



CHEAP STREET CHURCH

To know the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit and with Jesus as our teacher to show and share our faith

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NEWSLETTER

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STOP PRESS -GOOD NEWS!



Tuesday was a good day for the Heals. Pat and Martin went to hospital to hear the results of the previous day's scan and got a really positive response from the consultant.

There was no mention of cancer or urgent surgery as in past weeks and they were told the perforations in Martin's stomach appeared to be healing because of the antibiotics he took while in hospital and since. He had multiple cysts in his stomach but these too, the consultant thought, would heal in the same way.

So Martin has to continue his antibiotics for the next five weeks at home under the watchful eye of "Matron" Pat before having ultra sound to make sure the healing is complete.

Pat and Martin are convinced the prayers of so many friends are behind this change in situation. Thank you everyone for your loving support.

DUNCAN'S MESSAGE

Thursday Thought For The Day.

What does Peace or Shalom mean for us today? One definition according to Wikipedia; 'Shalom (Hebrew: שָׁלוֹם shalom; also spelled as sholom, sholem, sholoim, shulem) is a Hebrew word meaning peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and

tranquillity and can be used idiomatically to mean both hello and goodbye.' Peace is not just the absence of conflict or evil, it is a positive wellbeing. Staying quiet is not peace as described in the bible. In the face of the Windrush scandal it was important we greeted it not with silence, but a demand to put right the injustice.

Psalm 34: 14. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. [NIV]

Psalm 34 gives an interesting instruction, peace is not something that just arrives it is something that we have to positively seek and work hard for. At the moment the 'Black Lives Matter,' protests in America and across the world indicate that in terms of racial and social justice we have been too quiet, and not pursued peace with enough enthusiasm. This requirement to pursue peace is also repeated in Peter's first letter.

1 Peter 3:9-11. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. [NIV.]

For there to be peace there has to be justice for all. And the true test of that justice, is to ask what is the justice and opportunity that the least able are able (can do) to help themselves experience.

Hymn Sing The Faith 707. Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

Pastoral.

John Green has not been very well for the last few weeks and as a result of a recent telephone conversation with his consultant he is to have a CT scan within the next three weeks followed by treatment.

We all know John was receiving treatment which was put on hold when Lockdown occurred.

Treatment, whether at home or hospital can be very stressful and we send our love and prayers to John and Sheila.

The Pastoral Visitors continue to do a wonderful job keeping in touch with everyone.

I'm sure we are all grateful for the weekly Newsletter which keeps us all linked together.

Collen Farquharson is doing well and improving by the day. She is now putting herself through the paces of a short walk daily.

We have just heard the encouraging news that **Martin Heal** is home from hospital to continue his treatment. We send our love and prayers to **Martin and Pat** as he continues to improve at home. Love and prayers to you all. Eirwen.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Whenever and wherever we pray in the silence of our hearts, we are part of a rich and powerful fellowship, which serves to sustain everyone in our Church Family. Anyone can join the prayer group by just praying.

We continue to hold in prayer all those who are in special need: John Green; Martin Heal; Phyllis Batchelor; Duncan's mother; Gill Hunt; Kathy Crew; Colleen and Don Farquharson; Clive and Jill Turner, Ellie and Sophie; Janet Dolling and her family; Judith Hayward and her family; Eileen Higgins; John Hicks's family; Rebekah-Joy Spinks and her family; the Miller family; Janet Baker; Alex Palmer.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Uzbekistan - Christians are viewed as a threat to the government. They are seen as followers of an alien sect that aims to destroy the current political system. For this reason the state believes they need to be not only controlled but also, if necessary, eradicated. Christian activities are regularly monitored.

Let us pray that believers will be free to worship and share their faith, and that relief aid and medical care will reach those who need it. Please provide safe places for them to meet, and soften the hearts of those who regulate religious activities, that there would be more religious freedom in the country. We thank You for the courage and vision of our persecuted church family. Amen.

NEWS

For the moment we are not going to be opening the church building for private prayer. Instead we are going to place prayers in the church gardens, for people to use if they wish. Please send any prayers you would like to see in the garden to me or to our church secretary Sue Way. Duncan

Charles Pennington's funeral, which is next Wednesday, 24th June at 12 noon at Reading Crematorium, can be viewed on the following website: www.obitus.com .

The username for this website is: Hufi0760, and the password is: 1631578. You can log into this website at any time to test the connection; the webcast itself will be available five minutes before the service.

