

'My first, my last, my everything'

Priorities in the Church yesterday and today **Treloyhan Manor 7-9 April 2006**

Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson



“Where have these studies come from?”

When I was seven or eight I overheard one of my Sunday school teachers making his excuses for missing a teachers meeting that week:

“I can’t let the Church organise my life. I’ve got much more important things to do than that!”

The fact I remember it 35 years later, shows how shocked I was to overhear the conversation.

Then there was an episode of the TV series *Ali McBeal*! If you’re an ‘Ali’ fan then you will know that one episode has a wonderful scene in which the cast are dancing to an apparition of soul singer, Barry White singing

‘My first, my last, my everything’.

It seemed to me that the difference between the Church in the first century and my old Sunday school teacher was probably that for that early Church Jesus was ‘my first, my last, my everything’, whilst for too many of us today (and for that teacher all those years ago) he is simply an ‘add-on’

So somehow, out of all this has grown the idea for our time together:

My first, my last, my everything’

What should be the priorities of the Church today?

We shall explore this together by looking at three priorities of the Church in Acts, for whom God’s will was ‘the first, the last, the everything’

Please come and share in the discovery”

Mark