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Week 8

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 10th MAY 2020

VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY

Live Online Service
Friday 8th May @ 3pm

Churches Together in Barrow will be holding a live online service as we celebrate 75 years since the end of war in Europe

View on Facebook:
Barrow upon Soar Parish Council
Barrow Baptist Church
Holy Trinity Church

Or access via
barrowbaptist.org.uk/services

YOUR PRAYERS are asked again this week for Kate and Mike Morley – Mike's sister is now out of hospital and in a hospice, for Soo and Ian as they prepare to come home and for Glenda at Pingle Nook, for Corey, and the rest of the care team up there and all others who need our prayers at this time.

NEWS

Soo and Ian have managed to get a flight from San Diego to Heathrow on 3rd June and they now know that Homeland Security have received their visa extension application but have no further news on this – so watch this space.

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

CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

After talking to John and Adrian we decided that we would put the Annual Report on the website as we have no idea how long it will be before we are back at church and able to be together again. You can read it at www.barrowuponsoarmethodistchurch.co.uk. If anyone has any problems let me know and I will see if I can get some photocopied and out to you.

TILLY'S PLANTS

Tilly is selling plants from her front garden and raising money for LOROS. Plants can be taken from the stall and all she asks is that you make a small donation through Just giving - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/plantsforloros> **To date £181 has been raised.**

**YOUR GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED:**

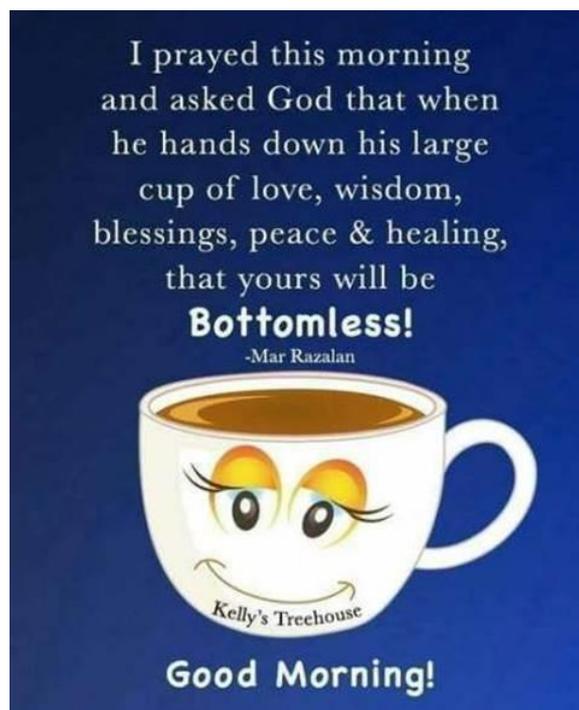
As we continue on with the lock down nature is thriving! Please send to Natalie your photographs of hope and your lock down activities to be included in a montage for our social media and website pages and will also send out next week by email. Send to at natalie.thompson@sky.com – many thanks in advance.

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!!



BIBLE READINGS:

Readings: John 14:1-14 - Jesus the Way to the Father

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going."^[a] ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know^[a] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me^[a]for anything, I will do it.

1 Peter 2:2-10

2 Like new-born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— **3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. **4** Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and **5** like living stones, let yourselves be built^[a] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him^[a] will not be put to shame." **7** To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"**8** and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. **9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,^[a] in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:

This week's reflection starts with some thoughts by Judith Dimond, taken from her book *Gazing on The Gospel*: Consider how, like Thomas, we need every day to refer to some sort of map or instruction manual, even if it is only a recipe, to get by or find our way. As it is in daily life, so it is in our moral and spiritual life – we all need a compass.

It is natural, as we read these gospel excerpts week by week, that we concentrate our attention on Jesus as guide. It is his life we follow from cradle to grave and beyond. It is his preaching and parables we ruminate over. But sometimes we are in danger of treating Christ as if he is the total manifestation of God. We get confused, like Philip, when we think of Jesus as God. Is that all of God there is? Certainly not, for consider how much stress Jesus always laid on the fact that 'the words I say to you are not just my own' and 'it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work' (v.10).

