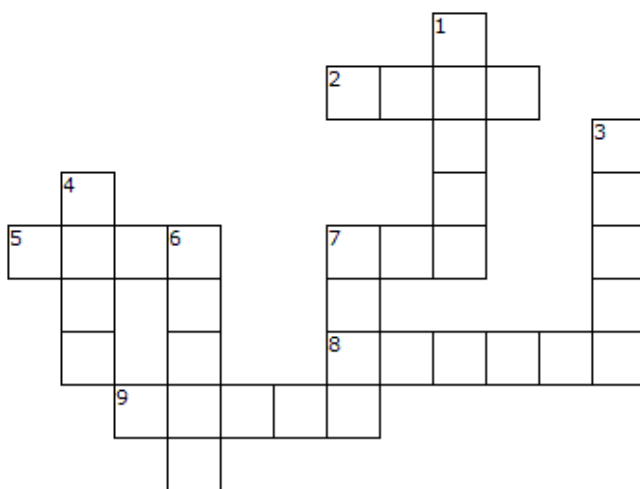


The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. You shall not make for yourself an _____. (a false god)
5. You shall have no other _____ before me.
7. You shall _____ commit adultery.
8. You shall not _____. (kill)
9. You shall not give _____ testimony against your neighbor. (untrue)

DOWN

1. You shall not _____. (to want something that belongs to another)
3. _____ your father and your mother.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it _____.
6. You shall not _____. (to take what does not belong to you)
7. You shall not misuse the _____ of the LORD your God.

FALSE	IDOL	STEAL	HONOR	MURDER
NAME	COVET	HOLY	NOT	GODS



GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

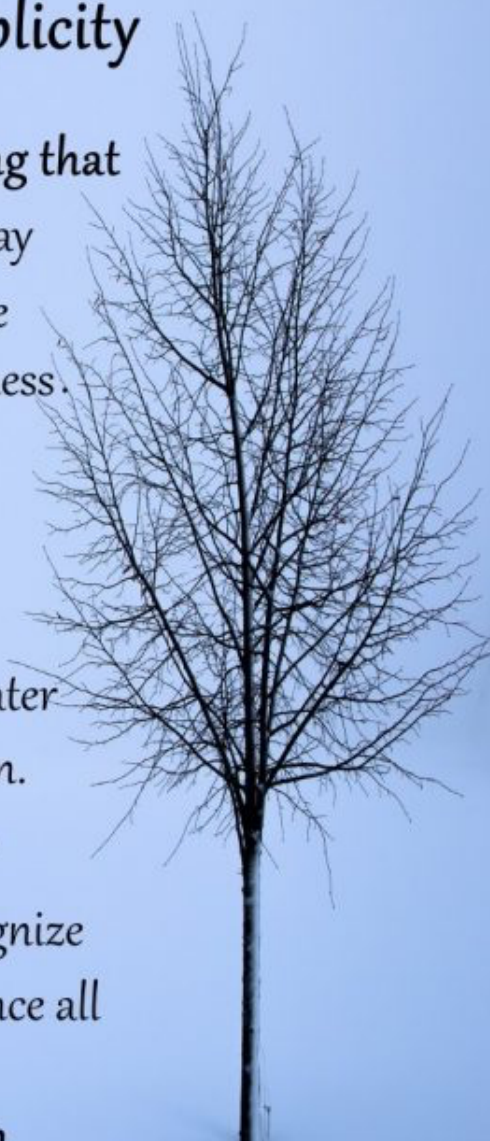
Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



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THANKS BE TO GOD!