



**Beulah Update:**  
**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
This week's theme is:  
**We will remember!**



### 1. Worship resources

**On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November there will be no**

**Beulah Zoom service.** As it is Remembrance Sunday, we thought you might prefer to watch either the pre-recorded service in Oldham on

<http://www.oldham.gov.uk/RemembranceSunday> (no longer able to be live streamed) or the national service from the Cenotaph.

Our Zoom services will resume on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November when the service will include a reflection from the Baptist Union President Yinka Oyekan.

**The ID you need is 483-214-0593 and the password is 92315.**

Please share with any family or friends or former members of the congregation that you are in contact with. If you don't have internet you can join in by ringing one of the following numbers:

Dial by your location

- +44 203 481 5240 United Kingdom
- +44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom
- +44 203 051 2874 United Kingdom
- +44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom .

**On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** our Zoom service will be led by Rev Ruth Wollaston so please join us if you can.

From Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Nov and then on a fortnightly basis Ruth will also be leading a short midweek service. Please try to support her by joining this if you can. The Zoom details

are: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88260933040> **Meeting ID: 882 6093 3040**

Dial in on the phone using: +44 203 051 2874 OR +44 203 481 5237



Usual services and reflections from the home pages of the NWBA; the URC; and Sheila's weekly services from the new Macedonia website: <https://macedonia-urc.org>  
Thanks to Dorothy for the weekly Vine.

If you are able to access any of the Bible Study sessions offered by the URC Missional Partnership, then you will find them worthwhile. Contact Darren Holland about the Umoja sessions on a Weds afternoon one week and the alternate Weds evening- next session Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Nov @2 p.m. and 11<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7 p.m.

[Darren.holland@nwsynod.org.uk](mailto:Darren.holland@nwsynod.org.uk)

Use this Zoom link to access the weekly sessions Graham Tarn is running on a Tues evening @ 7.30 and Thurs afternoon @ 2 p.m- next session Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> November

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89815667581?pwd=a0ZISjJjUzg3b24zU3cxRFJxYnpKQT09>  
Meeting ID: 898 1566 7581 Passcode: 694220

Thanks to Julie for making up and delivering some activity packs to our Sunday School children this last week.



## **2. News from our fellowship and issues to pray for**

**We are asking everyone to set aside 20 minutes on Saturday mornings from 10.00 until 10-20 and pray together for all the members of our congregation in their different situations, and in particular for the people and issues below:**

Please continue to ring people to ease the isolation and anxiety during the extra restrictions in Oldham.

Pray for all those we know who are grieving after the death of loved ones and particularly for Elaine.

Pray for those we know recovering from Covid – for Phil's partner Lisa, for Vera's grandson Phil and his wife Jayne and for Jonny. Give thanks for all the dedicated NHS staff working on the front line and who put themselves at risk for our sake.

Pray for others with health worries- Peter who continues to make progress in his recovery and appreciates the prayers and messages; for David R as he recovers from his foot operation at home; for Jackie B, who is at home now recovering from an aggressive virus but having daily visits from the District Nurse; for Betty who broke her wrist recently in a fall; for Andy Longden who has had an operation to remove a stent that was causing recurring infections – he is at home now but still quite weak; for Joe recovering from an eye operation to re-attach his retina; for Peter, Steve's brother-in-law; for Millie, who has a lumbar puncture on Weds and who is still waiting for the results from the urology scan; for Wally, who has a pre-med on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov in preparation for another operation; for all those who are housebound because of their health or because of Covid.

For all those we know in care homes and who cannot have the normal visits from family and friends and for their families who worry about them- for Elsa and Faith supporting her; for Mary Norris; for Irene Binns

Pray for those with other anxieties- for Carol and her housing situation.

Read the latest blog from Joy Ransom on our website:

[www.beulahcommunitychurch.co.uk/missions](http://www.beulahcommunitychurch.co.uk/missions)

Lots of birthdays! Belated greetings to Iain and Amy W, Julie and Christopher D and Steve, who have all had birthdays since the last newsletter.

Happy birthday to Kacey on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday to Mary Norris on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.



## **2 prayers for others from Roots on the web**

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### **A prayer of praise**

God, your wisdom draws us in. It is the bright sun in the morning, and the soft moon of night. Your wisdom is the dawn and the dusk, the kind opening and gentle closing. We praise you for all your wisdom gives: strength for continuation; hope for consolation; courage for perseverance; joy for the journey, and love for all time. Amen.

### **A prayer for others**

Today, God, we pray for those in grief.

Someone was living who is now not living, and our hearts mourn in the wake of their lives and their presence in our lives. May we have hope. Not saccharine, not silly, not soppy. We pray for hope. Hope that we may live in the light of their great lives, and in the hope of seeing them again, in the kindness of heaven. Amen.

