



WELLSPRING

9th May

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

NEXT WEEK

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19

“I HAVE ENGRAVED YOUR NAME ON THE PALM OF MY HAND”

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts... Gladys, Ethel, Ann Watson, Phil & Bridget, Claire, Tracey, Peter, Melanie & Riley.

Pray for the work of Christian Aid worldwide.

Remember the Baptist Assembly, our churches, Associations, colleges, and BMS World Mission.

Pray for the November climate conference in Glasgow (COP26) by joining the Christian Aid Prayer Chain for Climate Justice: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-chain>

Annexe Prayer

Please do continue to pray as the building takes shape – there are some pointers on our website.

COMING UP...

Rotary Plant Sale: 22nd May

Congregational Meeting: 22nd May

Kevin's Sabbatical: June - August 2021

Don't forget the Foodbank!

There is a collection box in St Mary's porch.

Please send Items for next week's news-sheet to Lesley by
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Zoom room: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3442960403>

Ascension

‘Then God gave Christ the highest place and honoured his name above all others’

[Philippians 2:9 – Contemporary English Version]



*Risen and ascended Lord,
we would have lingered on Transfiguration Mount,
clung to you in the Easter garden,
been saddened by your Emmaus departure,
and begged the Ascension skies never to close.
But you have taught us deeper truth:
you are not absent, even in departure.*

We give thanks
that mountain-top resources lie waiting in the valley,
that you are as near in the busy streets as in the quiet garden,
that you are the guest at every meal,
and heaven has come down to earth,
as one day earth may be as heaven.
Risen and ascended Lord,
travel with us.

[From Gathering for Worship]

Framework

Last week a massive steel frame appeared next to our chapel. It was a joy to watch this structure erected and to literally see the Annexe taking shape before our eyes. Each part, precision engineered to fit perfectly and attached to the foundations, provides the backbone to support the whole structure - the outer skin of brick, glass and tiles, and all that is included within. Eventually it will be hidden ... but always there.

This made me think about the people of Wellspring. What would we say is the hidden framework of our life together? Such things as our common faith and relationship with God, prayer, worship and reading scripture are fundamental - but in reality all may be experienced or practised alone. What about love? For this is no solitary pursuit - love needs to be given and received, it is something which binds couples, families, and communities together.

Speaking to his disciples in the Upper Room, Jesus said, *'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.'* (John 15:9) Perhaps, in these words, we can see the framework that holds us together, provides protection and space to truly live?

With love
Kevin

WHAT'S ON...

Wellspring @Cromford (9th May)

A joint service will be held at Cromford Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m. led by Kevin. In view of the capacity for Covid-secure worship and having noted the pattern of attendance during April, it has been decided to **remove** the rota system **so you may attend on a Sunday of your preference**. Printed copies of the service and CDs will be circulated with this news sheet.

Prayer Zone

Will gather on Tuesday 11th at 9.30 a.m. in Kevin's Zoom Room.

Coffee Church will meet on Sunday 9th at 10.30 a.m. using this **different** connection:

<https://zoom.us/j/9295875259?pwd=M1l5SmNvdmxibnk1Q3plbzIRaTdVZz09>

Christian Aid Week: 10th - 15th May

Last year, despite the pandemic, Christian Aid supporters raised nearly £4 million nationally and £6500 locally. The work of Christian Aid is as vital as ever, working with communities battling the effects of extreme weather, made more difficult with the coronavirus pandemic. This year there will again be no house-to-collection; instead envelopes will be posted with information on different ways to give. The link for online giving is:

<https://giving.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/wirksworthcaidweek>

You can also leave your envelope at Traid Links, the Coop or Derby Rd. Stores or post to: David Pankhurst 9 Sough Lane, Wirksworth. DE4 4FQ

United Service on Sunday 9th May at 6.00 p.m.

Hosted by the St Mary's Team on their Zoom connection

<https://zoom.us/j/2732241372>

Baptist Assembly: 13th - 16th May

This year a full programme is offered online via YouTube and further information will be found here:

<https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/357176/Programme.aspx>

GDPR Updates

We are required by the Methodist Church to check that our contact details for everyone, and the consents they gave three years ago when GDPR was introduced about including their details in the Directory, etc, are still correct. This means that you will be approached by a Trustee over the next few weeks for any updates. For details of Wellspring's Privacy Statement (the same as the Methodist Church's), with full details of how data is stored and used, please follow the link on our website: <https://www.wellspringchurchwirksworth.co.uk/privacy-statement.html> or ask a Trustee for a copy.

Mini Well Dressings

Please let Sue know if you would like to do a mini Well Dressing board. The prepared board will be delivered to your door on Tuesday 25th May between 2 and 4pm, and collected ready for display early on Saturday morning 29th May. There isn't a theme but your own creativity. So GET CREATIVE!