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Week 19

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 26th JULY 2020



This week we continue to pray for Soo and Ian, for Soo's nephew Toby and for the residents and staff of Pingle Nook and for the family and friends of Marion Kimber who passed away last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS this week to HEATHER DODA who had a birthday last week and to Sue (nee Hudson) and Duncan Graham on the safe arrival of a grandson George.

NEWS FROM SOO

Received an email from Soo this morning and they are both well and bearing up!! The temperature was 107F and they are having trouble with the air conditioning in the van. Engineer has managed to coax it to work while he gets a part for it!

If you have news of friends that you can share, then please let me know at janetmthompson13@gmail.com or 01509 413810.

NEW SIGNAGE IS UP

The new sign for Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church was fitted this week together with the Welcome Coffee Bar sign and the "manifestations" ie the opaque safety spots on the glass doors and panels so that you won't walk straight into them!! Thanks to Ian Shonk of The Sign Shop, Loughborough for his help, advice and for making them.



Wymeswold folk – we liked your new sign so much that Ian designed one for us – while yours is green ours is black xx

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES

Although the Government has now said that churches can re-open for worship the way forward is long and complicated – a Circuit consultation took place via Zoom to discuss this. There are numerous documents and

risk assessments to be filled in and then they have to be sent round to all Church Council members for approval but the overall safety and health of our fellowship is paramount to any decisions.

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

RIDE AND STRIDE

The national date for *Ride+Stride 2020* is finally confirmed as Saturday 12th September and we understand that Heritage Open Days will run from 11th - 20th September, thus coinciding with *Ride+Stride* day as usual. Most of the permissions are already in place for going out and about by bike, foot or vehicle, and it is encouraging that places of worship can open for private prayer from 15th June. *Ride+Stride* complies with most social distancing measures but there may need to be additional arrangements depending on government guidance at the time, so please keep an eye on our website and social media posts nearer the date of the event.

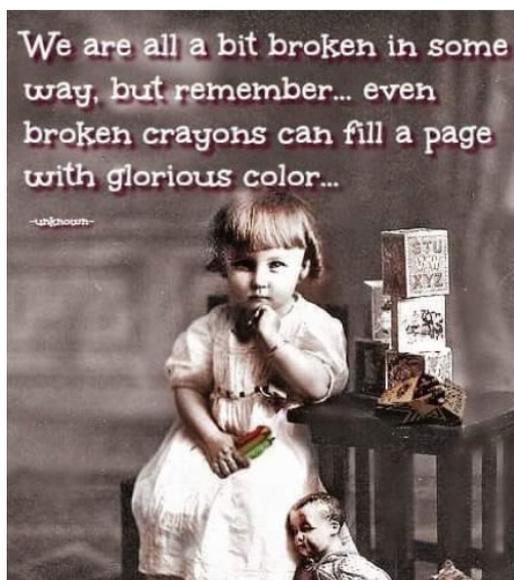
We are hoping to be able to open for this event, subject to Covid safety regulations, and will be asking for volunteers to man the Registration Table. Over the years we have been grateful for the walkers/cyclists who have taken part from our fellowship and for the donations that we have received.

If you are interested in taking part please see Peter as he will have the relevant sponsor forms available soon.

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

Don't forget you can also view our newsletter at www.barrowuponsoarmethodistchurch.co.uk



FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE

Original Materials by Rev Heather Wilson

Today's Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 29:15-28

¹⁵ Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be." ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the

name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak^[a] eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her." ²² So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. ²³ But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. ²⁴ And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant. ²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. ²⁷ Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work." ²⁸ And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Today's Gospel Reading:

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." ³³ He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds^[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough.

Matthew 13:44-52

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. ⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

TIME TO REFLECT

Our agricultural friends will know the concept of sowing and reaping. I'm not a gardener but I know if I plant seed potatoes, I will probably dig up potatoes. There are numerous biblical passages pursuing themes of sowing and reaping. Jesus taught parables along these lines. In Galatians 6:7 one reads these words, "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap" (ESV). Similar words are found in 1 Corinthians 6:9 and 2 Corinthians 9:6.

However, this not just a New Testament concept, in Job 4:8, one reads these words, "As I have observed, those who plough iniquity, and those who sow trouble, reap the same" Job 4:8, and in Hosea 10:18, we discover the prophet's warning, "You have ploughed in wickedness and reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of lies because you have trusted in your own way and in the multitude of your mighty men."

Consider our Old Testament reading in Genesis. Jacob has been deceived and was given Leah instead of Rachel. Jacob the deceiver is himself deceived. We read in Genesis 25:29-34, how Esau sold his birth right to Jacob for a bowl of lentil stew. In Genesis, Chapter 27, we read how Jacob tricked his aging, blind father, Isaac into giving him the first born's blessing. There are other trickeries pertaining to Laban's flock (Genesis 30) but just before Jacob and Esau meet again, Jacob has an encounter at Peniel.

On this night, Jacob wrestles an Angel and before the day breaks there is a *name change*. This is significant because Jacob's name means, *supplanter*, or *one who grasps the heel*, (as pertaining to his manner of birth). The name change given to Jacob is now *Israel*, a combination of the Hebrew words for "wrestle" and "God."

What is now sown in Jacob's life through his encounter with God is a new way of life. Not only has his name been changed but his character will be forever marked by the event at Peniel. As Christians, we have received a *new name* (Isaiah 56:5, Rev 2:17; 3:12, and a *new nature* (John 3:6, Ephesians 4:24, Colossians 3:10, and 2 Corinthians 5:17) so that we can sow good seeds in the lives of others.

I can testify of a new nature within. Since, coming to Christ, I have changed. The Scripture says, "The Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image" (2 Corinthians 3:18). According to Wesley there would be an initial sanctification process (a process that attends to the entire work of the Holy Spirit in a person's life) at salvation then a continuing work where the mind of Christ was and is being formed in the Christian's daily life.