### **3. Message from the Leaders**

The Leaders discussed the Covid situation at their latest meeting. We recognised that the situation in Oldham is very worrying, with cases still rising and many members have told us they could not come to Church at the moment because of transport or health worries, or because the services will inevitably be different from “normal” with no singing or socialising and face masks would be compulsory. We also thought there may be a national lockdown on the horizon. However we also recognised that several members would like the building to be open again, and we do want to witness to the community around us. We decided therefore that we would continue with Zoom services up to Christmas, but that from the first Sunday of Advent, the 29<sup>th</sup> November, we would open the building from 2 until around 3.30 and have carols, prayer time and possibly a short film using the projector. The doors would have to be open to meet the Covid regulations, so hopefully this could be a witness to the street and may encourage others to join us. However events have since overtaken us, and Churches cannot open for public worship until at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. We will review our plans at our next meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, and let you know if we can open in December in the way described above.

**A message from Julie:** Bear Grylls is one of the world’s best-known adventurers. Most of you will no doubt have heard of him. He achieved world- wide fame when he became one of the youngest climbers to scale Everest. However, did you realise that every feat of adventure is grounded in his Christian faith?

He has written a daily devotional book entitled *Soul Fuel* and the following extract from the book is based on Joshua 1 v.9. It is particularly significant and relevant to our present situation. It reminds us that God is there alongside us all the way.

“I have to walk through the door of fear regularly in my life but I have learned to pray quietly in my heart in those moments and to draw on someone bigger, braver and stronger than I am. That’s been the key. Don’t go it alone. Put your hand in the hand of the Almighty. He’s there for us. That’s what great fathers do. They hold their children’s hands. The prayers I say when I’m afraid are raw. I’m showing God my deepest fears and asking Him to be beside me and for His help to keep me moving forward. A lot of us try to keep our fears secret, but burying them is how they grow. When we bring them into the light, they often start to wither. To bring them out and share them with God or loved ones takes courage. But how do we find that courage?

The Bible says: *Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* (Joshua 1 v.9)

Whatever fear we’re facing, remember this: we do not face it alone. The Creator of the universe is good; He is beside us, within us and for us.”

### **4. Weekly Challenges**

At this time of remembrance, send a card or write a letter to encourage someone who needs it – e.g. someone who is bereaved or struggling to be hopeful in the current circumstances.

[Listen to the song Remembrance by Hillsong Worship](#)

Share an early memory you have of Beulah, Hollinwood URC or St James's when you speak to someone on the phone or in person this week.

The British Legion ask people to make a poppy to put in your window!

**5. A quiz about memories:**

1. Animals... You may have heard it said that an elephant never forgets, but can you remember the word that fills in this H.H. Munro quote? "\_\_\_\_\_ and elephants never forget an injury."

women   B. enemies   C. egos   D friends

2. Celebrities... Do you ever have trouble remembering names? Here's one way to help you jog your memory: the image-name technique. For instance, whose name would you remember by thinking of curly hair by her temples?

3. Entertainment... What was the name of that '80s fad game - you know, the one with four colors in a circle that would light up one at a time and play a tone, and you had to remember the order they lit up (and sounded), and one more would get added to the pattern every time you were right? What was it called?

The Simonizer   B. Simon says   C. Simon   D. Simple Simon

4. For Children... Cards laid out face down, flip up two at a time. Can you find the matching pairs? What is this game called?

A. Go fish   B. Concentration   C. Old Maid   D Noddy

5. Geography... Everyone has probably been down Memory Lane at one time or another, but which of these US states actually has two Memory Lanes?

A. Pennsylvania   B. Texas   C South Carolina   D. California

6. History... Different countries and cultures commemorate days of remembrance at different times and for different reasons. In Canada, Remembrance Day is held on November 11th, marking the end of the Great War. In the United States, Memorial Day occurs on the last Monday in May, instituted after the Civil War. What date do Australians and New Zealanders observe ANZAC day, in honour of those fallen at the battle of Gallipoli in 1915?

A May 4<sup>th</sup>   B. April 25<sup>th</sup>   C. Jan 27<sup>th</sup>   D. Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

7. Literature... This novel portrayed a world in which history would be rewritten and the old version dropped down the "memory hole."

A. Future imperfect   B. 1984   C. Neuromancer   D. Brave new world

8. Movies... "Winter must be cold for those with no warm memories... we've already missed the spring!" Deborah Kerr uttered this memorable line in which movie?

A. Tea + sympathy   B. From here to eternity   C. An affair to remember   D. The end of the affair

Answers:

1.A   2.Shirley Temple   3.C   4. B   5.B   6.B   7.B   8.C