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Week 13

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2020



We give thanks that Abby Cave's consultant has told her that she is now stable following her chemotherapy treatment earlier in the year. She has to continue to shield and will always have damage to her lungs but the doctors are happy with the outcome and obviously they will continue to keep an eye on her. We send our love and continued prayers to Abby and Diane, John, Joanne, Rachel, Ben and all the family.

We commiserate with Sue and Ian Shippen as their flight home from USA has yet again been cancelled and they are now due back 1st August. They are also still waiting for Homeland Security to extend their visa and July is the hottest month in Arizona!! We send them all our love and prayers and look forward to seeing them again soon.

Can I also give thanks that our granddaughter Joanne has qualified as a Primary School Teacher and after a Zoom interview this week, was lucky enough to be offered a post starting next term – she is so excited and we are so pleased and proud of her!!

CHURCH INCOME WHILE SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED

Thank you to everyone who has set up standing orders at their bank, or sent their weekly contributions to my address.

The system is working well but if you cannot do either of the above, I am happy to collect it from your house if you wish, please ring me on 01509 413085 if you would like me to pop round. Alternatively, save the collections envelopes, and hand them in when services start again.

The collections received are recorded in the collection log book as usual before being banked. Many thanks - Peter

CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT Don't forget to read the Annual Report on our website. If anyone want a paper copy then let me know and I will try and get some photocopied. Just go to the home page on our website www.barrowuponsoarmethodistchurch.co.uk. and scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will see the Annual Report listed underneath the newsletter.

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

Note from the pews!! Thank you to Janet for the notices and all the other admin work that is done for the church

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!!

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

The Methodist Conference Business Committee have met and agreed that the Methodist Conference should meet between 25 June – 2 July 2020 in order to conduct its essential business. The committee recognised that the restrictions that are likely still to be in place at the end of June, mean that a virtual meeting is necessary. Listen at.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/the-methodist-conference-will-meet-virtually-this-year/>

MHA SUNDAY



The theme this year is kindness, inspired by the book of Ruth, and the care given by MHA volunteers and colleagues. MHA Sunday 14th June will be an opportunity to give thanks and celebrate the specialist care and support service, enabling people to live later life well. Further information and resources are available on the Methodist Church website



Rev John Pugh writes:

The great Reformation theologian and hymn writer Martin Luther wrote (in German) "A safe stronghold our God is still" (Ein feste burg). An age-old realisation that God is the ultimate protector in times of need and crisis.

Too often in the past humanity has put their trust in their own strength or that of others. In the old Testament the prophet Isaiah speaks of God saying not to put their trust in the horses and chariots of Egypt which is echoed in the Psalms. They are exhorted to put their trust in God.

Medieval kings, princes and lords put their trust in castles, yet even most of these failed. No matter how impregnable the walls many of the mightiest fell under the determination of others, particularly with the introduction of gunpowder. Today we see how the vanity of humanity's trust placed in bricks and mortar has fallen into ruin and despair



The greatest strength that can manifest itself in our lives is God's love, grace and mercy every day. His peace flooding into all the hurting places, the moments filled with the pain of loss and bereavement. His protection lasts for ever without fail.

FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE:**Let us pray together**

Living Lord, we gather together across time and space to worship you; united by the words we read; united by our love for you. We celebrate your awesome majesty, your holiness, and your amazing love. We acknowledge you as Lord of our lives. We sing your praise and we bless your name. Living Lord, we give thanks for all that you have done in our lives and pray that we will continue to be open to your work in us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading:**Matthew 9:35-10:8 New International Version (NIV)****The Workers Are Few**

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy,  drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

TIME TO REFLECT

Every year we tell the story of Jesus ... through Advent to Christmas ... through Lent to Easter ... through the Easter season to the Ascension and on to Pentecost when we celebrate the birth of the church and the coming of the Spirit. And it's a glorious story ... full of challenges and hard choices and wonders, and betrayal and suffering. And it's a story that ends with joy, hope, forgiveness and new life.

But today the story has been told and we move back into what the lectionary calls "ordinary time". The story's been told but it hasn't ended. In many ways it's just begun. You and I, together with all those who worship across the world today ... whether we're reading and reflecting on written services like this one, or sharing in streamed services on the internet, or gathered in households for prayer, or alone in our homes ... we are the church, and we live in ordinary time ... we live with the joyful knowledge of the resurrection, and there is work to be done.