Please remember this service, even if you do not watch it, and pray for Charles' sons Michael and Mark, and the family. Christina Le M.'

VINE YOUTH MINISTRY

Pentecost Prayer Letter

The events of recent months find VYM in uncharted waters. Until lockdown, Dan's ministry was delivering assemblies face to face with children, usually with hundreds of young people in each school. Schools are now only open to Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and key worker children, and will not welcome any other year groups for the rest of this academic year. Schools have strict guidelines to follow, and social distancing means that for the foreseeable future, whole school assemblies cannot take place - perhaps until there is a vaccine for COVID 19? In the meantime with Robert's help, Dan has come up with an innovative way of providing virtual assemblies which can be delivered in a classroom or online at home. We want to pray for God's blessing over this initiative and Vine youth ministry through these changing times. We have a real opportunity to grow the work of VYM, as virtual assemblies can be sent far and wide, offering more young people the gift of the gospel message. Over the page are some prayers which may be helpful to guide you as you pray with us for this important work.

My bees have been busy totally unaware of lockdown. They have particularly enjoyed the rape field on the way to Yeovil but had to travel further this year to find one.

If your flowers have contributed to their mix thank you too for tending them.

I wish as usual to support the Vine Ministry from the sale of the produce so if you would like a jar at £5 send me an Email or ring and I will deliver one to you.

Don Farquharson



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DUNCAN' S SUNDAY THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

Lectionary Readings for week beginning 21st June 2020.

Psalms 86, Genesis 21: 8-21, Romans 6: 1-11, Matthew 10: 24-39.

The past week has in many ways been a week in which divisions between us as a country have come to the fore. Divisions over how various ethnic groups are treated by the police. Divisions over whether statues of historical figures involved in the slave trade of their day should remain or be removed to a museum. It is shocking that

Jesus talks about whether or not people accept him as Lord and Saviour, causing similar divisions between people who would be naturally very close to each other. Jesus is talking about the importance of placing Him as the number one person in our lives, having already said that we are defined by what comes first in our lives. In the end we cannot hide who we serve and who or what is our master.

One thing Jesus reminds us is that, whether something is done in private or when we know someone is looking on, our actions should be the same. Jesus' words are from a time long before mobile phones and video cameras but are particularly appropriate for today. In the world we live in, we cannot assume that there will not be a video record that will be on the web for everyone to see. Secrets do not remain secret for very long. As Christians we should be true to Jesus in all situations, seen or unseen.

In Romans, Paul reminds us that in Christ we die to sin and what is wrong in our lives. We rise to a new life based on God's love for all. This means that all will be treated equally, regardless of the differences between us.

Hymn Singing The Faith 693. Beauty for Brokenness,

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Yeovil Churches Zoom services

The 3 churches in Yeovil are able to meet to worship on Zoom each Sunday morning. The minister, Kate Konrad, is very happy for any of us to join in too.

If you would like to do so, please contact Kate on email: revkatekonrad@gmail.com and she will send you the Zoom link, ID number and password.

I think you would enjoy it, and many of you will see familiar faces there. Apparently you can still join in if your computer does not have a camera, and you always have the option of just listening if you would rather not be seen on video. If you have any questions you are welcome to contact me.

Our young family with Ada and Elsie have been able to join in with Yeovil Children's zoom services on Saturday mornings, and have been enjoying it. If you know of any other families who would like to do that too, please contact Kate or myself.

Lynn Heaton 01963 251747

BBC1: 10.45 am - The Revd Dr Paul Mathole, Rector, Holy Trinity Platt, Manchester.

Radio 4: 8.10 am – Images of Fatherhood, Sunday Worship. A service exploring fatherhood and God as Father, with Ben Lindsay, Guvna B and Lord Hastings on Father's Day

Methodist resources: [click here](#).

URC resources: [click here](#). The digital edition of the URC monthly magazine *Reform* is on free access during the lockdown: [click here](#).

URC: [daily devotions and a Sunday service \(click here to subscribe\)](#).

METHODIST HOMES SUNDAY SERVICE

Methodist Homes (MHA) hosted a service on YouTube at 3 pm on Sunday 14th June which is still available. Click on this link for more information: [MHA Sunday](#).

CIRCUIT ZOOM PRAYER MEETING

There will be a Yeovil & Blackmore Vale Circuit prayer meeting on Zoom on Friday 19th June at 7.15 pm. Click this link [Circuit Prayer 19 June](#) from 7 pm to participate. Additional information: Meeting ID: 837 1661 2235, password: 547191.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

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