



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**No Service at Toothill**



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing there is a loop system in operation.

In Partnership (The Partnership Monthly magazine): <http://wswinlyd.org.uk/news>

**This Sunday No Service in Toothill Church**

**Next Sunday Mr Mark Dowling**

**Prayers for today**



Do please let us know if there is someone you would like to add to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we would be praying. Please pray for Bill and Rhoda, Ann Beaumont, Graham's cousin Hayley, Norris and Ruth, Sarah, Hazel, Tina, and all those you know who are in need of God's special love, care and healing.

We pray for our ministers Clive, Rachael, Trevor and Teresa and all our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership.

May God bless us all with wisdom and strength to face each day's challenges.

Please pray for your home congregation that they may be sustained as we meet together again, and for the continuing work with our children, young people and families in West Swindon.

We pray for Grace, Peace and a way forward in your Love in these uncertain times in our lives. May we continually thank God for his great Love and Faithfulness.

**Message from Debbie**

I am collecting coat hangers for the charity I work for which is Threshold Housing for the Homeless, if anyone has coat hanger's they don't want I am happy to collect them from you, they can be plastic, metal or wooden etc.

Regards

Debbie(01793-321677) phone number if anyone would like to contact me regarding the above.

Or give to Tony on a Sunday

## **Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a NRSV God's Covenant with David**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." 3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." 4 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" 8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

### **Prayer Reversed ambition**

Loving Lord,

We are rather in the habit of drawing up hopes and plans and strategies, and then asking you to bless the decisions we have already made.

But, maybe, that is not how you would have us be?

Perhaps you know, as we, too, in our better moments realise, that hopes can be unrealistic and easily dashed, strategies might merely try to replicate past glories, and even well laid plans more readily go awry, than not.

Maybe you'd prefer us to simply offer you some space in diary, heart and mind?

Maybe it's through listening more than speaking we can discern your will?

Maybe, the business of tomorrow should not pre-occupy our thought, for instead, your greater call is for us to live, fully, graciously and well, today?

*Ian Fosten URC Prayer Handbook*

## **All services will be in the church every two weeks until September when they will be weekly**

### **Sunday worship in August**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** Mrs Rachel Dowling

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Mr David Hoar

### **September**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** Rev Rachael Wilson Communion

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** Mr Mark Dowling

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** Rev Shirlyn Topping (Superintendent, Upper Thames Methodist Circuit)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** Mr David Hoar Harvest Festival

## Polish Church

To be advised.

## Jess says- Peace begins with smile – Summer Jokes for our hot weather



Watch out for Jess' summer quiz starting the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Which is faster, heat or cold? Heat, because you can catch a cold.

There is a technical term for a hot day following two rainy days. It's called Monday.

What does a cloud wear under his raincoat? Thunderwear!

(Strictly for David) The new Ford Focus comes with a heated tailgate. That way you can keep your hands warm when you're pushing it home in the winter!

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