



# Weekly Notices

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am Morning Service led by Revd Barbara Greenwood

**Hymns:** StF311 The day of resurrection

StF76 Give me joy in my heart

StF299 Easter jubilation fills the streets

StF470 Lord, for the years

**Readings:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

or join the service from 10:00am on your computer

or mobile app with Worship on the Web

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## Dear Friends,

Oh no! What had happened? Something definitely wasn't right. I had opened the oven door, expecting to see two well-risen cakes, but they were flat and cracked. It didn't actually take me long to diagnose the problem – I must have used plain instead of self-raising flour. (Not one to waste anything, I later cut them into pieces, re-named them 'cookies' in honour of their more biscuit like texture, decorated them with icing and they went down a treat with a cup of tea!)

This scenario got me thinking about success and failure. It brought to mind Thomas Edison's reply to a reporter who asked him how it felt to have failed 1,000 times. "I didn't fail 1,000 times", he said. "The light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps."

In another context, I read that a head teacher described his school as "a place where children could learn to fail". Sounds strange at first, doesn't it, but experience had made him realise it's from disappointments that we learn the most and if children aren't given the opportunity to fail 'productively and creatively', they are more likely to fall apart when they encounter difficulty in later life.

When I was at the Horse of the Year Show a while ago there was great excitement as a top show jumper, the last to compete, entered the arena. He flew over most of the jumps, but just clipped the last fence, sending him well down in the results list. Show jumping is known as a sport where riders lose more often than they win, and those involved have to try to view setbacks as learning opportunities rather than personal failures.

I enjoyed reading *The Tales and Tails of a Yorkshire vet* by Peter Wright in which he comments: "All some farmers talk about are your failures. Life and death are constant companions in the veterinary world. If you end the shift having seen more life than death you've had a relatively good day."

A contributor for 'Thought for the Day' on Radio 4 recently started with the exclamation: "You've failed!" These were the words spoken to him by a man with a clipboard back in 1997. "Failing my driving test seems trivial now", he said, "But at the age of 17 these were devastating words to hear. The unpleasant sting of failure is a lingering memory; the embarrassment increasing with each friend calling to say they had passed." We no doubt realise that "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." It's good to also be reminded that "All are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus". (Romans 3.23,24). In the Bible David committed adultery and murder but repented and was forgiven, continuing to serve God. Jonah initially disobeyed God, but his failure led to a second chance and a successful mission.

Peter denied Jesus three times but became a pillar of the early church. Saul/Paul persecuted Christians but encountered Jesus, repented and dedicated the rest of his life to spreading the gospel message.

*Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor 15.57) Hilary*

## **For Our Prayers at Home:**

Lord of all, thank you that Easter is not just about events long ago, but here and now for us all. We thank you for the great truth of Easter, the victory of good over evil, love over hate, life over death and hope where there has been despair.

May the enduring message of Easter continue to give hope and change lives today spreading love instead of hate. AMEN

***"A new command I give you; love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another". John 13 v 34,35***

## **Supporting CR2EE (Christian Response to Eastern Europe)**

My friend Janet, a prolific knitter for charity is giving all her gifts, through our church, to the charity we support with Shoe Boxes, CR2EE which helps Christians living in Ukraine and Moldova. Janet and I were at their warehouse in Exmouth this month, delivering two large bags full of her knitted and crotched gifts – mainly blankets and wrist warmers this time. We were welcomed with open arms by the volunteer staff who were delighted to receive the goods and delighted by the care with which they had been made. We were shown some baby baskets they had prepared – into baby baths they are given, they pack all sorts of items for babies, and then blankets like Janet hadmade were put on top – and all then sealed in film wrap. The staff said that some of the items we had taken would be going off to Eurpoe that day in the lorry that was parked outside. This is an all-year operation, not just at Christmas, and they take all sorts of donated gifts.

If you have things you would like to donate at any time, please let me know and I will try to take them next time we go. Or if you would like more information about what sort of things can be given, please ask me or Marjorie. Pam



## Week beginning Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> April	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Disaster in Britain
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30am	Morning Worship in church or on the web led by Revd Barbara Greenwood
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
		No Big Top
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> April	7:30pm	Stewards Meeting
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> April	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> April	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Ministry in Britain
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 am	Morning Worship in the Church or on the web led by Chris Mann (Church for all)

**CREDITON FOODBANK** requests this week:

Tinned pies, potatoes and fruit

Honey

Crisps, Orange juice and Apple juice

Cooking oil

Cornflakes

Dog food (dry or wet)

Size 5 nappies

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