



*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit,
to sustain me.*

Psalm 51 verse 12



Sunday 24th October 2021

10:30 am Hybrid Worship service at the Community Hall

It is half term for all schools this coming week, so our Sunday Club will not be running for the next two Sundays. Our services will have elements suitable for all ages.

Live at the hall. For those at the hall, there will be opportunity for and (socially distanced) socialising. Refreshments served at the end of service.

Live on Zoom will be open from 10:00 a.m. Afterwards we will, as last week, have the option of joining others in chat rooms of about 4-5.

If you know of anyone outside of KCBC who joins us, please let them know about the recording or alternatively invite them by passing on the Zoom details. If you need help, please contact one of the tech team, who will be delighted to assist you - David B, Darren, Jack, Phil, Nick, Richard

Prayer chain

Nat Bond 01626 366668 email: natfromfife@gmail.com

If you are not on the chain at the moment, would like to put things on the prayer chain or would like to be involved please talk to Nat.



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Please remember our diary in your daily prayer

Monday 25th October

8:00pm Leadership Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday 26th October

No KILTS due to half-term

Wednesday 27th October

7:30pm Long Barrton homegroup meeting at Haytor Drive

Sunday 31st October

10:30am Worship service at the Community Hall - please bring your shoeboxes more information on page 5

From the Pastor...

Certainty is what we want. Direct answers, clear forecasts. We want to know. When will we reach Covid herd immunity, will I be OK, when will we all be getting back to normal?

The problem is, life isn't like that, is it? So much uncertainty. So many big questions unanswerable. And the Lord doesn't often let know what is coming up. But the Lord gives us the way to live, following Jesus, but God does not operate like a celestial Google, giving answers on demand.

Jesus didn't answer everything in a straightforward way. Strangely, He often spoke in veiled terms, using parables and short sayings which raised even more questions. What He did was to get us to think deeper, to feel our way through the questions and in the struggle grow in insight. So maybe uncertainty, in the hands of God, can be useful in our growth in faith.

So we are left having to learn to live with uncertainty and live with the questions. And knowing how Jesus worked with the disciples, steering them though how to live despite the uncertainty, we know that the Spirit is with us as we tread the unpredictable pathways of life.

David



Notes for your diary

- **Friday outings**

Friday November 19th, both at 10.30am for coffee and time to chat inside the Pavilion Community Café in Forde Park, Newton Abbot. All are welcome. Please let Christina or Sue Watkin know if you'd like to come so we can let the café know how much space we need.

Friday December 3rd for a Christmas special. Time, activity and location to be confirmed nearer the time.

- **Shoebox appeal** please bring your items to church on the 31st October, more information below

- **Quiz**

Graham has kindly agreed to continue to host Quizzes via zoom as long as we have enough interest so invite friends and family and don't forget you can now meet in groups to make up teams. The next one will be on Saturday 20th November more information to follow.

- **Messy Church**

Saturday 27th November (more information below) if you can help in any way please let David know

Getting going again

As we look to get the church functioning again, there are many ways you can get involved. Here are some to consider.

- Help operate the PA. Not over-taxing as our young people have shown over the Summer. Full training is provided.
- Operating the laptop and projector. Young people have shown the way again over the Summer. It is not too complicated but a vital part of what we offer in the service.
- Setting up the hall. Chairs, tables, bits and pieces of PA all need getting out those cupboards and putting in the right place. Come down at 9:00 to lend a hand.
- Welcoming. Each week 2 people need to be on the doors from 10:00 to welcome everyone, hand things out and be around should help be needed in the service.
- Help with Eagles and Owls on a rota basis.
- Serving refreshments. As we start this up again, eventually we need a team to sustain it.
- KILTS and Messy Church. We need a new set of people for each as our teams have been depleted over lockdown.

A full instructions are provided for each team.

If you are able to help please let David or a member of the leadership team know you really will be an answer to prayer.... Thank you

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing” 1 Thess. 5:11



We need to encourage each other and stay connected. Do you have a Bible verse, poem, passage or song or any of the following? Something you are thankful for. Something that has made you laugh. If you have found something online that would be a good resource for us, please share. If you don't feel comfortable sharing in "person" this may be the way for you to encourage others. *Sarah*

Thank you to Michael Trigg for the following

Don't look at the signs! Find the love!

John 4:43 - 54

Exeter is a long-established city; there is evidence of the settlement from about 250 B.C. The Romans established a base there in about A.D. 45. From that time on Exeter was prominent amongst the cities of England as a port and with its great cathedral and university.

Exeter has become such a hub of activity that many kinds of business have set up in it, with the resultant traffic congestion. It can take commuters a long time to travel from the outskirts of the city centre at rush-hour and other busy times.

Imagine that the town planners sit down and they manage to devise a brilliant, new traffic flow system through the city. To make it work, they needed new signage. Because of its heritage, its fame and its beauty, it was decided that nothing but the best, the most fine and well designed signs would do.

The signs are designed and put up but, to their dismay, the planners discover that the traffic congestion is even worse! Everyone is getting out of their cars to stand and admire the wonderful signs rather than follow where the signs are directing.

This is the problem that Jesus was facing. The Word became flesh, but the people were admiring the flesh rather than hearing the Word (verse 48). Jesus despairs as he tells them, *"Unless you people see signs and wonders ... you will never believe."*

The people wanted signs and wonders, almost as if they wanted a performing animal or a magic show. (V 45) *"The Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival."*

They had seen great signs and wonders in Jerusalem, and now wanted to see the same in Galilee. They wanted another show.

In contrast, the royal official, whose son was very ill, believed the word which Jesus spoke to him. He didn't need Jesus to actually go to his son's bedside and "perform a miracle." He was satisfied with the word of Jesus, and believed.

The gospel of John keeps emphasising the distinction between believing because we've seen something and believing on the strength of Jesus' words. In John 20:29. We see Jesus' rebuke to Thomas. "*Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.*" This is a challenge for each of us today. We are invited to believe in the Word become flesh, not the flesh itself.

We need to keep seeking the Word (Jesus) that is in the flesh, not using the Word to find the flesh.

The signs in the Gospels are there to show us Jesus – they are not there to be marvelled at in their own right.

The miracles of the past and the present are signs placed there to point us towards Jesus and the love of the Father for each one of us. We shouldn't stop to wonder at the miracles – we should move on towards the love of the Father to which those miracles are pointing us.

Shoebox Appeal 2021 <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

I have had an email from the shoebox administrator to say that the appeal is going ahead this year.

If you are able to fill a shoebox the suggested items are below. If you are not able to fill a whole shoebox Tricia will be helping at the warehouse again and is able to put things in shoeboxes that need 'extras'. We are always short of soap, flannels, toothpaste and sweets.

We can also send boxes for adults.

Please bring your boxes to church on the **31st October**.

Thank you *Tricia*

Essentials Toothbrush and paste. Soap and flannel. Brush or comb.

School Pens and paper or notepad. Pencil, sharpener and eraser. Felt tips or crayons. Pencil case.

Play time Soft toy or doll. Car or skipping rope. Ball.

Treats Sweets. Hat, gloves or scarf. Hair accessories.

'How to join the Sunday Service via Zoom'

1. Go onto the internet and type kcbchurch.org.uk
2. On the Home Page (the first page with the Coronavirus statement) in the top right-hand corner is a green bar and on it is written "online service" with an arrow.
3. Click on the green bar/arrow and you'll go straight to the video.
4. Either press play or it will automatically start playing

