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Week 12

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2020



this week we continue to pray for Soo and Ian and for all others who need our prayers at this time.



CHURCH INCOME DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS

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.

YOUR GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHS ARE STILL WANTED:

Garden photos are still required please send to 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!!

NEWS - BROWN BIN COLLECTIONS

Newsletter just received from Charnwood Borough Council - the usual brown bin collection fortnightly collections will re-commence week beginning Monday 15th June – you can then begin to leave your brown bin out on the usual day.

RECOMMENDED FOR YOU

Those of you who remember our dear friend and former Minister, Rev Douglas Brewer may like to view a conversation he has on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LF0azFSCu0&feature=youtu.be> where he talks about his journey of faith throughout his Christian life. Douglas was our Minister back in the 1970/80s and has returned to visit us, with his wife Hazel, on numerous occasions since.

TIME OF PRAYER

Andrew has commenced a Time of Prayer via Facebook at 6.00 pm on Sundays. This is not recorded and is removed once the broadcast is complete. You are welcome to join with Andrew and others during this time each Sunday.

TAKETIME TOGETHER MEDITATION @ WOODHOUSE EAVES

We are currently using Zoom. If you like an opportunity for quiet reflection you are invited to join us any Friday at 10:30 am. Please let Anne Temple know if you are interested via email and she will add you to the weekly email invitation. anne.temple@rural-web.me.uk

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/>

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Sent to our church email address:



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Test and Trace - What Is It and What To Be Aware of



The NHS #TestandTrace system has gone live to help reduce the spread of #Covid19. Here's some information on how the system works and what to be aware of.

NHS Test and Trace will only call you from 0300 0135000, or send you texts from NHS directing you to <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>

WE WOULD ADVISE TYPING THIS IN TO YOUR BROWSER RATHER THAN CLICKING ON A LINK IN A TEXT MESSAGE
You could, if you wish, visit this website and save it in your browser so that if you do get a message, you can go to your saved page safe in the knowledge that you are on the safe and correct page.

UK GOV have a webpage all about how the Test and Trace system works and it also contains a section detailing what tracers WON'T do or ASK to help you avoid being caught out by potential fraudsters

<https://gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works> (if you prefer, rather than clicking this link search for GOV UK Test and Trace)

CONTACT TRACERS WILL:

- call you from 0300 013 5000
- send you text messages from 'NHS'
- ask you to sign into the NHS test and trace contact-tracing website
- ask for your full name and date of birth to confirm your identity, and postcode to offer support while self-isolating
- ask about the coronavirus symptoms you have been experiencing
- ask you to provide the name, telephone number and/or email address of anyone you have had close contact with in the 2 days prior to your symptoms starting
- ask if anyone you have been in contact with is under 18 or lives outside of England

CONTACT TRACERS WILL NEVER:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- disclose any of your personal or medical information to your contacts
- provide medical advice on the treatment of any potential coronavirus symptoms
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

⚠ PLEASE HELP US TO RAISE AWARENESS BY SHARING THIS INFORMATION ⚠

To make a report, please ring 101, or report online <https://www.leics.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/> (if you prefer to search rather than click on link, search for Leics Police report social distancing)

From the Methodist Church website

Today's Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 28.16-20

Time to Reflect

How do you explain the Christian doctrine of the Trinity to a child? The answer of course is that you don't – there's no need!

Of course, it's correct that the word 'Trinity' can't be found in the Bible. That's because it is a *summary* of the whole of Scripture. It's about trying to capture in a simple way the mystery and awe of passages like our Isaiah reading today.

How do you imagine God? I'm sure it varies widely according to context. God reveals something of what God is like through Scripture, through Jesus, through God's Spirit in us. God reveals the God-self to the world through the church; through people like you and me. We even (especially?) see something of what God is like through the eyes of a child.

In your baptism, you were baptised as Jesus commanded, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. You didn't need to hold a master's degree in Systematic Theology to understand that. As you grew up, you simply needed to know that this mysterious God is love, that you are loved, and that God loves us all in many ways, especially through the witness of the church – the body of Christ on earth. Just love – with no strings attached.

It's so easy, a child could get it.

