

Trinity 5 Evening Prayer St. Peter 26.06.16

Galatians 3:21-29 & 4: 1-11, John 17:20-26

Inevitability to speak without reference to the EU Referendum

Changed face of UK

Split the country – 4% margin too small

Debate marred

Left retreat with a sense enter in a new world

Strong sense of unity of understanding but coming from differing traditions

Galatians – Paul refers to differing tradition but with same faith

Abraham, trusted God, given a promise of faith(Justification through righteousness)

Moses – the Law to guide society

The Law used to give control to the hierarchy

God sent His Son to show us the way – two rules:

Love God

Love neighbour

Galatians – Law leads to sinfulness, because Law inevitably leads to lawlessness

Faith can never come through law

Faith comes through an acceptance that God comes first for true life

- Through example of Jesus Christ
- Learned as told in the written word - scripture
- by experience of relationship people have enjoyed with God throughout history
- personal experience as we live through difficulties in our own lives in faith that God is with us and responds to our needs in ways we cannot always appreciate

Faith comes to us in many and differing ways

Faith, no matter how we come to faith, binds us together

Pauls message to the Galatians

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