



## 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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### PREFACE

I was on my regular walk for exercise when I came upon a road decked out with bunting. It was laced across the wide street from the upstairs windows of many homes. I thought it was brilliant that they should go to so much trouble for the NHS. Then I had a call from Pat Drew who reminded me of VE Day on Friday. She was 16 and clearly recalled the day. Her reminiscence is included here. If you have some memories that you would like to share do send them to Raymond Wood, who will include them in the Cheapstreeter in 3 weeks. In the meantime there are some ideas at the end of this newsletter for celebrating the day.

What a surprise it was when I was recently visiting Cheap Street Church website. Joseph Crocker has been working on it and it is so easy to get around! Looks very impressive. Thank you Joseph for all your work behind the scenes.

Finally – I would like to include the Bible reading and prayer from the Sojourners this week.

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*

**- Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)**

*The present is the ever moving shadow that divides yesterday from tomorrow. In that lies hope.* - Frank Lloyd Wright, *The Living City*

*Faithful God, encourage us to press into your presence as we look for hope in the everyday moments inside of our homes and externally in our broken world.*

This is a lovely video on you tube which really encompasses this hope. It is called The Great Realisation

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=093837d50a&attid=0.1.1&permmmsgid=msg-f:1665937251370676064&th=171e991a860a2f60&view=att&disp=safe>

Keep Safe, Penny

### May 8th 1945 - From Pat Drew

This is the house where I was born and where I spent the war years. I was just 10 years old when war started and lived here with my parents and sister when in 1945 we all celebrated the end of hostilities with Germany.



The large Union Jack Flag, made of Wool, adorned our house together with very colourful bunting along the trees.

The flag is still around, and with my daughter who lives in the Shoreditch area of East London in a 4<sup>th</sup> floor flat with a balcony. She displayed the flag, over the balcony, when Prince William and Kate Middleton got married. So it has seen many different celebrations.

When Peter and I married in 1955, my father wanted us to buy the house for £3000. But we declined – deciding it held so many mixed memories.

I'm not sure – but believe the house has since been renovated into two separate flats. It was a four bedroom property with a large back garden.

### Thought for the Day From Janet Le Moignan

I wonder whether at the moment you think of your life being half full or half empty? We are faced with things we can't do and people we can't see or touch, yet we still have much that is good in our lives. It is Springtime and we see signs of fresh new life all around us. What is more, we have again celebrated Easter, when we have remembered Jesus Christ, crucified, dead

and buried for us and for all people, and then risen from the dead! Jesus was, and is, alive and he offers fresh new life to us all.

We can't at present join together in Sunday worship or receive Communion at church, but we can worship with others through radio, TV and the internet, singing hymns with other Christians. Through this newsletter, we are blessed with Duncan's weekly mini-sermon, linked with bible readings and a hymn, and also with news of others among us, including those who need our prayers. We can't relate in some of our usual ways with people we know but we do have phones and other means of communication to contact them.

In church we used to start our service with 'God said 'Let there be light'- Jesus is the Light of the world - The Lord is here – His Spirit is with us.' But we know God isn't just in church. God is always with us wherever we are, in good times and in bad and, through God, we are all joined together, however separated we may sometimes feel.

Paul, writing to early Christians, gives us the idea of the Church as the body of Christ. In his first letter to the Corinthians chapter 12, verse 27, he says 'Now you are Christ's body and each of you a limb or organ of it.' Each one of us has been made as a unique person, with different characteristics and gifts and each one is equally precious to God. We are all different but we need to relate one with another, to suffer with suffering and to share in joy together. Jesus once walked this earth, but now we are a part of his body and, through his Spirit, enabled to show something of his love. Because we are all different, we shall do that in different ways, but if love is there, all ways are valuable.

At this time of crisis there are many people whose lives have been turned upside down, who are sad, fearful, under great stress or feeling lonely and forgotten. Most of them we don't know, but they are known to God and we can pray for them. However, we do have people with whom we can relate near us, those who are important in our lives and others who may be unknown, but who would welcome a greeting as we pass by not too closely. In the natural world we see signs of new life. May we seek new life, through God's love, so that we can share it with others.

Bible Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (and you could go on to Chapter 13)

Hymn StF103 God is Love: let heaven adore him

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verse 2 God is Love: and he, enfolding  
all the world in one embrace,  
with unfailing grasp is holding  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are

breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that self-same aching  
deep within the heart of God.

Suggestions for Prayer – Thanksgiving for God's love, the love of others, Easter & Spring Intercessions for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, those seriously ill and all who care for them in hospital or care home and those at home facing real difficulty in coping with life.

