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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 19th APRIL 2020

MARGARET THOMASSON BIRTHDAY 24th APRIL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to JOAN THURSBY who celebrated on Thursday 16th April – love to you!

If you know anyone else with a birthday coming up please let me know!

YOUR PRAYERS are asked again this week for **KATE AND MIKE MORLEY** as Mike's sister, Kath has made a slight improvement in Doncaster Hospital and for Glenda in Pingle Nook and Sandra's daughter Pam in Nottingham and all those, including ourselves, who need our prayers at this strange time.

CHURCH INCOME DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS

At present without our Sunday services or property lettings, we have a greatly reduced income but significant expenses still continue, the main one being Assessment which pays among other things, for our Ministers and their manses.

We are most grateful to members who give to the Church by weekly/monthly standing order and if you don't already and are able, please will you consider setting this up online with your bank, using the following banking details:

Account: Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church, sort code 40-30-24, account number 91218360.

Please put your surname in the reference box. If you prefer not to do this, another way would be put your contribution as cash or cheque in the weekly collection envelopes and hand them in when services start again - Thank you

REDEDICATION OF THE REFURBISHED WORSHIP AREA

I am sure that you will have realised that the Rededication Service of our newly refurbished Worship Area will not now be taking place on Saturday 16th May as originally planned. As soon as the situation improves, we will be speaking to our guest speakers and will arrange a new date.

IF YOU NEED HELP: John's phone number is at the top of this document should you have need to contact him. Heather and Carolyn have very kindly offered to get shopping for anyone so if you, or anyone you are in contact with, needs anything give Heather a call on 620261

There is also a group of volunteers **BARROW UPON SOAR HELPING HANDS** which consists of folk from the village, the Conservative Club and the Baptist Church – you can contact them on 07395902961 or email community@barrowbaptist.org.uk

ALERT

Criminals are targeting people with NHS scam emails. The NHS will NEVER ask you to send money directly to a

bank account. If you would like to donate to the NHS, you should do so via their official channels or your local NHS Trust. Watch out for scams both at the door and online – be vigilant!!

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE OUR EASTER PHOTOGRAPHS



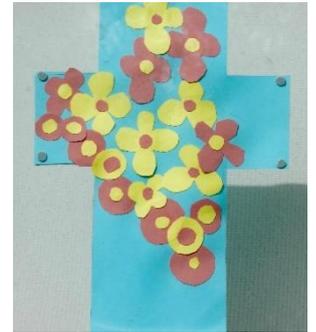
TILLY & PETER



HEATHER & STEVE



MARGARET & ALISTAIR



CAROLYN & PHILIP



ANTHEA & ROGER



WEBSITE MONTAGE OF FLOWERS FROM EVERYONE'S GARDENS



OUR NEW DISPLAY WINDOW



JANET & MICHAEL'S WINDOW RAINBOW & EASTER TREE



KATE & MIKE'S EASTER TREE

REFLECTION

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL!

I wonder if the disciples wanted to get "back to normal" after the events of the first Easter? Certainly, some of them went back to their boats and back to fishing - for a while at least. But there was no escaping the fact that they had to get used to a "new normal".

The "new normal" as recorded at the end of the Gospels and in the Book of Acts gradually became clear. Some things stayed the same. But a lot didn't. Some of the disciples got used to things more quickly. Some, like Doubting Thomas, took a bit longer.

What will our "new normal" look like, in the days, weeks, months and years to come? Maybe it is time to start imagining what it could be like. We don't just have to go back to what we knew. We can do better than that.

We know that immediately after the first Easter, the remaining disciples were in a lockdown of their own. They had to come to terms with their losses (going from 12 down to 11 disciples). They spent time in prayer.

We too can use this time in our lockdown to pray, dream, and imagine what the "new normal" could be. Let's make good use of this time to think creatively about the future.

Carolyn Thornborow

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow the same understanding father who cares for you today, will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow the same everlasting father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and shield you from suffering or he will give you unfailing serenity to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

St Francis de Sales



THOUGHT

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So, do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." J.R.R. Tolkien

SPRING HARVEST AT HOME

This year the Christian festival is going online only on YouTube and will be streaming worship and teaching from 13th April but sessions will remain viewable for several weeks. Search for "Spring Harvest Home" and you should find it.

SERVICE SHEETS AND STREAMED SERVICES FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH OF GREAT BRITAIN

Those of us who can access the internet may wish to worship at home using material from the Methodist Church website: www.methodist.org.uk

Live Services are streamed from:

- Wesley's Chapel in London at 11.00 am
- Swan Bank Methodist Church in Burslem at 10.45 am
- Methodist Central Hall Westminster at 11.00 am
- There is also Songs of Praise on BBC1 at 1.15 pm on Sunday from the Salvation Army centre, Liverpool
- Morning worship on BBC1 AT 10.00 am when Canon Leigh Richardson leads the service from St David's Cathedral, Pembrokeshire
- Radio 4 has Sunday morning Worship at 8.10 am from Holy Trinity, Platt, Manchester.

Andrew will be live on Sunday morning at 10.45 am on Trinity Methodist Church Facebook page

I saw this on Facebook and thought I would share it with you:

I was at the grocery store and heard a loud crash and something shattering. Being nosy, I walked towards the sound and saw some people whispering and looking back to the end of the next aisle, I saw an older lady had hit a shelf containing dishes with her cart and many had fallen to the ground and broken. She was kneeling on the floor embarrassed, frantically picking up the shattered pieces, while her husband was peeling off the bar code from each broken dish saying "Now we will have to pay for all this!"