Consider how this week's reading, and next week's which follows straight on, anticipate the great celebrations of Pentecost and Trinity which are just ahead of us. 'I am in the Father and the Father is in me', Jesus says, and he repeats it to make sure we've taken it in. He is trying to describe the unity at the heart of the Trinity, just as next week he continues with his promise of the Counsellor, so that the Trinity will be complete. We should not reserve thinking about the Trinity to one Sunday of the year, but be alert to the many times the threefold dimensions of God are necessary parts of our direction-finding kit.¹

As I reflected on this piece by Judith Dimond with all that is going on in our current situation it felt like my spiritual compass was just spinning round and round. Last week Alison Ransome asked us to listen deeply to God. To pray more, and share more of God in our lives with others. Our reading from John reminds us that our focus should be on Jesus who is constantly leading us and guiding us, showing us God's plans for our lives.

Our reading from 1 Peter 2:5 is helpfully put in The Message "Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God."

So, as we make our way to Pentecost, may we find time and space to listen deeply. You are chosen by God, called to be a holy person, one of God's instruments, called to do God's work and speak out in God's holy name.

In this spinning world may God's way in our lives become clear. Amen.²

¹ Taken from Gazing on the Gospels by Judith Diamond The Vine at Home is compiled and produced by twelvebaskets

¹ Reflection by Wayne Grewcock

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 also streamed from:

- Wesley's chapel in London at 11.00 am
- Swan Bank Methodist Church in Burslem – 10.45 am
- Methodist Central Hall Westminster at 11.00 am
- Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1.15 this Sunday – Katherine Jenkins marks the 75th Anniversary of VE Day with the Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin
- Morning Worship on BBC 1 at 10.45 am - The Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover leads a VE service from Hereford Cathedral.
- Radio 4 Sunday morning Worship at 8.10 a.m. On the 75th Anniversary of VE Day Dr Rowan Williams asks how our nation can rise to its present huge challenge as it seeks to emerge from the Covid19 pandemic.

DO YOU WANT TO FEEL INSPIRED?

Many may have seen this already if not go to You Tube and search for 'The UK Blessing' and listen to 6 mins 47 secs seconds of inspiration! "Our buildings may be closed – But the church is still alive! (Ed)



Christian Aid Week

10-16 May 2020

WITH EVERY GIFT, WE HELP ROSE STOP THIS CLIMATE CRISIS ...

In Kenya, the rains haven't come. Again! For villagers who farm the land, that means life is getting even harder. Rivers are bone dry, and crops wither in the fields. The drought is starving people of food, water and the chance to earn a living.



At 67 years of age, Rose walks for six hours to fetch water for her grandchildren. She tries hard to give them the kind of life she remembers from when she was a girl: when the rivers flowed with water and the crops bore fruit.

Grandmother Rose shouldn't have to go hungry. A simple earth dam, built with the help of Christian Aid's partners and your donations, could completely change her life. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop the climate crisis driving people like Rose to hunger.

From house-to-house collections to Big Brekkies, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty and injustice.

This Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), please:

- **Give** generously to help Rose and her community build a water dam, providing fresh water to help families survive the drought.

- **Act** to call for a [New Deal for Climate Justice](#) to help restore creation and build a world where everyone can thrive.
- **Pray** for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that, as a global community, we will care for people living in poverty.

Together we **stop** this climate crisis. Join us at caweek.org

What Can You Do This Year?

Your gifts will save lives! Poor communities are hit hardest by coronavirus. It's affecting families living in overcrowded refugee camps, and many vulnerable people who have no water to clean their hands. With your support, Christian Aid can limit the impact of the virus, with life-saving soap and water. It is easy to donate using the Christian Aid website.

www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week

Telephone and postal donations Do telephone **020 7523 2269** to donate. You will need credit card/debit card details to be able to do this. You can also send a cheque by post to:

I.P. Unit Christin Aid Lower Marsh Waterloo LONDON SE1 7RL

There will probably be delay in opening the post and banking cheques because of the Covid 19 crisis so it may be a couple of weeks before the money comes out of your account.

Paying directly into the Christian Aid bank account For details on how to pay money directly into the bank account please call 020 7523 2226. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all. Now is the time to reach out to our neighbours near and far.

SEND AN E ENVELOPE....

Create a message, upload a photo or create a personalised video. Use our message template, and choose from one of our stories to tell Your friends why you are supporting Christian Aid. Encourage them to join you and share with their friends too!



Send your e-Envelope After previewing your message and checking you're happy with how it looks and sounds, you are ready to send your e-Envelope. You can choose to send via email or to share your message on Twitter or Facebook.



