



17th February 2019

Number – 1004

Riverside Weekly

We welcome you to join with us as we Worship Jesus

11:00 All Age Communion – Rev Bob Thomas

Let's remember to give to the *Benevolent Fund* this
Communion Sunday

Reading:

Luke 6 v17-26 found on page 60 in the New Testament

Read by Sue Cheshire

Music by Ted Blackman & Peter Brookfield

Anna & Paul welcomed you at the door

Elizabeth gave out the books

David & Catherine are providing refreshments

Sue Cheshire is today's steward

*Today's flowers provided by Margaret & Sue Davies
Celebrating Spring*

Happy Birthday to:

Elias — Friday

Ellen — Saturday

Kath Morris — Saturday

*Do join us for tea or coffee after
the service this morning*



Church Diary

Sunday 17th February

11:00 All Age Communion — Rev Bob Thomas

Monday 18th February

9:30 Open the Book rehearsal at the Memorial Hall

10:30 Stewards Meeting at the Buttered Crust

2:00 Home Group at 5 Gerddi y Bache

7:30 “Book of the Month Club” at the Memorial Hall

Tuesday 19th February

10:00 Coffee Morning by Holy Cross Church at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 20th February

10:00 Prayer Group meet in the vestry — you are welcome to join us

Thursday 21st February

3:00 After-school Drop-In at the Memorial Hall

Saturday 23rd February

3:00 till 5:00 Messy Church

Sunday 24th February

11:00 Morning Worship — Rev Neville Pugh

Monday 25th February

7:00 Church Council at the Memorial Hall — all church members are able to attend.

Tuesday 26th February

10:00 Coffee Morning for the DropIn at the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 27th February

10:00 Prayer Group meet in the vestry — you are welcome to join us

7:30 Bible Study at Paul & Anna’s, the Book of Zephaniah

Friday 1st March

11:00 World Day of Prayer — at Holy Cross — all are welcome — refreshments afterwards in the Parish Rooms

12:30 Souper-Friday — the Memorial Hall — join us for soup, roll and tea/coffee

World Day of Prayer

(formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)

Friday March 1st at 11am in Holy Cross. This service is ecumenical and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Rooms.

There will be a planning meeting for this at 11:00 on Friday 22nd February at Holy Cross Church

“Book of the Month” club

A book reading group reading the Bible

Led by Richard Parkes, around the circuit, the group will read a book from the bible each month and then meet to learn more about and discuss the book. **(Each months session will be repeated four times, in different places, so everyone can attend when and where it is convenient)**

Review Leviticus & Numbers — prepare Deuteronomy

Monday 18th February 7:30 at Llangollen Memorial Hall

Tuesday 19th February 2:00 at Gresford and 7:30 at Wrexham

Friday 22nd February 2:00 at Caergwrle.

More Information from Richard 01978 852742

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Thank -You

I would like to sincerely thank everybody for my wonderful greetings I had for my 70th birthday. Being as I have been spending the last 45yrs of my life away from my birth family, I am so grateful for my lovely Methodist family here in Llangollen and Ruabon. I certainly would be a lost soul without the inspiration of you beautiful people.

Thank you all.

Sara..

Transport One

Some of us in the congregation occasionally can't get to Services or events because of distance, legs feeling wobbly or because basically the inclement weather puts us off using Shank's Pony! It would be wonderful if someone would think of offering us a lift sometimes, as we are not very good at asking for favours. If you could help, we would be very grateful.

Wrexham Methodist Circuit

Workshop On Dealing With Stress And Anxiety

For Pastoral Visitors and those interested in the topic.

The aim of the Workshop is to help us come to an understanding of how we can deal with everyday stress and anxiety. It will be facilitated by Cynthia Fenton Jones and Yvonne Davies.

When; Thursday March 21st 2019

Time; 10am – 12noon.

Venue; Memorial Hall, Market St., Llangollen.

Please let us know if you are coming by contacting Yvonne with your name and telephone number ; yand.davies@btinternet.com or 01978 860557.

Thank you.

Transport Two

Some of us have noticed that occasionally people are missing from our pews or at social events and we miss their company. It often doesn't occur to us until afterwards that maybe the only reason they weren't there is because of lack of transport, and we're not very good about thinking to offer a lift in advance. Please don't be afraid to ask if ever there's an occasion where we could be of use – we would love to be able to help if we can.

THE BIG DAY OUT

1.30pm for a 2pm Bounce at Treetop Nets
Zip World Forest Betws y Coed LL24 0HX

5pm Session 1 at St Paul, Bridge street,
Abergele LL22 7HA

5.30pm Pizza and Pop

6pm Session 2

6.30pm go home

Saturday 23rd March 2019

cost £20 each

plus some pocket money for the cafe

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The editor's jottings!

