



WELLSPRING

22nd November

LECTIONARY READINGS:

THIS WEEK Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Psalm 95.1-7a; Ephesians 1.15-23; **Matthew 25.31-46**

NEXT WEEK Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; **Mark 13.24-37**

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

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts.... **Gladys, Ethel, Trevor & Alison, Ann Watson, Phil & Bridget, Jenny and Bill, Claire, Revd Geoff, Graham Sellars, Elsie & Tom, Julie, Gill & Steve, Chris, Lisa & Brian, Joanne, Lillian’s daughter Joanne** and others who are known to us alone.

We continue to remember all those suffering and bereaved; NHS and other key workers – particularly with increased pressure upon hospitals and medical care at this time.

Pray for our society that the current Lockdown restrictions will have the desired effect of supressing virus transmission and uphold all working to develop effective vaccines worldwide, thankful for those in advanced trials.

Remember the work of Christian Aid worldwide, our local support group and our C.A. contact, Tom Wyke.

Pray for all who hold responsibility for aspects of church life at Wellspring.

For our Annexe as preparations are made to start construction!

Following the introduction of the latest Lockdown restrictions for England AND with our Annexe contractors starting work on 30th November our church building is now closed with gathered worship and other events suspended until further notice.

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CHRIST THE KING



*Mighty gates: lift up your heads!
Ancient doors: rise up high!
So the glorious king can enter!
[Psalm 24:7 – Common English Bible]*

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

[from the Methodist Worship Book]

***Please send items for next week’s news-sheet to Barbara,
barbarawilson3579@gmail.com by Tuesday 24th November***

Good News!

Forty years ago Lesley & I had some Good News! Unknown to each other, we passed our driving tests (in Yorkshire and South Wales) and received our full driving licences. I noted that mine expires in 2032 which seemed a long way off back then! At about the same time I was studying for A Level geography and we considered the impact of rapidly growing dependency upon limited natural resources, and in particular oil, which was forecast to run out *about now*, in the 2020's. Then there was its damaging effect upon the Earth through global warming. But... we were told not to worry because there would be a 'technological fix' i.e. by the time we run out of oil we will have discovered alternative fuel sources, likely to be ones which will be kinder to the natural environment.

So we now find ourselves taking green issues much more seriously at all levels, from embracing EcoChurch at Wellspring to the 'climate plans' adopted by national governments. In the UK it has just been announced that new vehicles powered solely by petrol or diesel will be banned by 2030 and that investment in green infrastructure will be prioritised. The technological fix we were waiting for is arriving - Good News indeed!

I am as much in awe of scientists who are developing all this as I am of the medical and pharmacological researchers who are developing vaccines for Covid-19, THREE of which have been declared highly effective. The Good News for which we have hoped and prayed is arriving!

This week is the final Sunday of the Church year, and next week our thoughts turn again to the promised coming of Jesus - Good News indeed! Another memory from my youth was when the Good News Bible was first published and our Sunday School leaders showed it us, then produced a box of chocolates by the same name and we all enjoyed one. For Good News is to be shared; so let's see if we can share some this coming week!

Blessings

Kevin

Trustees - As reported at our ACM, all four nominees were elected as Trustees of Wellspring Church for a period of three years, and this body now comprises Jenny Few; David Hughes; Ingrid Keith; Sue Watts and Barbara Wilson. Please continue to support with prayer those in whom we have entrusted the leadership of our church, and that we would all follow our leader Jesus Christ.

What's On

Online worship for November - Several recent services on the theme of *Remembrance* are available to view on YouTube with links from our website, thanks to Paul and David B.

Sunday 22nd November - a final reflective service for this month is in the form of a Premiered YouTube presentation '**All change!**' available from 10.30 a.m. on Sunday and thereafter, but not before that time. The website Home page has the link.

Prayer Zone will meet online on Tuesday 17th November at 9.30 a.m. at Kevin's Zoom Room: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3442960403> Perhaps those who are unable to join with us online can also be with us in prayer at this time.

Coffee Church - now on SATURDAY from 10.30 a.m. An informal time of online fellowship, beginning and ending in prayer, where we can catch up with one another over a cup of coffee. Stories of what God has been doing in our lives are encouraged, as is discussion, chat, maybe attempts to sing together. We aim to make it no longer than an hour. To join the meeting, please use the same link as for Prayer Zone.

Christian Aid AGM - Thursday 26th November at 7.30 p.m. This year's gathering will be on Zoom and will include a visual presentation of '*A year in the life of Christian Aid in Wirksworth*'. To join just before 7.30 p.m. please use the meeting number 677 419 0253 and passcode '*community*' and bring your own wine and nibbles as there will be celebration!

Virtual Christmas Tree Festival - Calling all Christmas tree decorators! Would you be willing to share a photo of your Christmas tree, or your favourite decoration? If so we could have a Virtual Christmas Tree Festival! It doesn't matter if your tree is inside or outside, fat or thin, all will be welcomed.

I'm hoping as many as possible will join in with this. This year has been a difficult year for all of us, so how about we try something different and maybe next year we can aspire to hold the real thing .

Please submit your photo to contact@wellspringchurchwirksworth during the week of 13th-20th December to be placed on the church's website and Facebook page. If you need any help with this I'll do my best and, if Covid rules allow, come and take the photo for you .

With love and a sprinkling of Christmas. Jane

P.S. At least this year I won't be badgering you to wear your Christmas jumper , or buy that pot cat from our Christmas market . (I know a few who will be relieved about that)