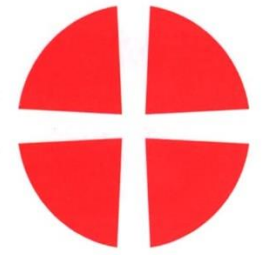




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Let Your Light Shine.

**It's not about treating anyone differently,
it's about treating everyone the same**

Dear Friends,

Well, what a month it's been, someone said the other day that the only person who hasn't resigned this month is the queen, even Chris Evans has resigned from top gear! It was certainly a surreal feeling waking up in Germany on Friday the 24th June to hear that Great Britain had voted to leave the EU. As the day wore on and I watched the news sink in across the various media I realised that Britain is a very divided country with many people happy and rejoicing others shocked and hurt and others angry and feeling unwanted. As time has gone on it feels as though our future as a untied country has become more uncertain.

To be honest my gut reaction to the result of the referendum is don't panic! Because actually my hope is not in the European Union, it's not in the leader of any particular political party, my hope is not even in our nation. My feet are planted on the rock of Jesus Christ and if I am following him then actually, on one level, it doesn't really matter, what really matters is am I loving my neighbour as myself? That should be what is driving anything and everything we do as individual, churches, communities and as a nation.

Throughout the day on that Friday the words of a hymn we going around and around in my head.

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore
from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930);
based on the German on Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

The hymn calls us to trust God rather than "mortal pride" or "earthly glory." It reminds us that "sword and crown betray our trust." It calls us to praise the one whose "great goodness e'er endureth" and it promises that "ye who follow shall not fall."

It seemed to me that on that Friday and during the weeks since, God was calling me to focus on God and what God can do.

Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians that "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20) At the time of writing citizens of the Roman Empire were expected to promote the interests of Rome and maintain the dignity of the city. Paul was saying that this should be true of citizens of heaven. We should be promoting the interests of heaven on earth. If we are citizens of heaven, then it seems to me that we should be getting on with the job of loving our neighbour with our eyes firmly fixed on God.

What do you think?

Blessings,

Rev Jan

Church Lunch

On Sunday the 31st of July, the Leadership Team are holding a Church lunch in the Lounge after the morning service.

The lunch will be 4 courses, plus coffee and tea, and the cost is £5 per head.

The starter will be either soup or pate (with French toast), chicken roast dinner or vegetarian alternative and cheese and biscuits.

Places are limited to 50, on a first come first basis. If you would like to join us at the lunch, then please put your name on the list in the lounge, indicating whether you want soup or pate for starter and if you want the vegetarian option.

We look forward to welcoming you to lunch and hope you enjoy this afternoon of food and fellowship.

The Leadership Team

Young People's Anniversary

Thank you to everyone for their positive comments after last week's Young People's Anniversary service, I'm really glad you enjoyed the service as much as the children did. It was lovely to see everyone joining in with the songs "I Love You!" and "Our God is a Great Big God!".

Thank you to everyone who helped during the service, Liz on the piano, Tash, Reece and Sam for working the sound desk and laptop and, of course, all the youth leaders for organising and encouraging the children during the service.

Mike Owen

Next Issue

The next edition of **The Link** will be published on the **Sunday the 11th of September 2016**. Therefore, items for inclusion in the next edition need to reach me by **Sunday the 4th of September**.

Thanks,

Mike (MikeOwen10@aol.com)

Parent, Carer and Toddler Sponsored Toddle.

On Monday the 20th of June, the children at the Parent, Carer and Toddler group completed a sponsored toddle in aid of Barnado's.

As the weather was wet, instead of toddling round the field, the toddlers walked round the hall and through the Church.

At the end of the walk, Florence Hodge presented the children with their medals and the children presented Florence with a present to celebrate her 90th Birthday.

Lin Mayor



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Sunday Services

09:00 am.	Holy Communion – first Sunday of each Month
10:30 am.	Morning Worship – including Crèche, J Team and Teenscene
18:30 am.	Evening Fellowship – see Weekly Notices

Weekly Programme

Day	Meeting	Time	Contact
Monday	Parent, Carer & Toddler Group	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Margaret Boston (211548)
	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Playgroup	12:50 – 14:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Monday Evening Fellowship	20:00 –	Mrs Joan Owen (220436)
Tuesday	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Playgroup	12:50 – 14:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Bible Study Fellowship	10:45 –	Mrs Dorothy Taylor (211643)
	Prayer Fellowship	19:00 – 20:00	Mrs Pat Wright (213647)
Wednesday	Knit & Craft Club, see website for details	13:00 – 16:00	Mrs Dorothy Mitchell (228430)
	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Boys' Brigade & Girls' Brigade	18:30 – 21:30	Mrs Kay Owen (225126)
	Wednesday Group - every 4 th Wednesday		Miss Heather Jackson (532977) Mrs Sheila Jones (227661)
Thursday	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Thought for the Day	10:15 –	Mr George Phillips (514795)
	Playgroup	12:50 – 14:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Choir Practice	19:30 – 21:00	Mr Glenn Howard (840485)
Friday	Preschool	09:15 – 11:45	Mrs Mai-Ling Duckworth (509944)
	Chris Wright's School of Dance & Drama	16:00 – 19:15	Miss Alison Wright (0773 4305348)
Saturday	Chris Wright's School of Dance & Drama	09:15 – 15:00	Miss Alison Wright (0773 4305348)
	Monthly Messy Church (see Website)	16:00 – 18:00	See the Church Website for details
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