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Week 27

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2020

Weekly Diary

Monday 21 September	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup return and meet in the Rear Hall
Tuesday 22 September	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Wednesday 23 September	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Thursday 24 September	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Friday 25 September	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Playgroup



We pray for the family and friends of Vicky Wells who passed away suddenly on Tuesday. Vicky was a member of our Ladies Circle group and a regular supporter of our monthly Minimarket always staying for coffee and cake. She had lived in the village for many years and will be missed by her many friends. We send our love and sympathy to her sons Andrew and Neil and their families at this sad time.

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

NCH COLLECTING BOXES

As I was unable to collect boxes in July, as usual, I would like to empty your NCH Collecting boxes during the next two weeks so that money can be paid into the bank on Tuesday 22nd September. If you are unable to deliver your box to my home, I will arrange for it to be picked up from you.

Any difficulty please ring 01509 412467 and speak to me. Many thanks – Joan Thursby

CHURCH INCOME WHILE SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED

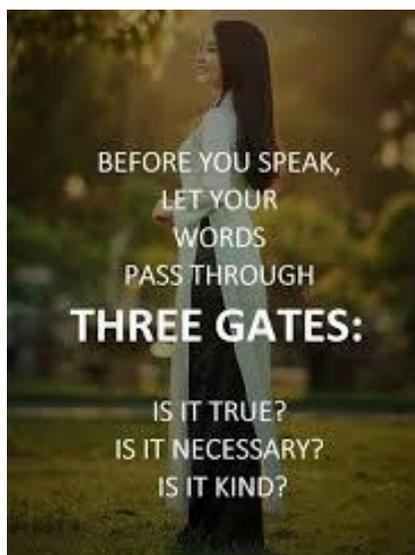
Thank you to everyone who has set up standing orders at their bank, or sent their weekly contributions to my address.

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

Thanks once again to all the ladies who are helping to "man" the Ride and Stride Registration desk last Saturday. A total of 12 people came to register between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm – a silver coloured chain necklace was found outside, if anyone has lost it or knows who it belongs to please contact me – Janet

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

Exodus 16: 2-15

²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD." ⁹Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning, you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning, there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 20: 1-16 The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

¹"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³"About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' ⁷"'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' ⁸"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' ⁹"The workers who were hired

about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' ¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

TIME TO RELECT

Original Materials by Rev Andrew M Emison

All Christians talk about grace but it seems to me that as Methodists we talk about grace a lot! This unearned, love of God in Jesus Christ freely offered to all people is both the foundation and heart of our worship, the sacraments and our new life in Christ. It is this grace that is expressed in God's saving action toward us and nothing of our faith can ever be outside a response to God's grace.

In turning to Matthew 20 we reach Jesus' parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard. The New Testament scholar Charles B. Cousar suggests that the best response a preacher can make to this text is to simply get out of the way of this challenging, perhaps even annoying picture of God's grace. Why annoying? This story is told to Jesus' disciples who have as Peter says "...left everything and followed [Jesus]" (Mt 11:27). It is to these that Jesus tells his story of workers who queue for their wage after a whole day toiling in the scorching sun. We can imagine their eyes popping when the latecomers receive a full day's wage for but one hour's work. If they have stumbled upon such generosity, what then will be *their* reward? Imagine then the knot in their stomachs as they receive nothing but the exact same coin as their colleagues who had hardly broken sweat. What employer would be so foolish as to alienate such faithful workers?

This then is Jesus' answer to his faithful follower's enquiry about their reward. Confronted by the reality of God's grace all legalistic religion, all bargaining with God finds its end. The reward is the work itself for it is carried out in the presence of the master.

As we are confronted by this grace, so it poses a question. Is it enough for us to know that we labour in the presence and purpose of the God who loves us? As our story stands on the threshold of Holy Week in Matthew 21, are we content that we shall gather with last minute arrivals so that even a thief, in the last minutes of his life, finds a gracious promise of paradise?

In our frustration, may we recall with humility, the grace first shown to us.

Grace and peace.

Prayer of the Day

Come to us, O Christ, as the wind that blows the autumn leaves, as the song that soothes the troubled child, as the melody that lifts the anxious spirit. Fill us with affection for you that is unbounded, desire for you that is unrestrained and a yearning for you that throws caution to the winds, and this for your own love's sake.
Amen.

Richard Rolle (c.1300-1349)

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 from Trinity Methodist Church Facebook page led by Rev Andrew Lomax

Rev John Pugh leads worship at Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough at 10.45 am

Please book your place for attendance before **5pm on Thursday 17th September. (Note this change)**

Please contact Andy or Rachel Thorpe on 01509 239087

Or email aandrthorpe@ntlworld.com

BBC Radio Leicester 8.00 am - You can listen to a church service that is broadcast across all local radio stations.

BBC Radio 4 8.10 am - Father Brian D'Arcy asks where can we put our trust at a time of uncertainty with so much that was familiar swept away in what is, for large numbers of people, an atmosphere full of fear.

Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1.15 pm - Rev Kate Bottley marks Harvest in Saddleworth, on the Yorkshire – Lancashire border and Katie Piper meets a Christian minister helping Welsh farmers through a time of crisis.

