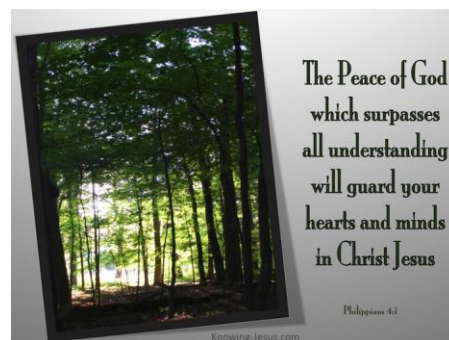


**Beulah Update:**  
**Weds 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
This week's theme is:  
**Peace of mind**



### **1. Worship resources**

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our Harvest service via Zoom at 10.30. The service will be led by Christine Cairns ( née Joynes!) assisted by her family.

**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. Nationally many churches are finding that it is easier for some people to join an online service for reasons of health, shift patterns, accessibility etc.

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

Several members have joined us by dialing in on the phone so give it a go. If you do dial in, can you make sure you mute yourself once the service gets going so there is no time lag ( enter \* then 6 ) and don't put it on speaker phone as this can cause an echo. We would normally ask for extra gifts at the Harvest Service for BMS but we felt that this would be more appropriate at our service on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, when our Link Missionary, Joy Ransom, is joining us. Further details in the next edition! The service on the 18<sup>th</sup> October will be led by Ruth Wollaston and will again be via Zoom.

Usual services and reflections from the home pages of the NWBA; the URC, who have announced that they will continue to produce their weekly Sunday services until Pentecost 2021 and will have special services for Advent and Epiphany, a carol service and a Christmas Eve communion service- we are grateful for all this assistance; from the Macedonia website: [Macedonia](#) . Thanks to Dorothy for the weekly Vine.

- **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, who is also worrying about Millie.
- Pray for those with health worries- for Peter who is now home and developing coping strategies for his new situation; for David Radcliffe as he recovers from his foot operation and for Peter, Steve's brother-in-law- both of these are having to have adaptations at home ; for Millie, who had an appointment with a bladder specialist on Sunday; for Elsa and Faith supporting her; for Elijah Boswell and Lee Marsland (Impact Church) who have been diagnosed with Covid- pray for them and their families; for Mary H; for Tom Ward, who is progressing at Birch Hill Hospital; for Wynne who has been unwell this last week; for David after his health scare.

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

- **A prayer for others from Roots on the web**

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O God, we come to pray not for ourselves, but for each other – for those we know and those we don't, for situations we understand and for those that confound us.

The news tells us of trauma and heartache across the world and we try to grasp the intensity of it all. Bless, O Lord, all involved in the hurting and the healing.

We hear of death and dying, of grieving and weeping... We hear of pain, scarring and disfigurement... We hear of anguish and confusion... We hear of those in need of help, and those who struggle to find it... We hear of the grieving and the sorrowful... We hear of the lost and the alone... And we know, Lord, there are myriad others known only to you.

Bless them all in their hurting and their healing. Amen.

### 3. Message from the Leaders

- At our latest meeting last week the Leaders discussed the views of the congregation about worship going forward. Although some people understandably want to return to Church soon, the vast majority felt that the practicalities of getting transport there, the rules around face coverings and no singing and the wish of some people still to shield, and thus we felt that it was better to continue with Zoom services through October.

We decided that we will aim for a re-opening on the 8<sup>th</sup> November- the reasons for this date were several: the Church ceiling is having some plastering and re-painting done from mid October after some damage from the past rain in; Joy Ransom will be joining us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov and this is easiest via Zoom; this date will hopefully allow us to iron out any teething problems before we have the lead -in to Christmas. The experiences of other Churches have indicated that there are likely to be some initial issues if we try to record/ stream the service so that people can join us physically or virtually. Please continue to pray for all the Leaders as they navigate through this difficult time. Much work is continuing in the background, with training on new technology(!), a lot of maintenance work on the Church building, pastoral care and financial matters. Thank you to everyone dealing with all this!

- Attached to this newsletter are two offerings of Bible Study via Zoom from the URC Missional Partnership. Both offers include the option of an afternoon session or an evening session. Please look at the content of both programmes and see if you can join in some of these sessions- both to support Graham and Darren, who have put a lot of work into developing the sessions, and to grow our understanding of the Bible and to join in fellowship with other local churches.

- **4. Weekly Challenges**

-Photo challenge from Steve-  
Where is this?

-Ask a younger or older member of your family to think of a 'word of wisdom' they can share. Encourage them to think especially of



something that could help us not to worry, or help us to rejoice. Alternatively, you might be able to write a note of encouragement to someone else this week.

### 5. Answers to last time's quiz on names;

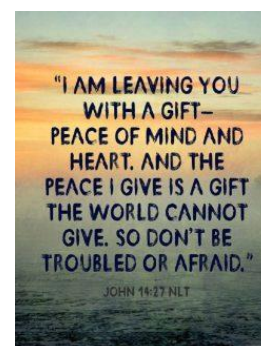
1. Who was blessed with laughter when her son was born and named him accordingly? a) Sarah
2. What does the name Adam mean? b) man or red earth the earth
3. When Naomi returned to Bethlehem, to what name, meaning "bitterness", did she change her name? d) Mara
4. Whose name means "my judge is God"? b) Daniel
5. Which of Jesus' titles means "the anointed"? d) Christ
6. What does the name "Elisha" mean? b) My God is salvation
7. What does the prefix "Bar" mean in a name? a) A son of
8. Mary, is the equivalent of which Hebrew name? c) Miriam

### 6. Other news

Hollins Millgate have asked us to advertise their food pantry, which will be open from 7p.m. – 8 p.m. on a Tues evening. Anyone can collect a food parcel- no referral is needed and no questions asked- just a friendly face. Please share this message with anyone you think might be interested.

### 7. Wordsearch: Peace of mind! Can you find these words?

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TEACHING  
FATHER      LOVE      OBEY      HOLY      GREATER  
AFRAID  
WORLD      PEACE      COME



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