#### 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: Martin Heal who continues to lose weight; Duncan's mother Margaret who is now home; Gill Hunt; Kathy Crew; Colleen and Don Farquharson; Clive and Jill Turner, Ellie and Sophie; Myra Heard; Janet Dolling and her family; Judith Hayward and her family; Eileen Higgins; John Hicks's family; Janet Baker; Martin Heal and Alex Palmer.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

**Nigeria** - Islamic extremists carry out horrific attacks on Christians in northern Nigeria. Many believers have had to flee their homes. Christian women and girls are in danger of being abducted and forcibly married to Muslim men. Let us pray for peace and security there and opportunities to share the gospel; that abused Nigerian women will have their hope and dignity restored, and for the Open Doors trauma centre which brings healing and hope to those affected by persecution. Amen.

#### THE UNINVITED STRANGER. By Sue Bradshaw.

It seemed to come from nowhere, just appearing at our door.

This uninvited stranger, what had it come here for?

To take our normal life away? To make us run and hide?

To make us question everything? Is this why people died?

It started off just one or two, but seemed to spread so fast.

Invisible and frightening, like nothing from the past.

It steals upon you by surprise and suddenly you're struck.

Now was it something that you did, or was it just your luck?

We've yet to really understand the way it moves around,

And everyone is longing that a cure will soon be found.

And if you've had it once before, then will it come again?

And does it have a preference, for women or for men?

So far the only thing we're told, of this we can be sure,

If you don't want to catch it now, don't step

outside your door.

If you don't want to pass it on, make sure you wear a mask.

Don't touch, don't talk, don't smile, don't walk, just get on with your task.

And if you do succumb to it, what will the symptoms be?

And how will you react to them? That really is the key.

Cos that makes all the difference - how quickly it will spread.

For each of us must play our part - that's what the wise men said.

Now I suspect you're thinking this is all about today.

You're right of course, but also I've got something else to say.

For I believe when Jesus died he left us something new,

And that's the Holy Spirit, which he gave to me and you.

But how could I compare the two? It surely isn't right.

They couldn't be more different. One's darkness, one is light.

The one, we want to kill it, or contain it if we can.

The other is a Saviour, to be passed from man to man.

So now I find myself re-writing verses one to five, The Holy Spirit leading me and bringing it alive:

It seemed to come from nowhere, just rushing at their door.

This uninvited stranger, what had it gone there for?

To take away their sinful lives and be their earthly guide.

To answer all their questions and explain why Jesus died.

It all began at Pentecost, with fire from the sky.

And then they start to speak in tongues. The people wondered why.

It seemed to take them by surprise, they didn't understand.

Why had they been selected. This was not what they had planned.

We still don't really comprehend the way the Spirit goes.

What makes it move around the place, no one really knows.

The only way to be quite sure that you're not next in line,

Self-isolate and don't go out, don't give the Church your time.

But once you have it in you, will it always be around?

Who'll be the next to catch it, and where can it be found?

And if you want to pass it on, make sure your voice is heard.

You'll touch and talk, you'll smile and walk, and always share the word.

If you succumb to symptoms of the Spirit in your heart

Just how will you react to him, and will you do your part?

Cos that makes all the difference - how quickly it will spread.

Go forth and tell the world of God, for that's what Jesus said.

## NEWS

- We were asked to pray for Phyllis Batchelor and she would like you to know that she is on the mend.
- I shall be having a mini plant sale this coming Saturday - 9th May - from our front garden wall at 29 Hound St. from 10.00 am till 12.30 pm unless it is pouring with rain, in which case it will be on the following Monday. Proceeds will go to Hope in Africa. Please phone me if you would like more details (389662). Local delivery could probably be arranged.

Janet Le Moignan

### Hope in Africa – Covid 19 Appeal

During this season of COVID 19, the countries in which Hope in Africa work are, in some ways, no different to here. But there is a lot of ignorance about the virus and its effects. People are trying to get around the restrictions, but all that is happening is that the virus is spreading. The governments are trying to distribute food to the vulnerable, but it is a very small amount and not working properly yet.

The governments of Malawi, Kenya and Uganda have closed all schools. This presents a big difficulty to the private schools across the region. With the schools closed, there are no children; no children means no school fees paid; no school fees paid means no salaries for the teachers. Teachers and staff are now on the bread line with no income.

So Hope in Africa has put together a 2-part rescue package.

1] They are sending out a part of the teachers' salaries so that they can at least have something. They cannot send the whole amount, but for all the primary schools it is about 50% of the salaries and the secondary, about 30%. This will be sent out for three months and then reviewed. This is taking the place of regular funds sent.

2] They are also sending out a community payment to allow their men to reach out to their communities to the neediest people. This is £250 per month for the three months.

Patrick in Nakuru has already started distributing food and medical supplies to the neediest grandparents of Morning Star children.