Raise funds We need you and your friends to join us so we can achieve incredible things for some of the poorest people in the world. Each e-Envelope shared gives us a greater chance of securing vital funds to help those who are most in need.



Any queries please contact Heather

APOLOGETICS

A divinity school invited one of the greatest minds to lecture in the theological education centre. One year, the guest lecturer was a professor, who spoke for two and a half hours "proving" that the resurrection of Jesus was false. The professor quoted scholar after scholar and book after book. He concluded that there was no such thing as the historical resurrection, the religious tradition of the church was groundless, emotional mumbo-jumbo, because it was based on a relationship with a risen Jesus who, in fact, never rose from the dead in any literal sense. He then asked if there were any questions.

After about thirty seconds, an old preacher with a head of woolly white hair stood up in the back of the auditorium. "Doctor Professor, I have one question," he said, as all eyes turned towards him. He reached into his lunch sack and pulled out an apple and began eating it... *Crunch, munch!* "My question is a simple question" *Crunch, munch!* "Now I have never read those books you read" *Crunch, munch!* "and I can't recite the scriptures in the original Greek and I don't know anything about Niebuhr and Heidegger" ... *Crunch, munch!* He finished the apple. "All I want to know is; This apple I just ate – was it bitter or sweet?"

The professor paused for a moment and answered in exemplary scholarly fashion "I cannot possibly answer that question, for I haven't tasted your apple"

The white-haired preacher dropped the core of the apple into his crumpled paper bag, looked up at the professor and said calmly, "Neither have you tasted my Jesus." The one thousand plus in attendance could

not contain themselves. The auditorium erupted with applause and cheers. The professor thanked his audience and promptly left the platform"

A Barrel of Fun by J John and Mark Stibbe

HILARIOUS THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME:

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside, I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."

My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you're wearing clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry for."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me how to be a CONTORTIONIST. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck."

My mother taught me about STAMINA. "you'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ Villages, Towns and Cities

1	Beverley	11	Grimsby
2	Potters Bar	12	Woburn
3	Havant	13	Mansfield
4	Ramsbottom	14	Newquay
5	Bakewell	15	Exeter
6	Runcorn	16	Bath
7	Sale	17	Nuneaton
8	Looe	18	March
9	Bangor	19	Ironbridge
10	Sandwich	20	Cambridge



THIS WEEK'S QUIZ IS ALL ABOUT



Answers next week

1	drab glacier - anathema to Peter Kay	
2	Wiener Schnitzel, a national dish of Austria, is what type of meat?	
3	Used in pudding what is the starch extracted from the root of the Cassava known as?	
4	Which nation produces the most coffee?	
5	foot her chaplains - originates in this northern county	
6	Stargazy pie, where the pastry crust has the fish heads protruding through thus appearing to be gazing skyward is traditionally from which English county?	
7	In which part of the world would you most likely be if you were having a Cloutie dumpling?	

8	Along with berries and their juice, what is the main ingredient of a Summer Pudding?	
9	Bubble and Squeak is better known as meat, cabbage and which vegetable?	
10	In French cooking, what does 'en Croute' mean?	
11	Literally meaning 'whirlpool', which German desert is thin sheet of rolled up dough baked?	
12	hot toe inhaled - classic English dish	
13	Which country would you be in if you were served Christmas damper, in a wreath or star shape, served with butter, jam, honey or gold syrup?	
14	Which takeaway food is so popular in Japan at Christmas that it often has to be ordered weeks in advance? a) Pizza b) Big Mac c) KFC	
15	Traditionally what do you stud onions with in a bread sauce?	
16	Babka, is a sweet braided bread or cake filled with a variety of sweet fillings such as chocolate, popular with which ethnoreligious group?	
17	What is the name of the Spanish sausage that is seasoned with smoked paprika?	
18	needlessly each wee - made famous by Wallace and Gromit	
19	He tackle cocoa	
20	Which confectionary product has used the slogan "Taste the rainbow" since 1994?	

Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."



While on a long car journey, a couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. The woman unfortunately left her sunglasses on the table, but didn't miss them until they were back on the motorway. By then, they had to travel to the next junction before they could turn around. The man fussed and complained all the way back to the restaurant. When they finally arrived, as the woman got out of the car to find her sunglasses, the man said, "While you're in there you may as well get my hat, too!"