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Week 16

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 5th JULY 2020



This week we ask for your prayers for Soo and Ian whose flight home from Arizona has once again been cancelled and is now scheduled for 3 September – they are still waiting to hear from Homeland Security. Soo has asked for prayers for her nephew who is home from missionary service in Sierra Leone and has a very rare strain of malaria. Doctors at the Tropical Disease Hospital are trying to find the right medication but his liver and kidneys are not functioning properly and he is dehydrating.

We remember Heather and her mum, Mary whose brother and brother in law, uncles to Heather, have both passed away this week.

For Glenda and the residents and care staff in Pingle Nook and that the extended lock down in Leicester will work and that people will be sensible as some things get back to a kind of normality.

PLANT STALL

Tilly's plant stall outside her house has now raised over £500 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

If anyone would like an aspidistra plant that once belonged to Alice Walls please let Tilly know. That's a blast from the past and Tilly has kept it going all these years!!

LOCK DOWN RESTRICTIONS FOR CHURCHES EASED

Just to repeat what was said last week regarding the re-opening of our church buildings – even though the government has said that churches can re-open on 4th July, you are asked not to presume that our Circuit churches will be opening on that date. Other than opening for playgroup we have been asked by Connexion to wait until we have further guidance after Conference and our Superintendent, Rev Andrew Lomax does not envisage any of our church buildings being used for worship before August and even then, it will probably won't be all of them.

AND there will be significant restrictions – no singing, no refreshments, no hand shaking, hugging or kissing but lots of hand washing, keeping your distance, cleaning down and record keeping and anyone in the vulnerable category will need to stay safe.

Once we have more news our Superintendent Minister, Rev Andrew Lomax will pass this on

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

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!!



FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE:

Today's letter to an Early Church: Romans 7. 15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. ¹⁹ For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: ¹⁷ "'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

The Father Revealed in the Son:

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and

learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

TIME TO REFLECT

Matthew 11: 28-30

'Come unto me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Jesus' says that he is offering a new way to God. Like the old way, it aims for salvation, but He offers us strength and comfort on our path to God.

He calls us to accept the need for forgiveness, and the salvation He offers to us. Then we can receive the Spirit to follow God's way with the knowledge of His Love.

Jesus says people criticise him for not conforming to their expectations. Those who fear his message point to how he lives his life, as they had done regarding John the Baptist.

If, through our calling, we receive or fear such criticism, we must rise above it. Seeing others, we should look to what their words and actions mean for us, rather than judging their outward appearance.

It is reported that when Sydney Carter wrote the well-known hymn "Lord of the Dance" he expected the Church to dislike it because it was different. Happily, it was accepted, perhaps not as quickly as it deserved, and is now a familiar celebration of Jesus' life.

Jesus speaks of the word of God being hidden from the wise, of those who allow wisdom or knowledge to hide the love of God, and who see the detail of the Law as overriding God's calling that we should love God and our neighbour.

In the tale of the 'Good Samaritan' it was a priest and a Levite (someone who would assist the priest in the Temple), who would know the Law, who walked by.

In writing to the Romans, Paul speaks of the conflict between following the Law and accepting the call of Jesus.

This does not mean that we can disregard the Law. Indeed, often the Law shows us how to love our neighbour, but the love God shows us is not following a set of rules but a supreme act of love through suffering. Our call to respond should also be through Love.

All this is through God's love for us, shown in the grace we are offered when he sent His Son to die for our forgiveness and salvation.

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 Preacher: Rev John Pugh

Sunday 12th July Service led by Rev Andrew Lomax – Preacher: Rev Martin Swan
 Sunday 19th July – Rev Andrew Lomax
 Sunday 26th July – Liz and Rob Newton tbc
 Sunday 2nd August – Rev Andrew Lomax

Sunday Live services: amongst so many others are streamed:

Radio and Television Worship Radio 4 8.10 am The Rev Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly and composer Bob Chilcott explore the power of art to speak in troubled times

BBC 1 Sunday Morning (No service again this week!)

Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1.15 pm - Katherine Jenkins is in London to mark the birthday of the NHS and Florence Nightingale's bicentenary. The Archbishop of Canterbury pays tribute to frontline carers.

THE KING'S HIGHWAY

Once a king had a great highway built for the members of his kingdom. After it was completed but before it was opened to the public, the king decided to have a contest. He invited as many as desired to participate. Their challenge was to see who could travel the highway the best.

On the day of the contest, the people came. Some of them had fine chariots. Some had fine clothing, fine hairdos, or great food. Some young men came in their track clothes and ran along the highway. People travelled the highway all day, but each one, when he arrived at the end, complained to the king that there was a large pile of rocks and debris left on the road at one spot and that this got in their way and hindered their travel.

At the end of the day, a lone traveller crossed the finish line warily and walked over to the king. He was tired and dirty, but he addressed the king with great respect and handed him a bag of gold. He explained, "I stopped along the way to clear a pile of rocks and debris that was blocking the road. This bag of gold was under it all. I want you to return it to its rightful owner."

