



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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I have spent half the night glued to American voting results so if you find glaring mistakes throughout the newsletter it is entirely due to my tiredness. As the newsletter goes out the results remains in a fine balance. This has surprised me as I thought there would be a stampede to right what has been so wrong. But I shouldn't be surprised. I guess we need to also ask why our churches are not packed with standing room only. Look what Jesus is offering! And yet. . . Perhaps I will pursue this thought at another time.

I have just come off the phone from talking to Jan Wallace. If anyone wants to order Traidcraft Christmas cards and has not yet done so, please be aware that she is sending the order off this weekend. It was great to hear Jan's cheerful voice and be reminded that the sun is shining outside and it is a beautiful day. So with that in mind I will send this off and go out to soak up the beauty of God's work.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

By Colleen Farquharson

Several weeks ago Christina led our thoughts on Grace. Do you remember? Perhaps not. I was particularly interested because I wanted a deeper understanding of its meaning in the biblical sense. Let me share some Scriptures with you.

John 1: 14 - The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of GRACE and truth.

John 1: 17 - GRACE and truth came through Jesus Christ. (We understand Truth....but Grace.?).

Ephesians 2: 8 - It is by GRACE you have been saved, through faith and this not of yourselves.

Hebrews 4: 6 - Let us approach the throne of GRACE with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find GRACE help us in our time of need.

2 Corinthians 12: 9 - My GRACE is sufficient for you for My power is made perfect in your weakness.

I think grace is a multi-faceted word with many meanings. Christina gave a very valuable one. To quote, "Supremely the grace of God is love we would not expect; love we don't deserve." Yet, God loves us just as we are. Christina uses the word, "lavish". God lavishes His love on us. He cannot stop loving us that is why He gave us His Son. Christina

again "If I had only 2 words to describe GRACE they would be -undeserved love.

We can understand this because we come into the presence of a holy God and we are so unholy. We know what we are like on the inside! Yet Jesus says, "Go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father." Whatever we are like, no matter how we think we have failed, He wants us to come. He wants us to shed the burden of sin and guilt (and guilt can be crippling, a tool which the devil uses too well on us) and to be washed clean by His cleansing power, new creations.

So my words would be.....Grace is undeserved mercy, because no matter how many times we fall, we can, like the prodigal son come back into the presence of our Heavenly Father be forgiven, cleansed, and start again with the slate clean.

Can you share a testimony to God's grace? Another facet of His grace? We do need to encourage each other.

Hymn 229 - Songs of Fellowship

I'M ACCEPTED, I'm forgiven,
I am fathered by the true and living God.
I'm accepted, no condemnation,
I am loved by the true and living God.
There's no guilt or fear as I draw near
To the Saviour and Creator of the world.
There is joy and peace
As I release my worship to You, O Lord.

PASTORAL

Unfortunately our Pastoral Team Leader, Eirwen, has been out of touch for almost three weeks now, due to a fault with her communications provider. No landline or email. It has been almost a double lockdown for her. Despite this and the frustration with getting reconnected she has kept up with her team and has sent me the following -

Sadly, Kathy Crew's husband Brian died peacefully at home last week. Brian's funeral will take place at Stalbridge Parish Church at 12 noon on Friday 6th November. We send love and prayers from all at Cheap Street Church to Kathy and the family.

Birthdays

Birthday Greetings to Rosemary McCleery on Friday 6th November and Hilary Brown on Wednesday 11th November, Happy Birthday and best wishes to you both from all at Cheap Street.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

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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 pray for Sheila Green and her family; Yve and Ken Ackroyd and all the family; John Hunt and his family; Carol Hooper and her family; Janet Baker; Martin Heal; Phyllis Batchelor; Duncan's mother; Kathy Crew; Clive and Jill Turner, Ellie and Sophie; Janet Dolling and her family; Judith Hayward and her family; Eileen Higgins; Alex Palmer; Peter and Marjorie Kett; Christina Le Moignan. (continuing eye problems).

