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# BUSMC - KEEPING CONNECTED

## Week 22



### NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020

This week we continue to pray for Soo and Ian and hope that their flight is not cancelled again and that they get home safely next week!! For Glenda and the residents and staff of Pingle Nook and for anyone else in need of our prayers at the present time.

#### NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**BELEATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Don Mitchell who celebrated his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday last week – love to you and love and best wishes to Ellinor Pugh who celebrated her birthday on Thursday.

**You will soon be receiving a letter from our Minister with regard to our thoughts on re-opening our church premises – please read this and send your comments/concerns direct to John asap – Many thanks**

On Tuesday Sue and Adrian held a little tea party in their garden for a few friends and neighbours- bearing in mind the latest safely information available. The pictures will show how it went with everyone enjoying talking to different people rather than sitting alone at home. Adrian suggested that, weather permitting, we could meet again each Tuesday of this month and everyone agreed.

Sadly because of restriction of numbers we cannot invite anyone else to join this group, but we intend to leave out the gazebo etc and offer an open invitation to anyone who would like to come for an hour or so on any afternoon from about 3.00 pm for the next 3 weeks or so, just for a change of scenery, a drink and 'smackeral' of something sweet.

You will be very welcome but we suggest that you ring first just to check that we are home at 9 Highfields – Telephone: 01509 413524. Please pass this invitation around to your friends and neighbours - Sue and Adrian



## CAR PARK

The car park weeks are still growing even though our building is closed. If anyone could spare an hour to clear a portion and take the rubbish away with them, it would be much appreciated. Any queries have a word with Tilly 413085 – who is very excited because they have a hedgehog in their Hedgehog House and both Tilly and Peter have had been busy watching it on camera!

## AN IMPORTANT SCAM WARNING FROM REV ANDREW LOMAX

"Many of you will be aware of the scams that come round from time to time, especially through emails.

Two people in our circuit have received emails purporting to be from me, though not with my email address, asking them to buy Amazon vouchers for me to pass on to someone in need. These are not the consequence of my email, or my computer being 'hacked'. They are just malicious emails targeting people whose emails are on the website. Please never respond to such emails. I understand from Rev Adam Wells that a member of his new circuit has responded and sent several hundred pounds worth to an email address with the word 'church' in.

I won't ask you for money, please do NOT send me money.

If you feel you must be extra generous this month, then support the charities you know and trust.

With much love (and a little frustration).

God bless - Andrew.

\*P.S. my emails always look like this, though this has been sent to you by our circuit administrator.

P.P.S my email address is [andrew.lomax@methodist.org.uk](mailto:andrew.lomax@methodist.org.uk)"

\*I have reproduced the email from Andrew in the font he always uses so that you can see that it is from him!

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

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> September and we understand that Heritage Open Days will run from 11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 or helping on the day, please see Peter as he will have the relevant sponsor forms available soon.

**Don't forget you can also view our newsletter at [www.barrowuponsoarmethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoarmethodistchurch.co.uk)**

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## FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE

**Today's Gospel Reading:** Matthew 15: 21-28

### The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." <sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So, his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her

away, for she keeps crying out after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." <sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. <sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> "Yes, it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

### TIME TO REFLECT

Alan Darlington

The Gospel reading raises a multitude of questions and this reflection is not necessarily able to answer them. Why did Jesus seem to reject the woman – surely his message is for all the world? Why were his disciples apparently so heartless? Why did Jesus heal some people and not others? We say that God always answers our prayers but why are some prayers for healing answered with a 'no'? That last one is surely more pertinent now than ever.

I admit that I don't know the answer to those. However, the reaction of the woman shows us ways that we can respond when faced with hard questions and difficult situations.

Firstly, in the midst of her trouble and desperation, she recognised who Jesus was and that she should turn to him. She recognised him as someone special, as the one with the power to help her.

Secondly, she reacted with boldness. She was not put off by approaching a stranger, by approaching a man or by approaching a foreigner – none of which would have been easy for a woman of her time to do. Her boldness continued as she pressed the matter and argued her case. She was not put off by Jesus's silence or the disciples' irritation.

Finally, she approached with faith – and that is her claim to fame. She argued her case. Her boldness and her faith go hand-in-hand. Her request was not a "well, Lord, if you might, possibly ..." She trusted that Jesus was the one to help her and wouldn't take no for an answer.

Are we like that woman? When we approach Jesus, do we truly recognise who he is – the Lord of Lords but the Saviour who can meet our deepest needs?

