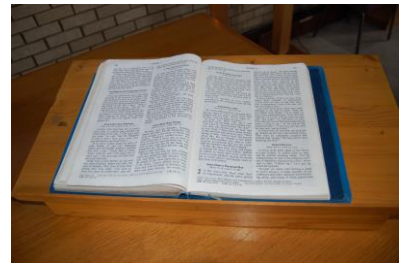




Sunday 25th July 2021
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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing there is a loop system in operation.

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

This Sunday Mr Mark Dowling

Next Sunday No service in Toothill Church

Sunday 8th August Mrs Rachel Dowling

Covid update

This weeks Committee meeting has decided our next stage on our journey out of lockdown and the road back to normal worship.

If you are planning to come to church on Sunday please be aware of the following guidelines.

- 1 Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell.
- 2 Please continue to wear a mask while moving about in the church but feel free to remove the mask once you sit in your seat.
- 3 Seating will still be social distanced.
- 4 The NHS QR reader or the sheet for you to put your name on will remain in place for you to check in
- 5 Hand sanitisers will remain, please use them.
- 6 Singing will be allowed but gently not singing with full gusto. (No matter how tempting it might be)
- 7 While singing we ask you to wear a mask.

The Committee will keep a careful watch on how well these measures work and will review at any time also the above are subject to change in accordance with government or denominational guidelines.

We want everyone to feel safe and assured that we are doing everything we can to make our worship an enjoyable and spiritual period of praise.

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 regarding Threshold

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 11:1-15 David and Bathsheba

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, 3 and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." 4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. 5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

6 So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. 8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. 9 But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

10 David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?"

11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

12 Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. 13 At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. 15 In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

Prayer

Honestly God,
I don't know if I am "filled with the fullness of you".
I doubt it!

There is too much of "me" still left – the wilful me, the me who can be defiant and disobedient and sinful – even knowingly so.

The me I wish could hide from myself.

The me I know I can't hide from you.

Loving God, save me from myself.

By grace, fill me with your fullness and make me become ever more like you.

Karen Campbell URC Prayer handbook

All services will be in the church every two weeks until September then they will be every week. Subject to any Covid regulations.

Sunday worship in August

Sunday 22nd Mr David Hoar

September

Sunday 5th Rev Rachael Wilson Communion

Sunday 12th Mr Mark Dowling

Sunday 19th Rev Shirlyn Topping (Superintendent, Upper Thames Methodist Circuit)

Sunday 26th Mr David Hoar Harvest Festival

Polish Church

To be advised.

Jess says- Peace begins with smile – Guess with Jess?

This year summer quiz - guess the place. Jess may not appear in all the photographs.



The first picture in the quiz: three clues

- 1 Nation Trust property in Gloucestershire
- 2 Built on an escarpment overlooking the Cotswolds
- 3 The house started life in the Tudor period

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