In this strange time, when lots of time is being spent considering important decisions for all of us at Cheap Street Church,
please pray for

all on our Church Council at the moment,
Janet Le Moignan

Jan Wallace

Rob Hooper

George Faris

Martin Heal

Christine Rogers

Norma Hamill

Peter Kett

Also those helping with Property matters related to Covid 19 secure areas,

Geoff Gardner

John Stinchcombe

And of course our minister Duncan.

We also have a new Safeguarding

Officer, George Faris. Please pray for George and bless his work in our Church. Thank you.

PRAYER HANDBOOKS

We are about to place orders for Methodist and United Reformed Church prayer handbooks for the Worship & Growth team. If you are not part of the team and would like a copy of either or both please let me know by Saturday 14 November; my contact details are at the bottom of the newsletter.

The costs are:

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2020/2021

The Earth is the Lord's - £4.15

2021 URC Prayer Handbook –
Conversations - £4.49

These prices are inclusive of post and packing.

George Faris

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Tunisia - The influence of radical Islamic teaching is growing here, and Islamic militants spread fear throughout the country. Tunisian Christians face discrimination in every area of life. They are often rejected by friends and family, and experience job insecurity and verbal, mental and physical abuse. Let us pray that the Lord will thwart the plans of Muslim extremists to create chaos in the country; that their hearts will be drawn to Jesus; for protection for Tunisian Christians in the face of escalating violence, and for God's comfort for believers from a Muslim background who can't openly confess their faith. Amen.

BLYTHSWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Thank you so much to everyone who provided shoeboxes for adults and children living in great poverty in Romania. Altogether, we had 47 boxes to dedicate last Sunday – one representative box and a 47 label to go with it – and this in the present time was certainly more than I expected. Now Blythswood Care will see that they, along

with many, many more boxes, are transported to reach their destination in time for Christmas. And however we celebrate Christmas this year, we can remember the people for whom a gift of a shoebox will be really special, because of useful things and surprises and the love that comes with it. So thank you again.

Janet Le Moignan

THE MINISTER'S THOUGHTS FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Lectionary Readings for Remembrance
Sunday Day 8th November 2020.

Psalm 20, Isaiah 31:31-34, Revelations
22:1-5, Matthew 5:38-48.

It is always good to remember the cost that war has on those who participate in them in terms of the loss of life and lives that are changed or damaged by it. One of the most important parts of remembrance is that all who have been a part of wars and conflicts and their families are remembered and not just the leaders or generals.

After a war is over there is always the need to rebuild for both the defeated and the victors. Just to seek revenge or not to seek to rebuild a better and more just society is not to do what God asks of us in Jesus' words in our reading from Matthew. What Jesus asks of us in the call not to take revenge and to love our enemies is not easy, especially when one has been hurt by a conflict or the actions of another. With the events of recent weeks the people of France are being faced with the challenge of how they respond to the latest acts of terror in their country. In USA after the presidential election, irrespective of who is elected, there will need to be healing and love shown between people with very different perspectives on life.

In the war that we are fighting with Covid-19, it will need love to be shown between people whose lives have changed by the virus in various ways. In Revelation we have a picture of God

being at the centre of his eternal city and the heart of the city is the means to heal the nations and their hurts. At the heart of the remembrance of the cost of war is the love that God gives to heal and build a new and better future.



Hymn Singing The Faith 141. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide

Duncan

POEM OF THE MONTH

November 2020

REMEMBERING

Death is nothing at all.

It does not count.

I have only slipped away into the next room.

Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was.

I am I, and you are you

And the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the told familiar name,

Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.

Put no difference into your tone.

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.

Let it be spoken without effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it,

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you, for an interval,

Somewhere very near,

Just round the corner.

All is well, nothing is lost.

One brief moment and all will be as it was before.

How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

Henry Scott-Holland

ALTERNATIVE SUNDAY WORSHIP

SHERBORNE ABBEY -The Abbey has parish worship at 9.30 am on Sunday and is open for private prayer on Thursday between 11 am and 1 pm.

Radio 4: 8.10 am – [Click Here](#) A service for Remembrance from the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell in its centenary year. Preacher: The Revd (Air Vice Marshall) John Ellis, Chaplain in Chief RAF.

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](#)).

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