Do we approach with faith, clearly asking, or do we provide God with get-out clauses: "Please heal my friend – or at least make him not quite as bad?"

Do we approach with boldness?

And, when we don't get the answer we want, does our faith allow us to answer back? God's back is strong enough to take it if we shout and rail back at him – as long as our faith then allows us to respond to his answer.

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### 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](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

#### 10.45 am Service on Trinity Church Centre Facebook page led by Dot and John Pipet

#### Radio and Television Worship

Radio 4 8.10 am - A service led by the Rev Dr Stephen Wigley, Chair of the Wales Methodist Synod reflecting what happens when plans change

Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1.15 pm - Claire McCollum visits Trentham Gardens in Staffordshire, discovering how the estate had been a place of Christian worship since the 7th century due to an ancient pilgrimage route.

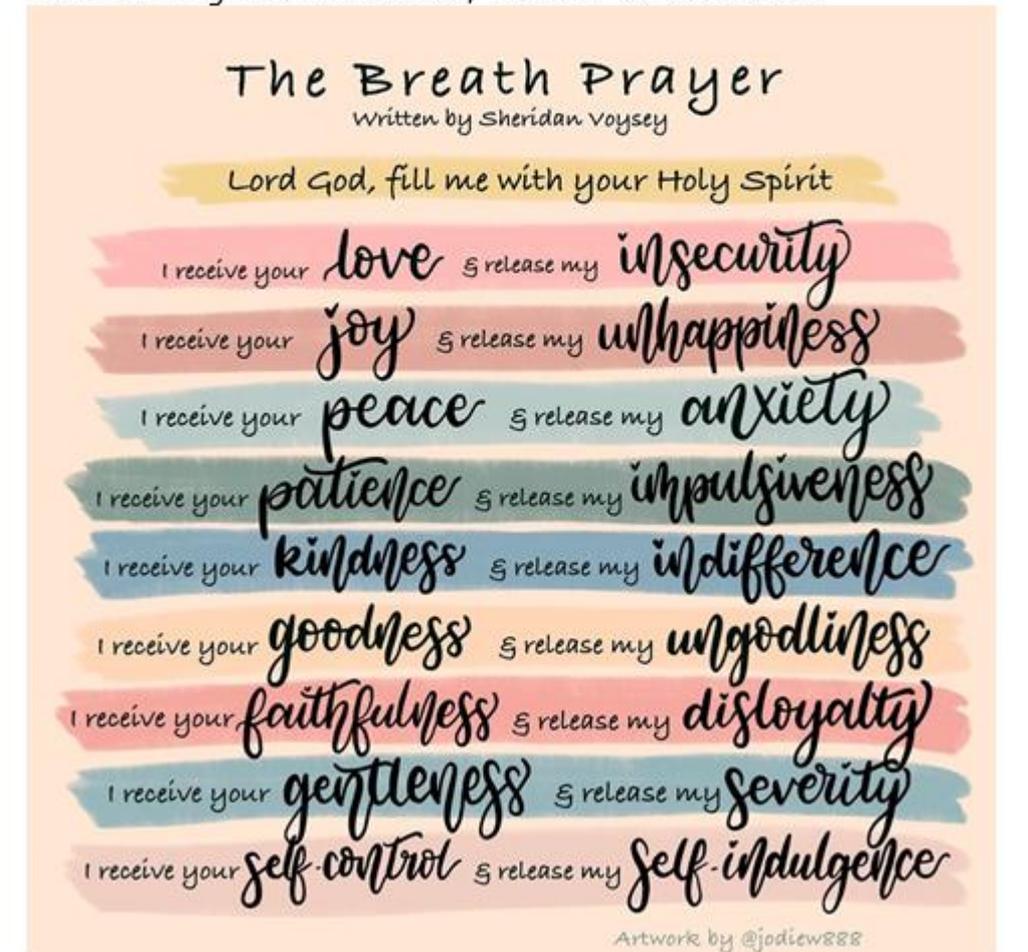
BBC Radio Nottingham 8.00 am - Every Sunday at 8 a.m. you can listen to a live church service

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*Morning is God's way of saying one more time, go make a difference, touch a heart, encourage a mind, inspire a soul and enjoy the day*

### The Breath Prayer written by Sheridan Voysey.

Find a quiet place, sit still for a moment, and then try praying each line breathing in for 3 seconds, then out for 3 seconds.