You may recall that our church has undertaken to support Hope in Africa for 3 years, and we were planning to hold a plant sale at the end of May, which has had to be cancelled. In view of the urgent need for funds, we are making a COVID 19 Hope in Africa Appeal.

If you would like to help with this initiative, you could either send a cheque made payable to Cheap Street Church, with a note stating "HIA Appeal", to:

John Stinchcombe, The Old Oak, Dalwoods,  
Westbury, Sherborne DT9 3ET, or  
Jackie Bullen, 2 Raleigh Court, Long Street,  
Sherborne DT9 3EQ.

Alternatively you could complete a bank transfer to our bank account:

Cheap Street Church  
HSBC, Yeovil  
Sort Code: 40-41-23  
A/C No: 41271970  
Stating "HIA"

If you are able to allow Gift Aid to be claimed, please let us know (unless you have already advised John of this).

John will then transfer the funds direct to Hope in Africa, and will let us know how much we manage to raise. Many thanks, in advance, for your support.

Thank you.

### **Duncan's thoughts for the coming week**

Lectionary Readings for week beginning 10th May 2020.

Psalm 31, Acts 7:55-60, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14.

One of the questions that is being asked of our government and many of the world's governments, is what is going to be 'The Way' out of the lockdown that has resulted from Coronavirus pandemic. We may learn of our government's plans for this on Sunday. Psalm 31, is an expression of the struggle to find a way out of this difficult situation, trusting in God, while holding to the experience of how God has helped the Psalmist and us in the past. In different ways we all are experiencing a struggle as to how we deal Covid-19, and its' devastating effect on our lives. For some it is a struggle for their lives, or prayerfully watching loved ones fight for their lives, from a painful distance. For others it is the struggle to get by, and to provide for their family's needs. For some it is the struggle to deal with the loneliness that the isolation, necessary to reduce the spread of the

virus, has caused. In all of the different situations we find ourselves in, we need to go forward trusting in God, who is with us and will stay with us.

Philip's reaction to Jesus' words 'I am the Way.' in the reading from John, is to ask for a more detailed road map, of what is the 'The Way' Jesus is taking. A request that is answered, not with a road map, but with Jesus saying, that 'The Way' is the person of Jesus himself. A way that will include Jesus' death and resurrection. Stephen as he is stoned to death in Acts visually sees Jesus as the way for him. Peter, in his letter describing Jesus as the rejected living stone which has proved to be the most important stone, again sees the person of Jesus, whom we connect ourselves to as 'The Way' that we should take, and 'The Way' that we should build our lives on.

We may be socially distancing living stones, at the moment, but 'The Way' we travel is that of the love of God which we know through the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our lives. We travel not with the security of a Satellite Navigation System's directions, nor with any certainty about what lies ahead for us, but in the security that we travel surrounded by the love of God, with the person of the risen Jesus as 'Our Way.'

Hymn Sing The Faith 51. Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father,

### **From Margaret Field –**

I have spent some happy hours, on and off, and I offer the following as a possible for "p".

Perfect pastoral poems pose  
Possible planning problems, parking,  
Plotting pathways, privately pointing  
Passing places.  
Pleasant pastimes, perusing  
Pansies, primulas, primroses, pure posies.  
Primavera perfect.

Perhaps you would like to have a go?

### **Jono at STPAULS@THEGRYPHON**

**sent us the following** - please listen to this YouTube clip of singers from 65 different churches and Christian groups from around the UK singing a beautiful blessing over the nation. And do make it your own prayer of blessing for all those you know and love and care for, for all those in your streets and communities, for all those in need today. Only released on Sunday it has already has over 1 million views!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtIl3mNj5U>

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

BBC1: 10.45 am (times vary Radio 4: 8.10 am –this week led by Dr. Rowan Williams

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](#).

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### CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

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### Ways to commemorate

- Pause for a Two Minute Silence at 11am and [watch stories and memories](#) from those who served and sacrificed during the Second World War
- Join 'The Nation's Toast' at 3pm – raise a glass with the nation to the heroes of WWII (broadcast starts at 2.45pm on BBC1)
- Watch further VE Day 75 special broadcasts on the BBC, including extracts from Churchill's famous victory speech and [Her Majesty The Queen addressing the nation at 9pm](#)
- Take part in a national singalong of [Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll meet again'](#)
- Decorate your home in red, white and blue. Print and colour in bunting, posters and thank you cards to display in your windows
- Have an indoor or back garden picnic. Your menu choices could include recipe ideas from 1945!
- Visit the [English Heritage website](#) to learn songs from the era, including classics from Glenn Miller and Vera Lynn, and get tips on how to dance the Lindy Hop.
- Visit the [VE Day 75 website](#) to learn about the history of the war. They've also got some [recipes](#) to take it back to 1945, including spam hash and eggless fruit cake