Take a time to sit quietly and ask yourself – what work has already begun in your life? Perhaps, you are not where you want to be but you have progress from where you were.

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 Liz and Rob Newton

Sunday 2nd August – Rev Andrew Lomax

Radio and Television Worship

Radio 4 8.10 am A service preparing for "Virtually Keswick" Convention. The theme is hope – at this time of great uncertainty, with preacher Rev. Dr. Chris Wright.

Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1.15 pm - The Rev Kate Bottley is on Crosby Beach celebrating the 15th anniversary of Antony Gormley's 'Another Place', iron figure sculptures and talks to local Christians.

NEWS FROM



After several years of planning and preparation The Carpenter's Arms now has a centre to accommodate and help women seeking recovery from addiction.

The Carpenter's Arms residential centre for women who struggle with addiction
How wonderful that we are finding ourselves in a position to extend help to women.
We have wanted this for over a decade and finally we have it.

Praise God!

This large home that we have called Flaxley House is situated in Loughborough. It can accommodate 12 women each in their own bedroom and with shared bathrooms. There is communal dining, a lounge, a laundry, and an enclosed garden area.

Initially both Phase 1 and Phase 2 will run in the same building. We envisage a separate Phase 3 house will be needed within the year.

This base incorporates the ethos and principles that has made our male residential programme successful however there are distinct differences that will allow the programme work more effectively for the ladies: This centre is run by women for women 24/7 - We understand that along with addiction there may be other issues from domestic abuse to parenting that will require support and care.

In order to protect the confidentiality and anonymity of the residents the location will be known by only those staff actively involved onsite. Safeguarding is of paramount importance.

Upon arrival a risk assessment will be done in order to provide the best possible help to each individual as they travel the path of recovery.

Please share that we can help ladies who otherwise may not receive it, it would be a privilege to be there for them.

We send our love and prayers to Judith, Bryan and the rest of the team for the continued success of their ministry – as someone who has seen the work that they are doing at Six Hills it is truly amazing.

You can find further details of all the work of The Carpenter's Arms at www.carpenters-arms.org

CAN YOU WORK THIS OUT?

A man is sitting in a pub feeling rather poor. He sees the man next to him pull a wad of £50 notes out of his wallet. He turns to the rich man and says to him, "I have an amazing talent, I know almost every song that has ever existed." The rich man laughs. The poor man says "I am willing to bet you all of the money you have in your wallet that I can sing a genuine song with a lady's name of your choice in it."

The rich man laughs again and says, "OK, how about my daughter's name Joanna Armstrong-Miller?"

The rich man goes home poor. The poor man goes home rich.

What song did he sing?

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I WISH YOU ENOUGH!

At an airport, I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together. They had announced her plane's departure and standing near the door, he said to his daughter, "I love you; I wish you enough."

She said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy." They kissed good-bye, and she left. He walked over toward the window where I was seated. Standing there, I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. Saying that brought back memories I had of expressing my love and appreciation for all my Dad had done for me. Recognizing that his days were limited, I took the time to tell him face to face how much he meant to me. So, I knew what this man was experiencing.

"Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?" I asked.

"I am old, and she lives much too far away. I have challenges ahead, and the reality is her next trip back will be for my funeral," he said.

"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?" He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment, and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more.

"When we said 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with enough good things to sustain them," he continued, and then turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish you enough 'Hellos' to get you through the final 'Good-bye.'"

DEFINITIONS YOU WON'T FIND IN THE DICTIONARY:

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

CHICKENS: The only creatures you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

GOSSIP: A person who will never tell a lie if the truth will do more damage.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today.

Answers to last week's WHO'S WHO IN THE BIBLE quiz

1	(I don't) Adam and Eve (it)	11	Elizabeth
2	Noah	12	Matthew
3	Sarah	13	John
4	Moses	14	Anna and Simeon
5	Rehab	15	Mary and Martha
6	David	16	Nicodemus
7	Hannah	17	Zacchaeus
8	Esther	18	Thomas
9	Isaiah	19	Bartimaeus
10	Jonah	20	Timothy

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

1	What is a Gigli saw used for?	
2	One and a half litres of champagne is known as what?	
3	Afrikaans was developed from which European language?	
4	What line follows "15 men on a dead man's chest"?	
5	Written by Neil Diamond, which song was UB40S FIRST No. 1 UK hit?	
6	Which drink translated into English means Aunt Mary?	
7	The Nag's Head was the pub in which classic British comedy series?	
8	What was the name of the dog in the comedy series Frasier?	
9	Dunedin is the Celtic name for which city?	
10	What are you doing if you pandiculate?	
11	Which country had the Guns of Navarone installed?	
12	What is the red line on the London Underground map?	
13	Who played Sapphire in the TV series "Sapphire and Steel"?	
14	What classic movie features a character called "Scarlett O'Hara"?	
15	What flower does the vanilla pod come from?	
16	Which UK game bird can't be shot and eaten before "The glorious 12 th of August"?	
17	Who coined the phrase, "The world is my oyster"?	
18	Which cocktail consists of Vodka, Tia Maria and Coke?	
19	"Love Apple" is an old name for which fruit?	
20	Which airport is named after George Best?	

Answer: The song the poor man sang was "Happy Birthday"



I was walking down the street and a woman stopped me and said, excuse me, but have you just washed your face with Imperial Leather soap? I said, yeah, can you smell it?

She said, no, you've got the little label on your forehead.

A friend of mine told me that he had just taken an exam in Aboriginal Musical Studies! I just had to ask him, "How didgeridoo!"

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle, the phone rang, so she asked her four-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mummy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

