

May  
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FEAR  
NOT  
for  
I AM  
*with you*

Isaiah 41:10

*'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus.'*

*Vision Statement*



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In view of the current restrictions imposed by the covid19 pandemic, we will NOT be publishing a print edition of this issue of the Magazine. I hope you enjoy looking at this on the kirk website, albeit smaller in size and content than usual. John Gill, Editor

## A prayer for May

Almighty God, sitting enthroned in the heavens, we praise you because you, our Father, are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. In these days of constant change & uncertainty, thank you that you never change.

May we live each day conscious of your love surrounding us and your power strengthening us.

We pray for our fellow believers, those here in Liberton, throughout our nation and all over the world. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder,

encouraging one another in faith and upholding one another in prayer.

May we carry your light to the people we meet and bring your peace and hope to those living in fear.

Lord Jesus, there will be no end to the increase of your government and peace.

We pray that many would be drawn to you in these days, that they would seek and find the security that is only found in you. Let your Kingdom come, your will be done, here on earth as in heaven.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Our Theme for 2020 is**  
*"Your Word is a lamp to my feet  
 and a light to my path"*



## What answer will we give them?

I've been a chaplain to Gracemount High School since 1996, and I've seen a lot of changes in the last 24 years; but nothing has compared to what we are all going through just now.

The Coronavirus crisis is not just affecting us, or our community, it is affecting the whole world. We don't know when it will end, and we don't know what the world will look like when it does.

This year, because the schools closed early, the chaplains were not able to take our usual Easter Assemblies, and so, instead, I was asked to record a brief message for the Gracemount High School community.

In the film I suggested that we all focus on the things that really matter, such as ...

- ♦ the things that we often take for granted, like our health, and our loved ones and the community of which we are a part,
- ♦ the need to stay safe, which means acknowledging that we cannot manage this on our own, and we need to look after each other
- ♦ And finally, (and this had something of an Easter ring to it), the need for sacrifice – for giving up doing the things we like doing, for the sake of the well-being of others.



One of Jesus most challenging teachings is this...

*'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?'*

*(Luke 9.23-5)*

The events we are living through just now will be talked about for years to come. So, here's a thought to finish with. When the day come when we find ourselves in conversation with someone who was too young to remember the coronavirus crisis, or who was born after it is all over, and they ask us questions like ...

*"What was it like?" and*

*"What did you do to help others get through it?"*,

what answer will we give them?

My hope and prayer is that we will all have lots to say.

Much love

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Smith' or similar, written in a cursive style.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Samuel 8:1 - 10:1, 17-24

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel  
but he was now old. The leaders of the  
twelve tribes came to talk to him...

We want a king like all  
the other countries



God told Samuel  
It's not you they are  
rejecting but Me.



If you have a king, he will  
take your sons to be his  
army and your daughters to  
work in his palace.



He will take the best of  
your land, your crops  
and your animals



We still want a king.

Samuel sent them home.



I was  
hoping he would choose me..

Saul and his servant were  
looking for some donkeys  
that had run off.



They decided to ask  
Samuel to ask God  
where the donkeys were



God told Samuel that  
Saul was to be the  
king



Samuel called everyone to a  
meeting and told them that  
God had chosen a king.



God told them that Saul  
was to be their king...



but Saul was hiding.

He's behind the luggage.



and they found Saul.

The people cheered!



Long live the King!



## Faith Story from Francis Watts

I count it a blessing to have been born into a Christian family and you could say *My Faith Journey* started the day I was born. Both my parents came from large families and both sides were staunch members of The Salvation Army from its earliest days.

My parents and three of their siblings became Officers (Ministers) in that "Army". My parents' early postings took us to the slums and areas still left derelict from the bombing of WW2.

Here we lived alongside the people my parents worked with, and here I learnt some early lessons about Christian faith and practice: that God was already there when we arrived and met our needs in many ways; that preaching the Gospel by your deeds was every bit as powerful as a sermon; that living in a close community could be very supportive, but you also need time to be alone. In those places I saw many lives transformed when people responded to Jesus. But, like many before me.

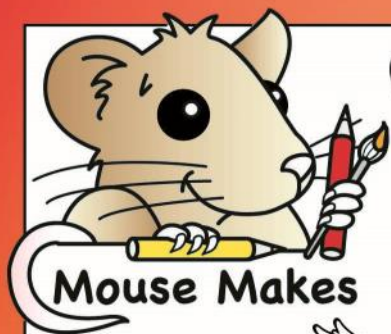
I drifted away from the church in my late teens. Lyn and I married in 1977 and a year later recommitted ourselves to the Lord. In 1980 we started fulltime Ministry with The Salvation Army. So began some thirty years of following the path God had planned for us.