REV JOHN PUGH WRITES:

Isn't it amazing how some things can take up a big slice of your adult life and also leave you with many happy memories and also with the thought that if I could live my life over I would do it all again? For me it would be joining the Royal Army Chaplains Department as a Territorial Army Chaplain (now that would be as an Army Reserve Chaplain). I was an Army brat by early upbringing, most of my early childhood was spent watching my father (by this time an ACF instructor) drilling young Army Cadets around the Parade Ground. (ACF = Army Cadet Force)

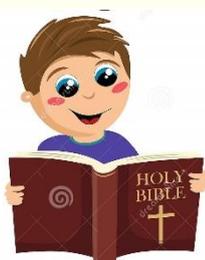
I am proud of having served Queen and Country in a limited way for 26 years but I have been part of a larger army for 65 years up to now. I was baptised in Fenton Parish Church in Stoke-on-Trent at 6 weeks, the same church where my father and his family had all been baptised in for a number of years. Then it was promised that I would continue as "Christ's faithful soldier and servant my whole life long". I'm still fighting the Good Fight firstly as a Christian and secondly as a Methodist Minister.

In many years passed that sort of commission has been laid at the door of many a child. Yet how many have taken up the challenge into adulthood? Many people choose to disregard the calling, arguing that they didn't accept it, the adults made that decision for them. It is too easy to decline the discipline that goes with the Calling, easier to follow their own route through life without others laying down the route to be followed. I decided a number of years ago that the Calling that I received I would honour and I will remain Christ's faithful soldier and servant my whole life long.

If, as you read this, you realise you've been a remf (ask a military person what that means but be prepared to be shocked if you do) - then it's about time you joined the front rank. Time to assume the point at the sharp end, to face the dangers of the spiritual battle. Take the opportunity to use the Christian armour in the daily strife. For some of us the armour has taken a battering but it's still very much in use and we will not lay down our arms until the Lord calls us home. Listen! The bugle sounds the Advance who will come with me?



CHILDREN'S BIBLE IN A NUTSHELL



I found this during one of my searches on line and thought I would share it with you.

A child was told to write a "book report" on the entire Bible. This is amazing and brought tears to my eyes. I wonder how often we take for granted that children understand what we are teaching???

Through the eyes of a child.

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti.

Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbour's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humour thy father and thy mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David, He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed upon the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of the New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn, too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Republicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Any way's, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

Answers to last week's quiz – Creatures great and small

1	By the size of its ears-African's are bigger and resemble the map of Africa	11	Arctic Tern
2	Capybara- like a giant guinea pig	12	So any bears knows you're coming! They are more likely to attack if spooked
3	Cats	13	West African Coast
4	White tailed eagle aka Sea Eagle	14	Krill or Plankton
5	Killer Whale	15	Starlings
6	Snow Leopard or Ounce	16	Orangutan
7	Galapagos Islands	17	Water Vole
8	Rhinoceros	18	Giraffe
9	Head foot -They stand on their heads!	19	Lion
10	Penguin	20	Pelican

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

1	Which mega hit song from 1968, the title of which is also a biblical figure, had a very young Elton John as a voice in the chorus?	
2	What is the well-known French term for 'Fat Tuesday'?	
3	How many Apollo missions landed on the moon?	
4	In film, which actor has played all of the following: an Egyptian pharaoh, an SS officer, an Hungarian aristocrat, a serial killer, a Greek god and "He who must not be named"?	
5	Which Greek deity, usually depicted driving a flying chariot, was immortalized with the Colossus of Rhodes?	
6	In which country was James Bond's mother born?	
7	Dol is a unit of measurement for what?	
8	The name of which country and controversial Formula One host translated means 'The Two Seas'?	
9	One of the shortest wars in history took place in 1967. What name has been given to this war?	
10	Shelf, Lenticulas, Mother of Pearl, Mushroom, Contrail, Mammatus and Noctilucant are all examples of what?	
11	The name of the only moon in our solar system with a planet like atmosphere stems from a race of gods. What is the name of this unusual moon?	
12	In which two films would one find the astronauts David Bowman and Heywood Floyd?	
13	In the Beatles song Back In The USSR, what kind of girls "really knock me out"?	
14	What is the well-known Latin term for 'good faith'?	
15	With 583 fatalities, the worst accident in aviation history occurred on March 27, 1977 at Tenerife airport as two Boeing 747s collided on the runway. Which two airlines were involved?	
16	What was broken for the first time May 6, 1954 in Oxford England?	
17	Which cult film from 1964 ends with the Vera Lynn song 'We'll Meet Again'?	
18	In the various lists of the world's best selling albums of all time, what are the two best selling albums with a number as album title? One point for each correct answer.	
19	Tragus, from the Greek word 'tragos' meaning goat, is a piece of cartilage on the human body which resembles a goat's beard. Where is it found?	
20	Who was the last prisoner in Berlin's Spandau Prison?	

A blonde and a brunette worked in a factory. The brunette says, "I know how to get some time off from work!" "How?" asks the blonde. "Watch this," says the brunette. She climbs up to the rafter and hangs upside down. The boss walks in, sees her and says, "What on earth are you doing?" "I'm a lightbulb," she answers. "I think you need some time off," says the boss so she jumps down and walks out. The blonde starts walking out, too. "Where are YOU going?" says the boss. The blonde replies, "I can't work in the dark!"



Did you hear about the monkeys who shared an Amazon account?
They were Prime mates.

Q: What has T in the beginning, T in the middle, and T at the end?
A: A teapot.
