Beulah Update: Weds 19th May





This week's theme is: We have a voice

1.Worship resources

Given the easing of restrictions this week we are delighted to be able to re-open the building at last for church services.

- Our service on Sunday 23rd May will be at Beulah at 11 a.m. and will be led by the Leaders. This is a bit of a trial run to see how we cope with all the rules that we need to follow. It will be an all-age service with no separate Junior Church. We will have activity packs for any children who come. There are further details of the protocols later in the newsletter.

- The service on the **30th May** will be led by Dorothy at Beulah.

-We are exploring how we can cater for people who can't come to the services at Beulah so watch this space! The usual online services and reflections continue for the moment and can be found on the home pages of the NWBA and the URC, and Sheila's weekly services from the Macedonia website: https://macedonia-urc.org Thanks to Dorothy for the weekly Vine.

-Ruth Wollaston continues with the short midweek service on the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Thursday of the month at 2 o' clock. Next service is Thurs 20th May. Log in details as follows: Meeting ID = 936 519 5146 Passcode = 1251

-Graham Tarn is continuing his weekly Bible Study sessions (he describes them as a friendly informal chat) on a Tues evening at 7-30 via Zoom. Log in details are as follows:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86712033672?pwd=a1pCVUI5eHNGbDZtZktiSFhxdFJBUT09

Meeting ID: 867 1203 3672 Passcode: 694220

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 restrictions.

Pray for all those we know who are grieving after the death of loved ones. Pray for those with health issues, especially for Betty, for Fred and for Julie's Mum in their situations. Pray also for Millie; for Ian Wh; for Margaret Ho; for Irene B ;for Peter; for Joe; for Wally; for David Hey; for Mavis Prenton; for Wynne; for Vera; for all those who are housebound for whatever reason.

Pray that the easing of restrictions will continue smoothly and will not result in a rise in hospitalizations, especially given the Indian variant.

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

Joy Ransom has written again of the worsening Covid situation in Nepal. In response to people asking how they can help she mentioned that at the Baptist Assembly on Sunday the collection was for BMS who are collecting for vaccines, fridges and vaccine carriers for Nepal. If you want to find out more or donate you can do so at: <u>https://covidfreeworld.org.uk/ba21/</u> You will want to pray for all the countries where the Covid 19 situation is not under control, and for a sharing of vaccines, resources and expertise across the globe in a fair way.

Happy 93rd birthday to Mary on the 31st May.



Congratulations to Amy Wilkinson on obtaining a job at Borth Animal Sanctuary. We wish her well in this new adventure.

A prayer from Christian Aid week

God of second chances, we recognise the damage we have done to the Earth and the injustice we see in society every day, all of it fuelled by worship of profit and possessions. We pray for the coming of a better world with justice, kindness and humility at its heart. We ask that you guide us to be co-creators of this new world. Give us confidence to follow the prophetic voices to stand against injustice to people and to planet. So that together, in your strength, we stop this climate crisis. We ask this in your name. Amen

3. Messages from the Leaders.

Attached to this newsletter is a document with the protocols for our worship in the church building. These are really important, so please read them carefully and familiarise yourself with the one way system that will operate. Entrance will only be via the Hall and exit via the church door. One of the Leaders will be stewarding and will explain where to sit. We will not be providing tea/ coffee at this stage. If you want to chat afterwards then please make sure you keep a safe distance apart.

4.Weekly Challenges

Listen to the "Song of Kingdom Come" which has inspired the theme for this newsletter: <u>We have a voice</u> It is the song for Christian Aid Week.

How might we use our voices to champion social justice and stewardship of God's creation?

Read these verses from the Bible about using our voices:

- 1. Jeremiah 1 v9
- 2. Acts 18 v 9-10
- 3. James 3 v 5
- 4. Colossians 3 v 17
- 5. Romans 10 v9