Along with challenges and disappointments the years had many happy and fulfilling times. I count those years to have been a privilege. Retirement came early when I lost much of my sight. Other problems have come over time, but a refrain from an old song expresses well what I have proved on my Faith Journey.

I'm in His hands, I'm in His hands,  
Whate'er the future holds I'm in His hands,  
The days I cannot see have all been planned for me.  
His way is best, you see I'm in His hands.

(S. Dittmer 1924-2003)





"The fruit of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness, faithfulness  
gentleness and self control.



If we live by the Spirit, let us also  
behave in accordance with the Spirit"



Read  
Galatians  
5:13-26

How many  
other words can you find  
using the letters from:

**FRUIT OF  
THE SPIRIT?**



U O  
N T R V  
G R A C E G O D  
B T H E L P E A C E  
T P A T I E N C E I  
J G T R U S T R J  
C R L O R D L E E  
A K I N D N E S S  
L O V E H O N T U  
M J E R O D E K S  
G O O D N E S S  
C A Y M O E L S  
O B L E S S I S  
N F R U I T G P  
D T Y H O L Y H I  
A S E L F C O N T R O L P S E R V E V  
A U C O N S I D E R A T E O A R T M I E V E R  
E B N I N T E G R I T Y O D Y C A R E S N E  
B I C O M P A S S I O N E A C Y A N H T  
A T O L E R A N C E S I E L O E I T H  
Y G E N E R O S I T Y D T R R N S  
F A I T H F U L N E S S Y D Y T  
G O O D W I L L P

A M E N  
G C H H  
R R H E O D  
J E E E A P O

Which  
symbol goes  
with which fruit?



**LOVE • CARE • CHERISH • JOY • DELIGHT • PEACE • ACCORD  
AGREEMENT • UNITY • CALM • CONTENTMENT • REST  
PATIENCE • TOLERANCE • KINDNESS • COMPASSION • HELP  
GOODWILL • GENEROSITY • GOODNESS • HONESTY • INTEGRITY  
FAITHFULNESS • LOYALTY • TRUST • GENTLENESS • CONSIDERATE  
SELF CONTROL • RESTRAINT • FRUIT • SPIRIT • LIVE • SERVE**



Provisional programme which may change,  
subject to level of restrictions in place at the time of  
the events > watch our web for further updates

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Liberton Kirk Centre 7-8pm**  
**Prayers for STAGE'N'SLAM**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**LAUNCH SERVICE FOR STAGE'N'SLAM**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
**BIG IDEA WEEKEND**  
**Teaching and Prayer together on 5<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am-12**  
**Joint Evening Service of Celebration on 6<sup>th</sup> - 7pm**

*You are invited to come along!*  
*You are encouraged to bring someone with you!*  
*We are called to prayerfully support each event*



## Congregational News

I am sorry to record the death of **Mr Ron Fulton**, who died peacefully on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020. Ron moved south some years ago to live in a retirement home, closer to his family, to whom I send my condolences. Ron, an Elder at Liberton, will be fondly remembered as the editor of the Kirk Magazine from September 1981, until I took over from him at the end of 2004 - a period of 23 years !!

I also have to record the death of **Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Powrie** on 14<sup>th</sup> March, in her 99<sup>th</sup> year, after a short illness. I also send my sympathies to **her** family and friends



If you have any items of interest about members, or their friends,  
that you would like to share, please pass details to the Editor, for inclusion  
in the Congregational News section of the Magazine.

( Due to the Coronavirus situation, all of the dates below are subject to change > please check our website regularly for updates )

## May 2020 Diary

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook <b>All-age 'Zoom' Worship @ 11am</b> Theme: Jeremiah buys a field (Jeremiah 31.1-6; 32.1-15) Preacher: John Young
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook <b>7.30pm - 'Virtual' KS Executive (Zoom)</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook <b>All-age 'Zoom' Worship @ 11am</b> Theme: Jeremiah's scroll (Jeremiah 36) Preacher: John Young
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook <b>7.30pm - 'Virtual' Kirk Session (Zoom)</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook <b>3.00pm - 'Virtual' Café Board meeting (Zoom)</b> <b>8.00pm - 'Virtual' CMI team planning and review</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook <b>All-age 'Zoom' Worship @ 11am</b> Theme: Jeremiah down the well (Jeremiah 38.1-13) Preacher: John Young
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm - 'Virtual' SEECAT planning meeting 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook <b>7.30pm - 'Virtual' Sapiens discussion evening (Zoom)</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

**All-age 'Zoom' Worship @ 11am**

Theme: Can anyone follow Jesus (Matthew 9.9-13)

Preacher: John Young

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

**7.30pm - 'Virtual' Congregational Prayer Night (Zoom)**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

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**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

