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BUSMC - KEEPING CONNECTED

Week 23

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2020



This week we give thanks that Soo and Ian are now home safe and well. We continue to pray for Glenda and the residents and staff of Pingle Nook and for all known to us, friends and neighbours, who need our prayers.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE AND ROGER GREW who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 22nd August – very best wishes and love to you both.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Frank Thornewell who has a birthday on Tuesday – love to you.



Have you let Rev John Pugh have your comments/concerns/opinions on re-opening our Church premises? Discussion will take place at the Church Council meeting on Monday evening but members cannot make a decision without your input. Email John at john.pugh@methodist.org.uk

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 or Peter on 413085 who have already started to tidy it!

If you have news of friends that you can share, then please let me know at 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 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 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



FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE

Today's Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah Chapter 51 verses 1-3

| Everlasting Salvation for Zion

51 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; ² look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him, he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many.

³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

Today's Gospel Reading:

John 4 1-14

Jesus talks with a Samaritan Woman

4 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. ⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be

thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

TIME TO REFLECT

Original Materials by Jean Hudson

In November, we moved house. It set me thinking how old and new need to exist together. A different house, same old furniture; meeting new people, keeping old friends. Old and new together enrich our lives. And it happens all around us in different ways.

Grandparents and grandchildren bridge the generation gap. In nature in autumn and winter, already buds are on the seemingly bare branches, nurturing life for another spring. In our north east culture, ancient Celtic sites co-exist with new developments. St Peter’s Church by the River Wear bears witness to many centuries of Christian life, now surrounded by a modern university. But I suspect the Venerable Bede would have welcomed new ways of learning, exploring, discovering.

What does Jesus say about this? Many are tempted to think Jesus discarded all that was old giving us licence to do the same. Yes, we have his words about new wine and old wineskins that destroy one another when they are put together. But in the wilderness, whenever Jesus was tempted away from love and vulnerability, he found his resistance in words from the scriptures with their timeless wisdom and relevance.

Jesus held within himself the wisdom of the ages, God the Ancient of Days, ‘the rock from which we were hewn’ with the effortless ease he had of living with his contemporaries in fresh and creatively new ways.

During lockdown, we have learned of necessity to hold familiar songs and prayers with new ways of experiencing and expressing them. To be able to hold old and new is something we need to take into an uncertain future, as we abide in the timelessness of God, ‘ever old and ever new’ but allowing Jesus continuously to bring new life to birth in us, bubbling up with laughter, love and possibility.

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 Karen Wormald
Prayers at 6.30 pm led by Rev John Pugh on East Leake Facebook Page

Radio and Television Worship

BBC Radio 4 8.10 am Exploring the ‘Inspiration of Listening’ with Anna Magnusson and Pádraig Ó Tuama. During this strange Summer the travels of the usually busy poet and theologian have been replaced by more stillness.

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

Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1.15 pm The Rev Kate Bottley visits the Salvation Army’s Hadleigh Farm in Essex to celebrate more than 150 years of this Christian denomination, still going strong in the 21st century

Six reasons why you should trust God

He knows you by name – Isaiah 43.1

He will fight for you – Exodus 14.14

He thinks about you – Psalm 139.17

He has plans for you – Jeremiah 29.11

He is your refuge – Psalm 62.6-8

He is always with you – Matthew 28.20

This is a letter from the Superintendent of the Nottingham South Circuit to the member of Keyworth Methodist Church and contained in their Newsletter this week. I will remember our "best china" and I bet that there are still many households that still have a set today!!



"We've been putting things back in Radcliffe over the last week as the building project nears its end. There was lots of conversation about where to put the cupboard for the best china and that made me think of my grandmother. She used to have a best china tea set, a very nice one.

Do you know how many times I used that best china tea set? Never. It was too good to use. It stayed in the cupboard for a very special occasion.

So, my grandmother had a second-best tea set as well. Do you know how many times I used that second best tea set? Never. That was too good to use as well. That stayed in the cupboard as well for a special occasion.

So, my grandmother had an everyday tea set as well, a fairly plain looking one. Do you know how many times I used that tea set as a child? Never. It was too good for children. I got to drink out of empty yoghurt pots instead.

Eventually when I grew up and got married and could be trusted I did get to use the everyday tea set like all the other adults. But I ask myself as I think back, was there ever a special occasion where the second-best tea set was used? Was there ever a very special occasion where the best china tea set was used? I don't think there was. And that makes me a bit sad.

Jesus told the story of three servants. Their master took a business trip and left each of them with a small amount of money. When the master got back, he asked each of them what they'd done with what he'd given them. The first two servants had taken the money and made more. They were rewarded with a promotion. The third servant had buried his money in the ground. He'd been so scared of losing what he'd been given that he hadn't used it at all.

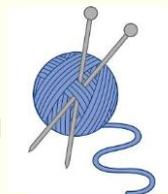
God has blessed each of us with gifts. Some of us have particular talents, skills and abilities. I feel that with the way things are at the moment these gifts have never been needed more. We may have money or property or other material blessings. We could have some spare time and energy when we have done the things we have to do. God asks us to use the best that we have to make a difference in the world. That could be caring for others, serving our community or creating something beautiful.

