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# Riverside Weekly

Take a moment to listen to the still small voice of God within the bustle of the day which has begun. Find a quiet place where you can enjoy precious moments of peace in God's presence. Sit quietly and listen to the sounds of the world around you, both outside and in the place where you are. Breathe slowly and rest in God's presence.....

**You are the God who calls us to be:**

a chosen people — a living sacrifice — a holy nation.

**You are the God who calls us to be:**

a light in this world — a faithful people — a people of praise.

**You are the God:**

who forgives and restores us — the God we serve.

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## **Online Resources for home worship**

Zoom Circuit Service 10:30 Sunday (meeting open from 10:00)

Zoom Meeting ID: 878 5676 7394

Please see links from home page of Methodist Website

[www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

## **Material to download**

For adults — [www.rootsontheweb.com/adultsathome12jul](http://www.rootsontheweb.com/adultsathome12jul)

For Children — [www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome12jul](http://www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome12jul)

**Happy Birthday to**

**Megan — Monday**

**Godfrey — Wednesday**

**Anniversary Congratulations to**

**David & Yvonne — Friday**

Dear friends, do you remember the hymn that says:

*"Whosoever will, whosoever will,"  
Send the proclamation over vale and hill;  
'Tis a loving Father, calls the wanderer home:  
"Whosoever will, may come."*

One of the sad effects of the coronavirus lockdown is that most weddings scheduled for this summer have had to be postponed until next year. Some couples have taken advantage of the recent easing of lockdown to hold a more modest wedding celebration with just a few guests, but imagine a wedding where none of the invited guests turn up! Jesus tells the story of such a wedding in Matthew chapter 22.

In this story a certain King invites his friends to the wedding of his son, but when the big day arrives the invited guests all make their excuses – not one of them turns up, and despite the King's pleading they can't be persuaded to attend. So the King sends his servants out into the highways and byways, telling them to invite everyone they meet to the wedding banquet, regardless of who they are or what they may have done – no one is to be excluded and all are welcome.

### **Be encouraged by the words of the psalmist**

"Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46: 10)

If you have an article, news or comments for publication, please send them to me. Norman— [editor@llangollenmethodist.org.uk](mailto:editor@llangollenmethodist.org.uk)

## Letter

Similarly, in life God invites us to know him through Christ and to be part of his family. As in the story the invitation is for everyone. Not one of us is so bad that we are excluded, and that's what is so amazing about grace - "Whosoever will may come!"

The invitation is to a feast, for God encourages us to enjoy to the full the rich variety of opportunities and experiences that life offers us, and to understand ourselves as people loved and blessed by God, freely forgiven and in turn enabled to love and bless others. "I have come" said Jesus, "that they might have life in all its fullness."

But the invitation requires a response from us. We have the choice either to make our excuses and stay away, or to accept God's invitation and enter into life - a choice I made over forty years ago as a teenager. It's a fact that the invitation is for everyone, but more particularly the invitation is for you! And I say choose Jesus and choose life - come to the feast!

Best wishes to all,

*Phil*

The next zoom prayer meeting will be on Saturday 18th July at 10am.

The meeting number is 8485911003 and the password wxmprayer. I am also hoping that before too long I will be able to arrange some socially distanced outdoor prayer meetings, we obviously need to wait for permission from the welsh government before that happens though.

You are all in my prayers, Lisa

## Changing Lockdown

*As we move from the strict Lockdown of the past 4 months let us pray for:*

Wisdom for the officials who have to decide what is safe to do at the moment.

Wisdom for those responsible for opening premises including businesses, halls and churches — may they make practical, safe decisions.

Restraint for those who now want to do everything as before immediately — may they be aware of the safety concerns of others.

Support for those who are fearful of infection or mixing with people after so long in isolation.

May we all have understanding as to what we should do and of how others are thinking and feeling.

May we like the psalmist of old always remember to give our praise and thanks to God..

### **Worship on Radio & TV**

Radio Wales Sunday 7:30 & 18:30— Celebration

Radio 4 Sunday 8:10 — Sunday Worship

Radio 4 long wave weekdays 9:45 — Daily Service

TV BBC1 Sunday 10:45 — Sunday Worship

TV BBC1 Sunday 13:15 — Songs of Praise

TV S4C Sunday 11:00 — Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol

TV S4C Sunday 7:30 — Dechrau Canu Dechrau