In our Gospel reading it was compassion for those in need that moved Jesus to commission the twelve disciples and send them out to help with the work. He sent them out to those who needed the message of hope, to those who needed healing, and he sent them out to love and bring healing to those whom society considered untouchable and unlovable – the outsiders and the outcasts. To such as these the disciples were called to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God.

And it's the same today. Our buildings may be closed but the people are still here. For some the needs are obvious, for others they are hidden, invisible to casual observation. And society still has its outsiders and outcasts.

Healing takes many forms – physical, emotional, mental, spiritual. There are people who need our prayers. There are people who need us to reach out to them ... to hear a friendly voice on the phone or receive a card or a letter or a 'hi' across the internet. There are people who need more practical help. Some encounters will be easy and pleasant ... others will not.

So, as the church year moves once again past Trinity Sunday and back into ordinary time, we're reminded afresh that every day is a new beginning. Our buildings are closed but the Church is not, and Jesus, filled with compassion, is still calling workers to the field to proclaim the Kingdom of God in word and deed. And the field to which he calls us is all around us.

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

10.45 am Service on Trinity Church Centre Facebook page led by Rev Andrew Lomax

Sunday Live services: amongst so many others are streamed:

Wesley's chapel at 11.00 am

Swan Bank Methodist Church – 10.45 am

Methodist Central Hall Westminster at 11.00 am

Radio 4 8.10 – 8.48 am Cardinal Vincent Nichols celebrates Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi live from Westminster Cathedral.

Morning Worship: on BBC 1 at 10.45 – 11.15 am Sarah Bradley leads a service for the First Sunday after Trinity from Manchester's Holy Trinity Platt Church, where the preacher is the Rev Dr Paul Mathole

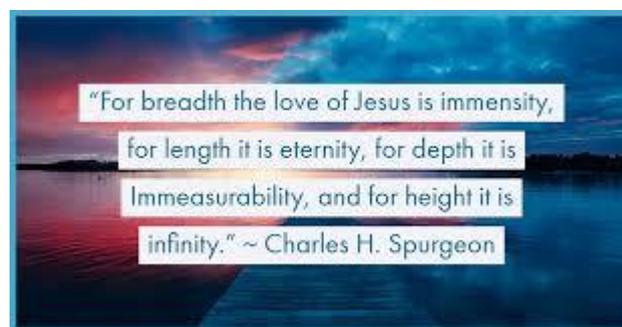
Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1.15–1.50 pm - Aled Jones is in Hill Park in Surrey to reveal stories of people who have found inspiration in the great outdoors. (this was due to take place last week but the BBC rescheduled at the last minute!)

PRAYER

Five young college students were spending a Sunday in London, so they went to hear the famed C H Spurgeon preach. While waiting for the doors to open the students were greeted by a man who asked, "Gentlemen, let me show you around. would you like to see the heating plant of this church?"

They were not particularly interested, for it was a hot day in July, but they didn't want to offend the stranger so they consented. The young men were taken down a stairway, a door was quietly opened, and their guide whispered, "This is our heating plant."

Surprised, the students saw 700 people bowed in prayer, seeking a blessing on the service that was soon to begin in the auditorium above. Softly closing the door, the gentleman then introduced himself. It was none other than Charles Spurgeon.



A short course in human relations:

The six most important words: I admit that I was wrong

The five most important words: You did a great job

The four most important words: What do you think?

The three most important words: could you please...?

The two most important words: Thank you

The most important word: We

The least important word: I

Answers to last week's quiz – COLOURS

1	What planet is known as the red planet?	MARS
2	There are three primary colours – red, yellow and which other?	BLUE
3	What colour "rain" did the singer Prince sing about?	PURPLE
4	"Yesil" is green in which language?	TURKISH
5	How many points is the brown ball worth in snooker?	FOUR
6	Which band has a hit with the song "Another brick in the wall"?	PINK FLOYD
7	Name the author of the "Da Vinci Code"	DAN BROWN
8	What colour is a Beluga Whale?	WHITE
9	What colour ribbon would you tie "around an old oak tree"?	YELLOW
10	Generally, what colour is an emerald?	GREEN
11	The Swedish flag is blue with what colour cross?	YELLOW