Young Uns— Congratulations to everyone who took part and helped put on a wonderful show

Norman



Readings

Luke 6:17-26 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.' (v. 20)

Background

Jesus had spent a night on a mountain, praying. Luke tells us that Jesus came down the mountain and encountered a large crowd who were eager to listen and to be touched by his healing. Perhaps there are echoes of Moses descending from the mountain full of the Holy Spirit, bringing the word of God for the people?

So what did that crowd hear? Perhaps they were taken by surprise. Perhaps they were yearning for revolutionary slogans that would challenge the status quo. Perhaps they already suspected that Jesus' words would turn the world upside down. They wouldn't have been disappointed. The form of his words would have been familiar to them. The casting of sharp contrasts between blessing and sorrow was there in the wisdom and the prophets. There's an example in Mary's Song in Luke 1:46-55.

Jesus' message challenges our key assumptions about how the world works. How can poverty be a blessing? How can sorrow bring happiness? Many in that crowd would know about hunger and social exclusion first hand. All of them lived under harsh foreign occupation. These words would have come as a spark of hope – perhaps hope against hope. Perhaps Jesus really meant those inflammatory, prophetic words in the synagogue at Nazareth that had got him into so much trouble (Luke 4:18-19)? Perhaps there is good news for the poor, release for captives, recovery of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed?

Let's not forget just how radical the message of Jesus really is. He proclaims a kingdom where those who are least really are greatest, where the sick are healed and the captives find freedom. That kingdom can be glimpsed now in the transformed lives of those who will follow him and accept the forgiveness and healing he offers. But building the kingdom will take time and perseverance – are we still willing to be counted in? If so, we can expect to face the same ridicule and opposition the prophets did, but we will be travelling in Jesus' footsteps.

To Ponder

Who are those in our world who are poor, hungry, full of tears? If they are the ones who are blessed in God's eyes, how might we view them differently?

Spend some time asking God how you can be part of the project to build God's kingdom among those you will encounter this coming week.

Bible notes author: Bob Bartindale

Llangollen
Eisteddfod Gerddorol Ryngwladol Llangollen
Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Invites you to our

Cymanfa Ganu
St David's Day Celebration

Friday 1st March
at 7pm

St Collen's Church, Llangollen

An international take on the Welsh tradition
of communal hymn singing

£5 Programme/Ticket | Refreshments
A warm welcome to everyone! | *Croeso cynnes i bawb!*

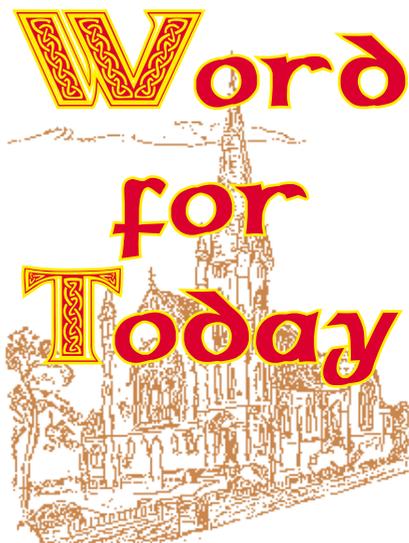
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Encourage Your Pastor

'Honour—your leaders in the Lord's work.'

1 Thessalonians 5:12 NLT

IF YOU want to encourage your pastor: 1) Cut the criticism. Most workers are evaluated each year based on their job performance; pastors are evaluated every week. Remember, if a particular sermon doesn't scratch where you itch, chances are somebody else needs to hear it. 2) 'Remember your leaders who taught you the word' (Hebrews 13:7 NLT), and pray for their spiritual growth. Goethe said; 'If you treat a person as he is, he'll stay that way. But if you treat him as what he ought to be, he'll become what he ought to be and could be.' 3) Write a note. Especially when something your leader says or does ministers to you. Verbal encouragement is good, but a note can be read many times over. 4) Put your talents to work. For example, if you're mechanically inclined, service the pastor's car. If you're technologically savvy, help them improve their computer skills. Instead of saying, 'You need to do this,' say, 'I'd like to help by doing.' Ask where your skills are most needed and become an active participant. 5) Squash gossip.



James said, 'If you...don't control your tongue...your religion is worthless' (James 1:26 NLT). Counter negative talk with positive comments, and correct misinformation with truth. If all else fails — walk away! 6) Be openly responsive. Nothing encourages leaders like seeing people respond to their preaching and teaching. 7) Lose the measuring stick. Instead of expecting them to be a mirror image of their predecessor, thank God for your pastor's individual style to minister to those in need.

Thank God for your pastor, and the way that they minister to those in need.

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