I felt so bad for her, and everyone was just standing there staring at her!! I went and knelt beside her and told her not to worry and started helping her pick up the broken pieces. After about a minute the store manager came and knelt beside us and said, "Leave it, we will clean it up. Let's get your information so you can go to the hospital and have that cut on your hand looked at." The lady, totally embarrassed said, "I need to pay for all this first." The manager smiled, helped her to her feet and said, "No ma'am, we have insurance for this, you do not have to pay anything."

For you who have read this so far, I would like you to give a minute wherever you are, close your eyes, and imagine God doing the same for you. Collect the piece of your broken heart from all the blows life has thrown at you. God will heal all your wounds, and I assure you that your sins and mistakes will be forgiven. You see, we all have the same insurance, and it's called Grace. When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and ask for forgiveness, the Manager of the universe, God, will say to you "Everything has already been paid for, now go on your way, all is forgiven."

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S EASTER QUIZ

1. Passover (Luke 22:1)
2. A young donkey (Matthew 21:1-7; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:28-35; John 12:12-15).
3. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passion week, the people welcomed Him as king and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol of their worship and acceptance of Him as king (Matthew 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:35, 36; John 12:12, 13).
4. Peter (John 18:10)
5. Malchus (John 18:10)
6. Three times (Luke 22:54-57; Mark 14:69, 70; Matthew 26:73-75; John 18:13-27)
7. 30 (Matthew 26:15)
8. By giving Him a kiss (Matthew 26:47-49).
9. Hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5)
10. Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried (Matthew 27:6-8).
11. Barabbas (Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:18; John 18:40)
12. To leave Jesus alone because He was a just man. She had a bad dream concerning the Lord and she probably felt it would bring bad luck on the household of Pilate (Matthew 27:19).
13. Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21)
14. "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (Luke 19:19).
It was written in three different languages according to John 19:20; Hebrew, Greek and Latin.
15. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
 - "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
 - "...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26, 27)
 - "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)
 - "I thirst." (John 19:28)
 - "It is finished:" (John 19:30)
 - "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:" (Luke 23:46)
16. "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54).
17. The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51).
18. Three hours (Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45). From noon to 3 pm.

19. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-42). Interestingly, these two men did not follow Jesus as He travelled through the region, but they were there when all the outspoken disciples had abandoned the Lord.

20. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)

BAD JOKES – REALLY BAD JOKES

It was a quiet Monday morning in September 2053 when John awoke with a need to go to the bathroom. To John this was not an ordinary day! This was the day when he would open the last package of Toilet Paper his parents bought in the Year 2020!

A Methodist Minister went to see a member of the community and invited him to come to Church on Sunday morning. The man was a producer of fine peach brandy and told the preacher he would love to attend his Church **IF** the Minister would drink some of his brandy and admit doing so in front of the congregation. The Minister agreed and drank up. Sunday morning came and the man came to Church. The Minister recognized him from the pulpit and said: "I see Mr. Johnson is here with us this morning. I want to thank him publicly for his hospitality this week and especially for the peaches he gave me and the spirit in which they were given."

Did you know? The Devon and Cornwall music festival has been cancelled?
They couldn't decide who to put on first, The Jam or Cream!

George W. Bush, in an airport lobby, noticed a man in a long flowing white robe with a long white beard and flowing white hair. The man had a staff in one hand and some stone tablets under the other arm. George W. approached the man and inquired, "Aren't you Moses?" The man ignored George W. and stared at the ceiling. George W. positioned himself more directly in the man's view and asked again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man continued to peruse the ceiling. George W. tugged at the man's sleeve and asked once again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man finally responded in an irritated voice, "Yes, I am." George W. asked him why he was so uppity, and the man replied, "The last time I spoke to a Bush I had to spend forty years in the desert."

At our weekly Bible study, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Walt, to open the meeting with prayer. Walt did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" Walt replied, "I wasn't talking to you."

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?" —
Submitted by James Powers

After working three double shifts in a row, my brother Billy, a hotel clerk, was worn out. On one of his few breaks, he went to the hotel restaurant to grab a bite. When his food came, Billy, his mind in a fog, bowed his head for the blessing and whispered these words to God: "Good evening, Holiday Inn, how can I help you?"



1	What was the name of the plot to remove Elizabeth 1 from the throne and replace her with Mary Queen of Scots?	
2	Who was England's goalkeeper in the 1966 World Cup Final?	
3	For what game are the World champions awarded the Bermuda Bowl	
4	Who reputedly introduced the printing press into England?	
5	Which welsh soprano was reckoned to have "the voice of an angel"	
6	On which lake did Donald Campbell die when attempting to break the world water speed record in 1967	
7	According to Debretts, what Peerage rank lies between Marquis and Viscount	
8	In Treasure Island, what was the name of Long John Silver's parrot	
9	Sung by Rita Coolidge, what was the theme sone from Octopussy	
10	Who was President of the USA from 1963 until 1969?	
11	Made by building dams in streams or rivers, what is a Beaver's home called	
12	What steam engine set a world record speed of 126 mph in 1936	
13	Which North Eastern region of the USA comprises the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut	
14	Known as the father of physics, who formulated the laws of gravity	
15	Who was British Prime Minister from 1770 to 1782?	
16	A Biathlon comprises cross country skiing and what other activity	
17	In which state of the USA is Mount Rushmore	
18	Who played the part of George Dixon in Dixon of Dock Green?	
19	What wood is traditionally used to make cricket bats?	
20	Which 1990s TV programme set in Cornwall starred Jack Shepherd playing the part of a police detective	

THANKS TO ROGER GREW FOR THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

While this is based on street/road names in Barrow upon Soar, friends from other areas of the country are invited to try as the street/road names are contained in the answers!

Answers next week