

CONNECTING MEOTA April 3rd , 2024

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

Our next church service will be

Sunday April 7th

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!!



Upcoming Events

ANGLICAN PLUS

Beginning April 14th

Do you know what you think you know about what Christianity is
and why we believe what we believe?

And why Anglicans do what they do???

Do you have any answers? Do you have any questions?

Venerable Alan will be leading us through these topics and he always has great insight
and makes fascinating connections that we hadn't thought of before.

Come to ANGLICAN PLUS for a time of learning, sharing and stimulating conversation.



Things from my desktop that I have been saving to share in Connecting Meota.



1 Breathe on me, breath of God: fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have loved. and do as you would do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours. to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God; fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me. glows with your heavenly fire.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life. of your eternity.

Between 70 & 80



I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? He sent me the following:

1 After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.

2 I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

3 I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.

4 I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.

5 I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.

6 I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.

7 I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."

8 I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

9 I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.

10 I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.

11 I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.

12 I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.

13 I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.

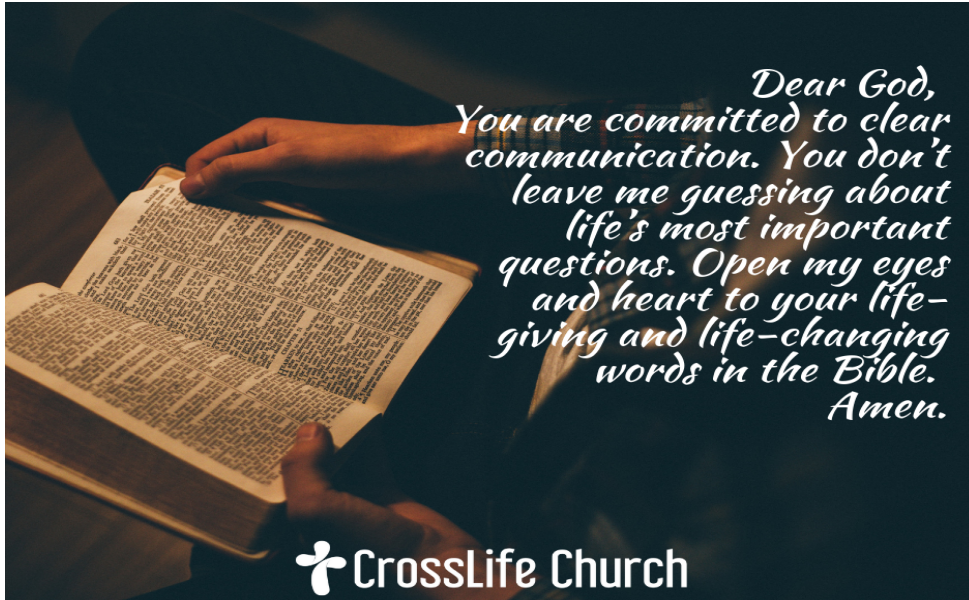
14 I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!15 Kindness makes a difference and it doesn't cost me anything (except maybe my own pride) to be kind.

Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age?

Thank you

Aaron Shuster





Sunday, April 7th, 2024. Second Sunday of Easter (White)

Readings

ACTS 4:32-35; PSALM 133; 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2; JOHN 20:19-31

Second Reading

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.** If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 1:1-2:2



Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you.**" After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." **But Thomas** (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. **Do not doubt but believe.**" Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

JOHN 20:19-31



PRAY WITH US

Almighty God, the resplendent light of
your truth shines from the
mountaintop into our hearts.

Transfigure us by your beloved Son,
and illumine the world with your
image, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.



The Light of the World

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. John 1:6, 8 (NIV)

Based on John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NIV)



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JORDAN	BAPTIZE	JERUSALEM	CONFESS	PRIESTS
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FUNNY BONES

ONE WEEK AFTER EASTER,
IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME.
WE KEEP BANGING ON
ABOUT DOUBTING
THOMAS —
YOU'D THINK WE'D CUT
HIM A BREAK!



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DON'T YOU THINK THAT
SOME PEOPLE FIND
ENCOURAGEMENT TO
BELIEVE THE WITNESS
OF THE APOSTLES
BECAUSE OF THOMAS'
STRUGGLE WITH UNBELIEF?



MAYBE...
BUT I
DOUBT IT.