But like my grandmother's tea set, sometimes the best stays unused. There are lots of reasons - we might fear rejection or not being good enough, or we might not want to put ourselves forward. Sometimes giving our best means some hard work that puts us off. Whatever the reasons, it is always sad when the best stays unused. Are you using the best that God has given you? Whatever you do, don't let it stay locked up."

Rev Mark Roberts

KNITTING FOR CHARITY

As I have mentioned before I recently took some knitted blanket squares and other knitted items over to Keyworth following an article in Keyworth Methodist Church's weekly newsletter. These were donated by myself, Tilly and some members of New Horizons and today I received the following message of thanks



"Dear Janet

I am writing to thank you very much indeed for the beautiful knitted items, which June Curtis has just delivered to me. I understand that they have been donated by yourself and members of your church - Will you please thank everyone concerned.

I have enclosed copies of the last three editions of the "Vision" – the newsletter of Children in Distress. Myself and my family have supported Children in Distress for over 20 years and for many years we were volunteer

carers at St Lawrence Children's Hospice, Cernavoda. Now all our children's centres/hospices are staffed by fully trained Romanian nurses/carers etc, as you will see when reading "The Vision".

We are organising our annual Christmas "Love in a Box" shoebox appeal, which this year is proving more difficult due to Covid 19. Your knitted teddies will be a lovely cuddly to include in the boxes.

Thank you and your team for your kind support of the work of Children in Distress

Best wishes - Tricia Witcomb"

If anyone would like to join us in donating knitted/crocheted squares, children's cardigans/jumpers, knitted teddies or other small toys please have a word with me.

FLYING ABOVE THE STORM

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come.

When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it high above the storm.

While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring high above it, gliding with ease.

The eagle does not escape the storm, it just simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm into its world.

When the storms of life come upon us -- and all of us will experience them -- we can rise above them by setting our minds and faith toward God! The storms do not have to overcome us.

We can allow God to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that brings sickness, pain, tragedy, failure and disappointments in our lives, and make something good come from it. We can soar above the storm.

Remember, it is not the burdens of life which weigh us down, but it is how we handle them that counts.

In Isaiah 40:31 (KJV) it reads: "But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."



Answers to last week's Trivia Quiz?

1	Serena	11	Horse
2	2007	12	Prunes
3	Marie Curie	13	China
4	Oysters	14	Michael Schumacher
5	Chickpeas	15	Germany
6	The Skin	16	Knee Cap
7	Spice Girls	17	Boy George
8	10,000	18	Italy
9	Twitter	19	Earthquakes
10	Alexander Fleming	20	Muhamad Ali

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ



Animals.... Domestic and domesticated – Thanks to Sue and Adrian.

1	A yellow cage bird that gives its name to a football team	
2	Created by Robert Lewis Stephenson; what animal was Captain Flint?	
3	Often kept in gardens what are Rhone Island Red and Silkie Bantams?	
4	Also known as Conies- what animals are now mainly kept as pets but often used to be raised in backyards for food?	
5	In 1957 Laika became the first animal in space to orbit earth, what animal was she?	
6	Which popular pet appears and disappears in Alice in Wonderland?	
7	Which 'farm' animal becomes hefted to its environment?	
8	Which animal – related to Llamas and Vicunas –is used to take people on country walks and is also valued for its soft, waterproof wool	
9	What farm animal breeds include Simental, Dexter and Friesian?	
10	Fiction created by P G Wodehouse which animal was the Empress of Blandings	
11	Which birds are reputed to have warned of an attack on Rome and still sometimes are kept as watch-dogs?	
12	Which creatures valued by some as pets – inhabit a vivarium?	
13	In an acclaimed animated film, what was Remy who taught his chef friend Linguini to be a master cook?	
14	This grunting rodent – sounds like a boar for 21 shillings.	
15	Which farm animal may be described as caprine or hirsine	
16	Roald Dahl wrote of which pet that lived in a block of flats- the clue to its identity was in its name Esio Trot!	
17	Often ridden by children in competition- this animal is £25	
18	Love them or hate them- their tails are usually longer than their bodies and may be a pet, harvest, wood or yellow necked	
19	Which species of bird can be trained to return home and has in the past used to carry messages?	
20	Springer, cocker and field or members of which family of dogs, often use in country sports?	

REALLY, REALLY CORNY JOKES!



I used to work in a shoe recycling shop
It was sole destroying!

What do you call a bear without any teeth?
A gummy bear!

Why did the golfer change his pants?
Because he got a hole in one!

Why did Cinderella get kicked off the football team?
Because she kept running from the ball!

What's the difference between a well-dressed man on a unicycle and a poorly dressed man on a bike?
Attire!

I just watched a documentary about beavers.
It was the best dam show I ever saw!

What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet?
"Supplies!"