**All-age 'Zoom' Worship @ 11am**

Theme: The Holy Spirit and confidence (Acts 2&4)

Preacher: John Young

## June 2020

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

**8pm - 'Virtual' New Elders huddle reunion (Zoom)**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

**7.30pm - 'Virtual' Communications Team meeting (Zoom)**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> COMMUNION SUNDAY**

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

**All-age 'Zoom' Communion Service @ 11am**

Theme: The Holy Spirit, wisdom & direction (John 14.15-27)

Preacher: John Young



To join in with the zoom, on-line services and meeting, listed above, you will need to install "Zoom Cloud Meeting" software on your device (PC, laptop, phone or tablet) This is available on Apple App store, or on Google Play, for Android devices; or from the ZOOM web site at <http://zoom.us>

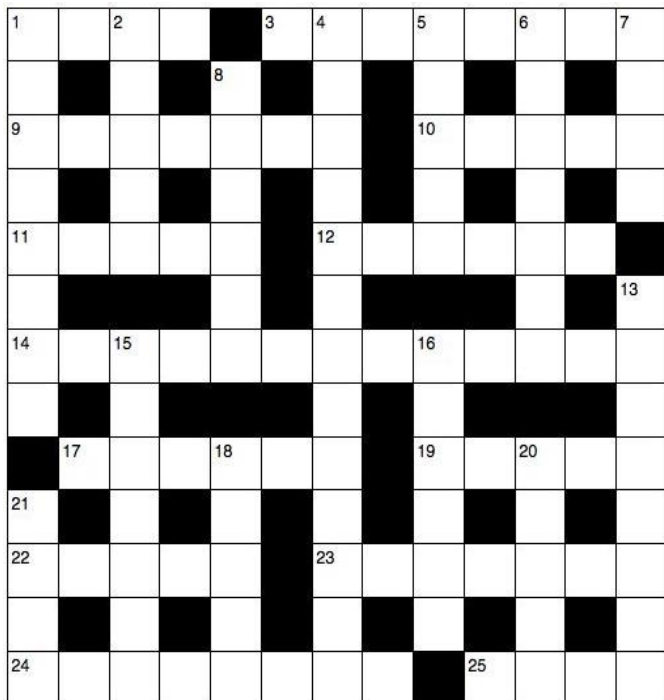
## Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

## Crossword

## Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)



- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

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# LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

MAY 20

***I thank my God every time I remember you.  
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy..”  
Philippians 1 verses 3 and 4***



During 2020 we are looking at *standing on the promises of God* – as well as dipping into *Psalms 119* some weekends - pausing in prayer at our times of *Midday Devotion* for others in our church family, our city and our world in this particular year.

*In May we are considering the theme of PRAYER  
and the Thy Kingdom Come prayer venture approaching Pentecost.*  
We are all encouraged to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey together in our 'rhythm of devotion' during this year of 2020.

These Devotions are but one way to feed on God's Word in the morning, at midday, in the evening ... to pray with Him continually through the day and even to share with others the treasures or hurdles you discover.

The Church website and Facebook page (even on a handy mobile) provide a fuller daily devotional page. However it all follows the pattern below which the information provided fits into, based on the Kirk's origins of the Celtic and Northumbrian traditions which we started as a church family in 2015.

## **Morning**

Reading and Meditation on the  
content and prayer of response

## **Midday**

Prayer – mostly for others

## **Evening**

Verse(s) from the morning reading  
Reflection and Prayer at end  
of the day

Please use this pattern if you are unable to access the internet -  
Or contact Alastair Cameron who can print the daily pattern for you.

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Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	2 CHRONICLES 7.14 – take time to consider this verse today. What is your response to what you read? and then pray to our God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our nation in these days.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what you read - then pray
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning	PSALM 37 verse 5 – take time to consider these words today. What is God saying to you from this verse? Pray in response to Him
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on the truths here.....and pray in response
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning	PSALM 138 - take time and consider this psalm today. What is God saying to you from it today? Then pray to this God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to our LORD God Including praying for our Church in these days
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JEREMIAH 29.13 – take time to carefully consider this verse. What is God saying to you this morning? Then take time to pause and pray in response to our God – for others as well as yourself at this time
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those seeking God's guidance at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, and pray to our God in response.
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JEREMIAH 33.3 – consider what is said here. What do the words mean for you today? and then pray in response to what you read
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read these words again – reflect, then pray in response to our God
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	HABAKKUK 2.3 - consider these particular words today. What is God saying to you from them? Then Pray to our God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Liberton Northfield church family
	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect, pray at the end of your day
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	MATTHEW 6.6 – carefully consider these words of Jesus. What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response to God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Gracemount Church family
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect on the words here.....and then pray.
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	ACTS 2 vs 38-40 – consider these words on this particular Friday. What is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Ferniehill Church family
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect, and pray to our God.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 26+27 – take time to consider these words. What is God saying to you today from His Word? Take time to Pray to Him in response to what you read
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 1.3-7 - consider these verses on this particular morning. Then pray in response to the LORD our God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these words again, reflect on their meaning for you and then pray
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	EPHESIANS 3.20+21 – take time to consider these verses. What words stay with you? What is your response to God's Word today?