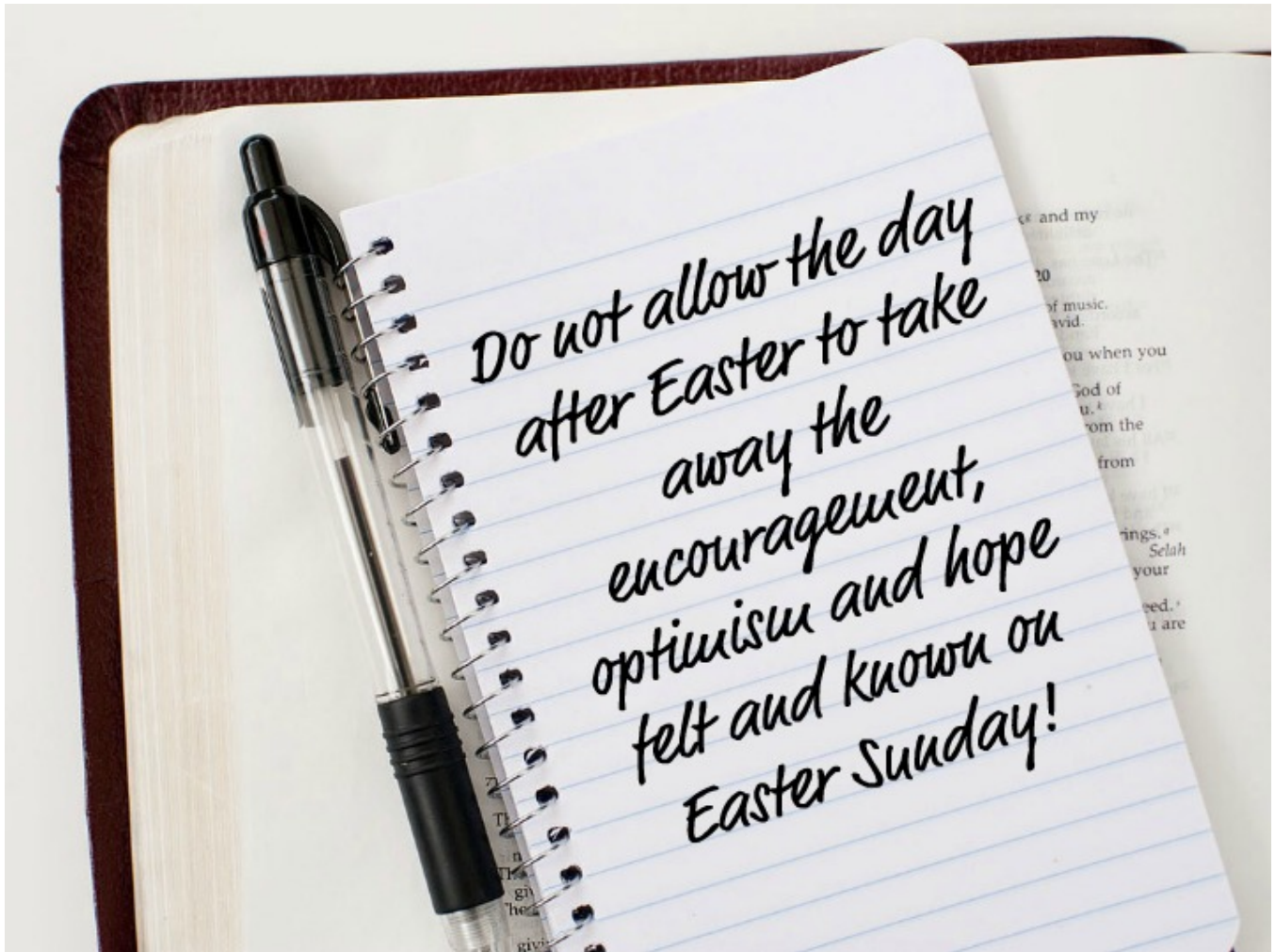


JOHN 20: 19-31

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GO IN PEACE



TO LOVE AND SEVE THE LORD

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Lord, the resurrection of
Your Son has given us new
life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new
people in pursuit of the
Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to
know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake
it, the perseverance to
continue to do it, and the
strength to complete it.”

**NEW SAINT JOSEPH
PEOPLE'S PRAYER BOOK**

woman's day

ALLELUIA!!

