



Weekly Notices

Sunday 10th May

10.30am Morning Service led by Revd. Jeanette Richardson

Hymns: StF136 Morning has broken

StF394 Spirit of God

StF315 We sing the praise of Jesus

StF664 Lord, you call us to your service

StF351 In Christ alone

Readings: John 14: 15- 21

Acts 17: 22-31

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

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Dear Friends,

The Seasons. Do you have a season that you like more than the others. My Mother asked me this question many, many years ago, and I couldn't answer her, apart from saying, *"I like them all"*.

Spring for the trees pushing their shoots out to burst into leaves, the daffodils and crocus pushing their way through the soil and snow, regardless of how cold it is. What I am not so keen on is the April Showers that always catch you out by wearing the wrong set of clothes.

Summer for the myriad array of colourful flowers and warmth of the sun, but it can also be humid and stifling, and one looks for a gentle breeze.

When will Autumn come this year? Early or late and will we have an Indian Summer. Last year I visited Philip who lives in Horrabridge and then in early November I went to Gloucester and visited Mark. On both occasions I was amazed at God's creation and the wide variety of colours that God dazzled before me. Such a riot of yellows, orange, cascading into bronze and browns, making an archway over my head of a kaleidoscope of beauty and colour. But be careful of those leaves, they can be extremely slippery.

What can one say about Winter? I know a lot of people will disagree with me, but I love snow. It covers the earth making a blanket to keep the earth warm, allowing the bulbs to take heart and seek the light. Snow on mountain tops in Austria, Switzerland or Norway make the scene breathtakingly, unbelievably beautiful. I'm not so keen on the slush, as the snow melts. As you can see, I like all seasons, as they all speak of God's Creation one way or another.

People will say we are decimating our planet but I have stood on volcanic matter and on desert waste land and seen new plant shoots beginning to grow among the ash, proving God's Word in Genesis when God said "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

But who needs to plant and harvest? As closer to home, on my balcony, I suddenly discovered two plants, neither planted by me. There in a pot of Daffodils (which I had planted) was a red tulip and a yellow freesia, planted by the birds, what a delightful surprise. God shows us his creation in the most surprising ways.

So, I am enjoying Spring, with the beautiful bird songs, and I look forward to Summer, Autumn and next winter, you never know we might get snow!!!!

May you too enjoy each season, finding joy and peace in God's creation regardless of the season. Every blessing. *Tina*

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME:

Ascension Day 14th May

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the great truth at the heart of Ascension Day. When you ascended into heaven in the presence of your disciples, it reminds us all how great and far beyond our human understanding you are.

Lord, during our Christian journey we have faithfully followed the events of your life here on earth, your birth, ministry, death and resurrection, showing us the complete picture, symbolising all that your life and death means to us and throughout the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, your ascension reminds us that you are greater than words can begin to express - thank you Lord for your life here on earth and your living presence in us today. AMEN

They said (the men clothed in white) - 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand staring into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken from you up into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go' . Acts 1 v 11

WEEK of PRAYER for Christian Unity starts on:

Monday 18th May with a short service at our Church led by someone from The Catholic Church.

Tuesday 19th Pam Murphy is leading the service at the Congregational Church.

Wednesday 20th someone from the Congregational Church is leading it is at Holy Cross

Thursday 21st someone from the Holy Cross is leading it is at St Boniface Roman Catholic Church

Friday 22nd Eleanor Herbert is leading it at St Lawrence Chapel

On all days the service is from 3.00pm to 4.00pm

The Week of Prayer will culminate with a celebration in Newcombes Park on Sunday 24th May. Each of the four churches will hold their normal morning service and then we will meet up for a picnic in the park (bring your own food and chair). There will be games for children and an opportunity to mix with and get to know people from different churches. Then at 2.00pm there will be a Songs of Praise led by members of the Town Band.

It should be a really great week in which we can join with our friends from other churches and especially on Sunday in the park. Please do make an effort to attend some or all of these activities. *Bronwyn*

Week beginning Saturday 9th May

Sat 9 th May	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Women in Britain
Sun 10 th may	10:30am	Morning Worship in church or on the web led by Revd. Jeanette Richardson
Mon 11 th May	8 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 13 th may	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 15 th May	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
Sat 16 th May	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee
Sun 17 th May	10:30 am	Morning Worship in the Church or on the web led by Revd. Stephen Mosedale

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week: Long life fruit juice
 Regular instant coffee
 Breakfast cereals Jars of pasta or curry sauce
 Tinned mushrooms, green beans or mixed vegetables
 Tins of rice pudding and custard
 Dog food - Dry or wet
 Toilet rolls

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