



WELLSPRING

18th July

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK...

Jeremiah 23, 1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2, 11-22; **Mark 6, 30-34, 53-56**

...AND NEXT

2 Kings 4, 42-44; Psalm 145, 10-18; Ephesians 3, 14-21; **John 6, 1-21**

“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, Melanie & Riley, Joan** (in Scotland) - Mary Pollard's sister; **Jenny and Lilian.**

As unlocking proceeds in the UK, we pray for caution in the face of rising Covid infection rates traced to the new variant; and for vaccine equality across the world.

Please continue to pray for our Annexe project as the building takes shape – there are some pointers on our website, click *The Annexe Progress* button.

Remember 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>

DON'T FORGET THE FOODBANK!

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

NEXT NEWS-SHEET

Please send items for the July 25th news-sheet to Ingrid by Tues July 20: Ingrid66@btinternet.com

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On sabbatical 1.6.21 – 31.8.21

Jesus said,
“Let’s take a break and get a little rest.”
Mark 6,31 *The Word*



Come into the Lord's presence now,
Away from the burdens and stresses of life.
Come with open arms,
And receive the rest that Jesus offers –
To restore our souls,
And equip us for whatever comes next.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING: MARK 6, 30-34; 53-56

Jesus seems to have been recognised and followed by crowds wherever he went, with little time to rest or even eat on occasions. No wonder that Jesus' desire, for himself and his disciples, was to get away and have some "me time" – even though his plans were somewhat thwarted. Busyness – with all its attendant stresses – is a common problem; for some, the idea of rest as a way of "retreating to advance" is too counterintuitive. However, are we not in a better position to show compassion to others if we first look after ourselves? Anyone who has flown will have been told during the safety briefing before take off, that in an emergency they should put on their own oxygen mask before looking to assist anyone else – putting oneself first is not always the wrong thing to do. Where do we go for our spiritual "me time"? And do we seek rest when we most need it?

From Roots

WHAT'S ON?

WELLSPRING@CROMFORD – SUNDAYS AT 10.30am

All are welcome to attend these Covid-secure gatherings.

July 18th Service led by Rev Helen Penfold. This will be Helen's first service since returning from her sabbatical, and also her first since we've been meeting as a joint congregation.

July 25th Service led by James Hinnells

PRAYER ZONE: TUESDAYS AT 9.30am

This week's Prayer Zone will be a Prayer Walk. Meet outside Wellspring.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE - FROM MICK AND JAMES

A few people have been meeting up for Coffee at Waltham House on Saturday mornings, from 10 am. Contact Mick or James for further details on their new number, 01773 473483. Covid secure arrangements are in place.

75 LENGTHS FOR 75 YEARS – HE'S DONE IT!

Kevin writes:

Last Monday I completed my swim with a time of 72 *minutes and 5 seconds* so thanks for the sponsorship. To date I have raised about £400 (including Gift Aid) to mark 75 years of Christian Aid. The online giving page is still open, as is the manse letterbox, should anyone still like to make a donation.

<https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/wirksworthcaidweek>

(Please follow this link then scroll down to find my personal page.)

Thanks, Kevin

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: OCTOBER ECO FAYRE

This event will take place in the Memorial Hall on the morning of **Saturday 2nd October**. It is a great opportunity for Wirksworth churches and other groups to offer ideas, information and practical measures as to ways in which we as individuals and a community can help to counter the desperate climate crisis situation. If you have thoughts or personal experience of adopting Eco measures however minor, could offer help on any level in the lead up or support on the day, please contact or speak to Hilary or Paul. Thank you.

MINISTER'S SABBATICAL

While Kevin is on his Sabbatical leave, your Trustees are at the helm: Jenny Few, Sue Watts, Barbara Wilson, David Hughes, Ali Proctor and Ingrid Keith. We'd appreciate your prayers during this time! Please also pray for Kevin and Lesley, and especially that Kevin will be truly rested and refreshed during his Sabbatical, in mind, body and spirit.

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

The next edition of the Methodist Prayer Handbook is now available to order, at the discount price of £4.15 (would be £4.50). Please let Sue Watts know by Sunday 25th July if you would like a copy.