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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 6, Sunday, 20th July 2025

Presenter: Rev Josh McPaul

Focus Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Message 7 minutes 5 seconds

"Who's At Work"

Discussion Starters

- 1 We talked about the Isley brother's song "Shout." What's your favourite song to express joy and celebration?
- 2 Do you ever remember being stressed about hosting, or throwing a party, or preparing for guests to come over?
- 3 Do you identify most with Mary or Martha? How do you feel about the way Jesus treats them?
- 4 Do think the community around us thinks about our church as a place of obligation or a place of joy?

Readings for this day

Amos 8:1-12 God shows Amos a basket of summer fruit as a visual image of the Israel's end. The people have ignored God and oppressed the poor and needy. A famine of God's word is eminent.

Psalms 52 The psalmist reminds the wicked who are trusting only their wealth, their lying, and their love of evil that they will be subject to God's judgement. Trust should be in God.

Colossians 1:15-24 All we know comes through Christ who has shown us God. Central to this is forgiveness and reconciliation through the 'blood of the cross'.

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All Age Message: Rev Josh McPaul

"Busy going the wrong way"

Length 2 minutes 50 seconds

Precis of AAM

Jesus wants us to sit and listen to him. Not being busy all the time - as listening to him is the most important thing. Take time to stop and listen to what God is saying before rushing into things. Maybe less mistakes will then happen and doing things the right way will be revealed.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). **Psalms 52** –not listed in Blue Book.

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