And from Twelve Months of Sundays by Tom Wright Reflection by Wayne Grewcock

READINGS

Genesis 1:1-2, 4a - Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

1 In the beginning when God created[a] the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God[b] swept over the face of the waters... 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 - Final Greetings and Benediction

11 Finally, brothers and sisters,[a] farewell.[b] Put things in order, listen to my appeal,[c] agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of[a] the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28:16-20 - The Commissioning of the Disciples

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Reflection on the readings

RELECTIONS

Trinity Sunday is probably one of the hardest Sunday's to lead worship on, theologically speaking – as we have to grapple with one of the great mysterious of faith: how is God one-in-three and three-in-one? Today, we are going to rely on some wise thoughts from Bishop Tom Wright taken from his book *Twelve Months of Sunday*.

"The beginnings of Trinitarian thinking, in the New Testament, are powerful and relevant, designed to help in time of need, to bind us together in love, to send us out on our mission.

People often puzzle, reading Matthew's conclusion, over Jesus himself offering his followers the first-ever 'trinitarian' formula as their baptismal symbol. Actually, the whole passage is implicitly trinitarian; if there wasn't a trinitarian formula somewhere we'd have to supply one to make sense of it all.

What does it mean to say that all authority, in both created realms (heaven and earth), has been given to Jesus? What does it mean to say that he is truly the Emmanuel, with his followers to the close of the age? The Trinity is a doctrine about Jesus: it safeguards the reality of his humanness, then and now, as the true and final revelation of the one true God. It simultaneously unites him with, and distinguishes him from, the unseen source of all, on the one hand, and the breath of life that sustains us now, on the other. And the point of it all is mission: the God revealed in Jesus is the missionary God, sending his healing love into the world in Jesus, and now, under Jesus' authority, sending Jesus' followers out with that same healing love, of which baptism is the sign and seal.

So also, in Paul. The trinitarian blessing is not bolted on to 2 Corinthians as an afterthought. It arises from the inner logic of the whole letter, as Paul wrestles with the grace of Jesus as the motive for his work, learns to live by the love of God in good times and bad, and celebrates the Spirit through whom he and his diverse, often difficult, congregations learn to see Christ in one another. It all comes down to very practical and basic matters, as 13.11 makes clear: sort things out, pay attention to what you are told, agree together, live in peace..."¹

So, as we sit at home reading or listen to this service, with our buildings closed, our committees not meeting – how do we sort things out? As this service was being put together, I kept coming back to Roger Walton's introduction and reflection on *The Methodist Way of Life*.

Is our next best step forward, given our current situation, that we start with ourselves and recommit ourselves to God and the Jesus Way? That we seek to discover more of God and share with others our thoughts, our doubts, our understanding of where God is calling us.

Perhaps if this is our next best step forward, we might delve deeper into what it means to be a follower of Christ in all aspects of our life. That instead of mourning that we cannot for the moment gather in buildings for a few hours a week, maybe it's time to seek those who are our spiritual brothers and sisters and discover how through prayer, through debate and conversation we can understand more what it means to be a follower of the triune God. Perhaps it's time for the rebirth of class meetings?

These last three week's resources have been encouraging us to seek anew God's way to Worship, to Learn and to Serve. To reset our focus in being a presence for God in the world, to look ahead, not behind. To invite God to do something in us, and then through us.

As Tom Wright puts it: "The beginnings of Trinitarian thinking, in the New Testament, are powerful and relevant, designed to help in time of need, to bind us together in love, to send us out on our mission."

The Vine at Home is compiled and produced by **twelve**baskets

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

Live services are also streamed each Sunday morning from:

Wesley's chapel at 11.00 am

Swan Bank Methodist Church – 1.45 pm

Methodist Central Hall Westminster at 11.00 am

Radio 4 Trinity Sunday: Jonathan and Susan McKay reflect on how the Trinity gives people hope in situations that often seem impossibly difficult.

Morning Worship: on BBC 1 at 10.45 am - Rev Canon Leigh Richardson leads the Trinity Sunday service from St David's Cathedral.

Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1.15 pm Aled Jones is in Hill Park in Surrey to reveal stories of people who have found inspiration in the great outdoors

HOW AMAZING IS GOD'S CREATION?