#### Rev John Pugh writes:

As a child I remember my uncle asking me "What goes under the water, on the water but is never touched by the water?" I spent ages trying to answer that trickster, eventually I had to admit I didn't know. "An unlaidd egg in a duck" he said.

To a young child it was very funny, childish humour I suppose. As an adult you might not find it funny at all but maybe a little bit clever?

However, it encourages us to think of our Christian life and faith.

The motto of the Theological College where I trained in Birmingham (then called The Queen's College now called The Queen's Foundation) is "Qui utan tur, non utan tur". Latinized words of Paul which when paraphrased speaks of although we are in the world don't let the world change you to its own approach.

Being a Christian in the world is not easy, it would be very easy to allow the attitudes of the world to colour and change our Christian values. Let us be true to our Calling in Christ - to love others to the best of our ability whatever the ethnicity, faith beliefs or political ideals. We cannot do it on our own however, we need God's love to make it complete.



## *Gardening God's Way*

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be obedient

Lettuce really love one another

No garden without turnips:

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and

Cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden

Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden

We must have thyme:

Thyme for God

Thyme for study

Thyme for prayer



### PASS IT ON!

Growing up in my Grandma's house as a boy was an experience that would shape me for the rest of my life. We were poor in everything but spirit, yet I learned so much about life there. My Mom, Dad, Nana, two brothers, and I were crowded into a home-made from two old shanty cars and several built-on rooms. I always knew what my next set of clothes would look like because I had seen my older brother wearing them the year before. I always knew what we were going to be eating in the Winter, because I had weeded it in the garden during the Summer. Still, I never felt poor. No king ever ate as good as we did on Sundays after church when Nana cooked her homemade meatballs, spaghetti, and freshly baked bread.

Even though we had so little I can still remember Dad, Mom, and Nana giving so much. We were always sharing with others. Everyone who visited us could expect a plate of spaghetti, or a kilner jar of canned vegetables, or a flower pot full of fresh blossoms to be given to them. I can still remember the sparkle in Mom and Nana's eyes whenever they passed something on to others. We never felt richer or more blessed than when we shared what God had given us. I learned early on that the greatest joy comes from giving rather than getting. Giving fills your heart with love. Giving fills your soul with God. Giving brings your spirit closer to Heaven.



Don't be afraid to pass on your blessings, riches, gifts, and talents to others. That is why God gave them to you in the first place. Share everything you have. If you have a beautiful smile then pass it on. If you have a lovely laugh then pass it on. If you have a few extra dollars then pass them on. If you give great hugs then pass them on. If you have a special talent then share it with others. If you have a heart full of love then give it to the everyone. No life is ever truly lived until it becomes a gift in itself, so make your whole life a gift to the world.

Joseph J. Mazzella

### Answers to last week's Who's who in the Bible?

1	101	11	1760
2	3	12	12
3	7	13	245
4	11	14	90
5	24	15	39
6	45	16	66
7	53	17	63
8	27	18	52
9	5	19	59
10	4	20	21

### THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUIZ



1	Which Williams sister has won more Grand Slam titles?	
2	What year was the very first model of the iPhone released?	
3	Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize in 1903?	
4	What animals are pearls found in?	
5	What is the primary ingredient in hummus?	
6	What is your body's largest organ?	
7	Which British girl group had a member by the name of Mel B?	
8	How many taste buds does the average human tongue have?	
9	What was Twitter's original name?	
10	Who discovered penicillin?	
11	Which animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?	
12	What is the common name for dried plums?	
13	Which country invented tea?	
14	Which racer holds the record for the most Grand Prix wins?	
15	Which European nation was said to invent hot dogs?	
16	Which bone are babies born without?	
17	Who was the lead singer of the iconic 80s band, Culture Club?	
18	Which country is responsible for giving us pizza and pasta?	
19	Which natural disaster is measured with a Richter scale?	
20	Which boxer was known as "The Greatest" and "The People's Champion"?	



What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?  
Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

What do they call pastors in Germany?  
German Shepherds.

Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?  
The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

"Mom, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his mother replied. After dinner the mother inquired, "Now, baby, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

An

exercise for people who are out of shape: Begin with a five-pound potato bag in each hand. Extend your arms straight out from your sides, hold them there for a full minute, and then relax. After a few weeks, move up to ten-pound potato bags. Then try 50-pound potato bags, and eventually try to get to where you can

lift a 100-pound potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. Once you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

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Our 6-year-old son celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our 10-year-old, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes."

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A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!" "That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man. "I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse." "You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you."

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A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"