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		And then pray in response to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Gilmerton+Moredun churches
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then humbly pray in response
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	EPHESIANS 6.10-20 – consider these words this morning.. What is God saying to you today from them? – then pray in response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray in response as your day ends.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	PHILIPPIANS 1.3-11 – consider what is said here today. What words stays with you? And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the City Council in our city in these days
	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to this Jesus.
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	PHILIPPIANS 4.6+7 – take time to consider what is said here. What do these words mean for you today? And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who work in the Scottish Parliament
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on all that is said - then pray to our God
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	1 TIMOTHY 2.1-7 – take time to consider these verses as your day starts. What is God saying to you? Then pray in response pray God's blessing on our Leadership Ministry Team in these days
	Midday	read these verses again – reflect on the words, then pray to God
	Evening	HEBREWS 10.19-23 – take time to consider these words today
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	What is God saying to you this morning? Pray to Him in response....
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, and then pray in response to this God
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	HEBREWS 13.13-19 – consider these verses this morning. What words stay with you? Then pray to God in response for our Church family in these days.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray to the LORD our God
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JAMES 1 verse 5 – take time to consider these words today. What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him humbly and honestly
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our children and young people
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, pray to our God as your day closes
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JAMES 5.13-20 – consider this particular passage today. What is God saying to you today? then take time to pray to this God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome'
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	1 JOHN 5 vs 14+15 - prayerfully consider these verses today. Which words stay with you? Then Pray to our God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those in need of knowing God's comfort
	Evening	read the words again, reflect, then pray at the end of your day
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	MATTHEW 5.5-8 – consider these words this morning as Thy Kingdom Come prayer venture starts – until 31 <sup>st</sup> . What do

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		they mean for you today? – pray in response as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who walk through the cemetery land
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning	MATTHEW 5.9-15 – consider all that is said here. What is God saying to you today from His Word? pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on a family in need known to you at this time
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning	MATTHEW 7.7-12 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you? Take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	MATTHEW 18.19+20 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again, reflect then pray for our Church family
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 14 vs 12-14 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you this morning? then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the materials in Perspex boxes at our gates
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect, then pray to our God in response
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 14 vs 25 and 26 – consider these words today. What is God saying to you? Then pray in response to this Jesus.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray in response – for our world
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 15 vs 5-8 – consider all that happens here. And then pray to this Jesus as you step into today.
	Midday	pray a blessing on our nation in these days
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, and then pray to the LORD our God.
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 16 vs 25-28 - consider these verses today and pause to pray for others as well as yourself this morning.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those grieving and mourning at this time.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and pray.
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 17 vs 1-5 – consider all that is said here. What is God saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those facing money worries at this time.
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God.
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 17 vs 6-19 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you? Take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer.
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	PENTECOST - JOHN 17 vs 20-26 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you this morning? - then pray in response.
	Evening	read this passage again ... reflect .. and then pray with thanksgiving!

# Fresh Start

Hello everyone

This is the latest update from *Fresh Start*

# FreshStart

helping people make a home for themselves

The premises are closed at the moment due to Covid-19. Therefore we are not accepting goods. Some of the staff are working all-out to make sure the most needy are receiving food and cleaning materials ,and any other help they can give.

Please stay safe and pray we can all get thorough this terrible time.

Sylvia Bennett

# FreshStart

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(Messy Church logo

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*The twins had been doing Messy Church at home.*

## Flower Fund donations and dedications for May

While there will be no church services over May, we thank the following for the donations and dedications have been made :

- 3<sup>rd</sup> May      Mrs Helen Whyman and Mrs Dorothy Parr  
                 in memory of **Aileen and Jim Whyman**
- 10<sup>th</sup> May     Mrs Helen Hodgkinson  
                 in memory of **Janet McGregor**
- 17<sup>th</sup> May     Mrs Ann Weir  
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## Editors note

Material for the Summer issue, can be sent to me at any time; but should be in my hands at the latest **by Sunday 17th May**

The deadline for the September edition is Sunday 16th August  
information can be left in my box in the Offering House, or sent to me at 8 Fairmile Avenue, phone 477 9156. email to **[gillfairmile@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gillfairmile@blueyonder.co.uk)**

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