This is one of the orchid species named "The Flower of the Holy Spirit".

It starts blooming during the period around Pentecost once a year.

It looks like praying saints as it grows and like a flying white dove when the flower blooms.



Answers to last week's quiz – TOWNS AND CITIES

1	Tub full of water	Bath
2	Has a letter to spare	Dover
3	Half a score is alongside	Tenby
4	Cranium stuck in rabbit hole	Edinburgh
5	Professor of rollers	Doncaster
6	Nearly the colonel's twelve inches	Saundersfoot
7	A complete bacon	Fulham
8	Ships men	Crewe

9	Tying meat	Nottingham
10	Latest fortified wine	Newport
11	Religious skull	Holyhead
12	Tend fire	Stoke
13	Is this Piggott's town	Leicester
14	There are no ends to a hairdryer	Airdrie
15	Pushed down heavy weight	Preston
16	Where the steer (if the bovine family) crossed the river	Oxford
17	Almost speechless in front of the French chips	Dumfries
18	Witches attempt to meet	Coventry
19	Sounds like a vehicle is followed by a Scottish golfer	Carlisle
20	A male part of the torso with some hesitation	Manchester

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ IS... COLOURS



Thanks to Mike Morley

1	What planet is known as the red planet?	
2	There are three primary colours – red, yellow and which other?	
3	What colour "rain" did the singer Prince sing about?	
4	"Yesil" Is green in which language?	
5	How many points is the brown ball worth in snooker?	
6	Which band has a hit with the song "Another brick in the wall"?	
7	Name the author of the "Da Vinchi Code"	
8	What colour is a Beluga Whale?	
9	What colour ribbon would you tie "around an old oak tree"?	
10	Generally, what colour is an emerald?	
11	The Swedish flag is blue with what colour cross?	
12	In Rugby Union what is the New Zealand team nick name?	
13	Something old, something new, something borrowed, something?	
14	What colour is the Co-op sign?	
15	According to the book by E L James what colour was fifty shades?	
16	Rouge is red in what language?	

17	Which "Barry" is known as the walrus of love?	
18	If you mix red and yellow together what colour does it make?	
19	What colour is the Beatles submarine?	
20	The man with which colour gun in the James Bond film?	



One liners!!

What kind of phone calls to vicars make? Parson to parson

How many weeks are there in a year? 46, the other 6 are only Lent!

Why was Moses hidden so quickly? It was a rush job.

What's a gargoye? What ghosts take for a sore throat.

One day they had a contestant who made it all the way to the last question on "Who wants to be a Millionaire". If she answered the next question correctly, she would win £1,000,000. If she answered incorrectly, she would pocket only the £25,000.

As she suspected it would be, the million-dollar question was no pushover. It was,

"Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest, but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds?"

Is it: A) the condor B) the buzzard C) the cuckoo D) the vulture

The woman was on the spot. she did not know the answer. And she was doubly on the spot because she had used up her 50/50 Lifeline and her Ask the Audience Lifeline. All that remained was her Phone-a-Friend Lifeline. The woman hoped she would not have to use it because her friend was a really good friend but she lacked some common sense at times and she didn't always give good decisions.

But she had no alternative. She called her friend and gave her the question and the four choices. Her friend said without any hesitation: "That's easy - the answer is C: the cuckoo."

Did I mention that her friend was blonde?

The contestant had to make a decision and make it fast. She considered employing a reverse strategy and giving any answer except the one that her friend had given her. And considering that her friend was the way she was, that would seem to be the logical thing to do. But her friend had responded with such confidence, such certainty, that the contestant could not help but be persuaded. "I need an answer," said the question master. Crossing her fingers, the contestant said, "C: The cuckoo. "Is that your final answer? "She crossed her fingers again and said, "Yes, that is my final answer."

"That answer is absolutely correct! You are now a millionaire!" Balloons flew, confetti came down and everyone jumped up and down! Three days later, the contestant hosted a party for her family and friends, including the blonde who had helped her win the million pounds.

"Jeni, I just do not know how to thank you," said the contestant. "How did you happen to know the right answer?" "Oh, come on," said the blonde "Everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests. They live in clocks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