12	In Rugby Union what is the New Zealand team nick name?	ALL BLACKS
13	Something old, something new, something borrowed, something ?	BLUE
14	What colour is the Co-op sign?	BLUE AND WHITE
15	According to the book by E L James what colour was fifty shades?	GREY
16	Rouge is red in what language?	FRENCH
17	Which "Barry" is known as the walrus of love?	WHITE
18	If you mix red and yellow together what colour does it make?	ORANGE
19	What colour is the Beatles submarine?	YELLOW
20	The man with which colour gun in the James Bond film?	GOLDEN

THIS WEEK'S 

1	What always runs, never walks, often murmurs, never talks, has a bed, never sleeps, has a mouth, but never eats?	
2	What becomes wetter the more it dries?	
3	The more you take away, the larger it becomes – what is it?	
4	Some months have 30 days and some have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?	
5	Why can't a man living in the UK be buried in America?	
6	If there are 10 apples and you take 3, how many apples do you have?	
7	What belongs to you, but is used mostly by others?	
8	A cowboy rode into town on Friday, stayed 3 days and rode out again on Friday – How?	
9	What kind of coat can only be put on if it's wet?	
10	What goes up but never comes down?	
11	What can be measured but not seen?	
12	What can go around the world, yet stays in a corner?	
13	What type of building has the most stories?	
14	What two things can always see what the other sees, but can never see each other?	
15	The more there is, the less you see. What is it?	
16	What is at the end of a rainbow?	
17	What is so fragile, even saying its name can break it?	
18	I am not alive, yet I grow; I have no lungs, yet I need air; I have no mouth, yet I can drown. What am I?	
19	If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, I no longer exist. What am I?	
20	They come out at night without being called and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?	
21	What has teeth but cannot bit?	
22	What phrase is this representing? ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ	
23	Penny has 5 children, 1 st is January, 2 nd child is February, 3 rd is called March, 4 th is called April. What is the name of the 5 th child	
24	What can you serve, but not eat or drink?	
25	How many birthdays does the average person have?	
26	What has one eye, yet cannot see?	
27	What has a head and a tail, but no body?	
28	Everyone has it and no one can lose it. What is it?	
29	What has hands but cannot clap?	
30	I have keys but no locks, I have space but no room, you can enter but can't go outside – what am I?	



A friend took his small son with him to town one day to run some errands. When lunchtime arrived, the two of them went to a familiar café for a sandwich. The father sat down on one of the stools at the counter and lifted the boy up to the seat beside him. They ordered lunch, and when the waiter brought the food, the father said, "Son, we'll just have a silent prayer." Dad got through praying first and waited for the boy to finish his prayer, but he just sat with his head bowed for a unusually long time. When he finally looked up, his father asked him, "What in the world were you praying about all that time?" With the innocence and honesty of a child, he replied, "How do I know? It was a silent prayer!"

The mother of three notoriously unruly teenagers was asked whether or not she'd have children if she had it to do all over again. "Yes" she replied, "but not the same ones."

A man is in bed with his wife when there is a rat-a-tat-tat on the door. He rolls over and looks at the clock, and it's 3.30 in the morning. "I'm not getting out of bed at this time", he thinks, and rolls over. Then a louder knock follows; "Aren't you going to answer that?" says his wife.

So, he drags himself out of bed and goes downstairs. He opens the door and there is a man standing at the door. It didn't take the homeowner long to realise the man was drunk. "Hi there," slurs the stranger, "Can you give me a push?" "No, get lost. It's 3.30 am and I was in bed," said the man and slams the door. He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened.

She says, "Tom, that wasn't very nice of you. Remember that night we broke down in the pouring rain on the way to pick the kids up from the baby sitter and you had to knock on a stranger's door and ask for help? What would have happened if he'd told us to get lost?" "But the guy is drunk" says the husband. "It doesn't matter" says his wife, "He needs our help and it would be the Christian thing to help him".

So, the husband gets out of bed again, gets dressed, and goes downstairs. He opens the door and not being able to see the stranger anywhere, he shouts, "Hey, do you still want a push?" And he hears a voice cry out, "Yes, please."

So, still being unable to see the stranger, he shouts, "Where are you?" The drunk replied, "Over here, on the swing."

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