Sunday 1st August 2021 Toothill Church Newsletter

'To Know Christ and to make him Known'



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> Toothill Church website: www.toothillchurch.org.uk

For contacting, various groups see the front page of Toothill Church Website. 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

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Next Sunday Mrs Rachel Dowling

Covid regulations for Toothill Church

Last weeks Committee meeting has decided the 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.

- Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell. 1
- 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.
- Singing will be allowed but gently not singing with full gusto. (No matter how tempting it might be) 6
- 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 them at any time also the above are subject to change in accordance with government or denominational guidelines.

For Holy Communion we will be using the small glasses and pre cut bread ready for distribution. All prepared under sanitised conditions and the officiant will sanitise hands immediately prior to distribution.

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.

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Wednesday 4th

Funeral of Stuart Harold Sutton at Kingsdown Crematorium 12.00 Noon – Mr David Hoar Stuart was a Tuesday walking group member who regularly word and date checked the Newsletter for me. A lifelong member of Her Majesty's Army. The service will be screened live.

Music Group Dates

All music group times will be 10.45 – 12.15. Wednesday 11th & 25th August Wednesday 22nd September

Property & Finance meeting

Monday 23rd August Property & Finance 7.00pm in the church

Church Committee meeting

Tuesday September 28th 7.30

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 begin to 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 & Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone into Bathsheba.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, - and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Prayer - Heavy

It is heavy, it heavy indeed. The burden of our guilt is heavy indeed.

Although created in your image, from the very beginning we have followed the common paths of sin.

In our quest for power, we exploit one another.

Seeking to escape responsibility we blame one another.

We deny justice and stamp on equality.

We substitute charity for fairness, elevating ourselves and soothing our conscience.

Hold our sins before us Lord, counter our egos and make us see our actions as they really are.

Rescue us, even from ourselves.

Wash, cleanse and restore us a right and willing spirit, that we may bear one another love, and act with patience, humility, and care.

The justice and peace will rule the worlds, and heavens kingdom will be seen on earth. Amen

David Jonathan URC prayer handbook

All services will be in the church every two weeks until September when 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.

<u>Jess says- Peace begins with smile – Guess with Jess?</u>

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



Answer to last week's picture Newark House Gloucestershire

1 Name derives from 'miry place'.

2 This Cotswold village is just off the Foss Way on the river Windrush

3 It has an "Upper" and a "Lower" in the name. Which one is it?

4 (Extra clue) Mill & Café is worth a visit, the mill is recorded in

the Doomsday Book of 1086 (also makes wonderful flavoured homemade ice creams.

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