The king replied, "You are the rightful owner." The traveller replied, "Oh no, this is not mine. I've never known such money." "Oh yes," said the king, "you've earned this gold, for you won my contest.

He who travels the road best is he who makes the road smoother for those who will follow."

IN THE TIME OF QUIET

No one's told the daffodils about the pause to Spring
 And no one's told the birds to roost and asked them not to sing
 No one's asked the lazy bee to cease his bumbling round
 And no one's stopped the bright green shoots emerging through the ground
 No one's told the sap to rest, deep within the wood
 And stop the sleepy trees from waking, wreathed about in bud
 No one's told the sky to douse its brightest shades of blue
 And stop the scudding clouds from puffing headlong into view
 No one's asked the lambs to still the springs beneath their feet,



To stop their rapid rush and quell each joyful bleat
 No one's told the stream to halt its gurgle or its flow
 And warned the playful breezes, not to gust and blow
 No one's asked the raindrops not to fall upon the earth
 And fail to quench the soil in the season of rebirth
 No one's locked the sun down, or dimmed the shimmer of the moon
 And even in the darkest night, the stars are still immune



Remember what you value, remember who is dear
 Close the doors to danger and keep your family near
 In the quiet all around us take the time to sit and stare
 And wonder at the glory unfurling everywhere
 Look towards the future, after the ordeal
 And keep faith in Mother Nature's power and will to heal

Phillipa Atkin

CALLING GOD

Hello God, I called tonight to talk a little while.
 I need a friend who'll listen to my anxiety and trial.

You see, I can't quite make it Through a day just on my own.
 I need your love to guide me, So I'll never feel alone.
 I want to ask you please to keep my family safe and sound.
 Come and fill their lives with confidence for whatever fate they're bound.
 Give me faith, dear God, to face each hour throughout the day
 And not to worry over things I can't change in any way.
 I thank you God for being home and listening to my call,
 For giving me such good advice when I stumble and fall.
 Your number, God, is the only one that answers every time.
 I never get a busy signal, never had to pay a dime.
 So, thank you, God, for listening to my troubles and my sorrow.
 Good night, God, I love You too, and I'll call again tomorrow!

Answers to last week's quiz ...The Music Round

1	Needles and Pins	17	Spirit in the Sky
2	Jumping Jack Frost	18	Don't fear the reaper
3	London Calling	19	Many rivers to cross
4	Silence is golden	20	With a little help from my friends
5	Stairway to Heaven	21	Livin on a prayer
6	Smells like teen spirit	22	She's not there
7	Yesterday	23	Can't buy me love
8	Lady Marmalade	24	Born in the USA
9	I shot the Sheriff	25	Rocket Man
10	Midnight train to Georgia	26	Son of a preacher man
11	New Year's Day	27	Only the lonely
12	Umbrella	28	Should I stay or should I go
13	Tiny Dancer	29	Walk on the wild side
14	Ticket to Ride	30	Come Together
15	Another brick in the wall	31	Sweet child of mine
16	Unchained melody	32	Knocking on heaven's door

This week's quiz is GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

BONUS QUESTION - WHAT DOES THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH ANSWER SPELL OUT?

1	What is the surname of the last British player to win the Wimbledon women's single title?	
2	St George is the patron saint of England but in which country is he buried?	
3	Where was Marc Cohen walking when he put on his blue suede shoes?	
4	Which American singer was born Eleanora Fagan?	
5	Hepatitis affects which organ of the body?	
6	The Rolls Royce radiator ornament is called 'The Spirit of' what?	
7	No 617 squadron of the Royal Air Force is better known as the what?	
8	Which Bill played the role of Compo in Last of the Summer Wine?	

9	In which US state would you find Suffolk County on an island?	
10	What type of car was KITT in the original Knight Rider TV show?	
11	Who wrote the 'Famous Five' series of books?	
12	What is the fourth book of the Old Testament?	
12	Rob Andrew was director of rugby at which Premiership team until 2006?	
14	To what country does the island of Elba belong ?	
15	What is the real surname of Sting from The Police?	
16	Which film has the phrase ' Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get'?	
17	Where were the Bee Gees born?	
18	What is the name of the sequel to the film and book 'Twilight'?	
19	Sarah Palin was the first female governor of which state?	
20	The Great Orme is a prominent feature in which Welsh seaside town?	



Whilst I was waiting for a bus, I could not help noticing a man next to me wearing only one glove. When I asked him why? He said "The weather forecast today was that it could be cold but on the other hand, it could be warm.

I could really do with your advice. I have just been offered eight legs of venison for £40.
Is that two deer?

How about the one about the fake macaroni?
It was called an impasta!

My hubby purchased a world map, gave me a dart and said "throw this and wherever it lands I'm taking you for a holiday when this pandemic is over".
Turns out we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the Grocery store.
They lied, everybody else had clothes on!!

It's not boring at all to stay in the house.
But how come a bag of rice has 7456 pieces and the other bag 7,398?