

The Church in Warden Hill

MOBILITY SCOOTER- Joyce Smith needs to relinquish her mobility scooter and wondered if anyone at church would be interested. It was bought locally and has been well maintained. Maureen McBane has her contact details.

THIS RAISED A SMILE

Simon Guillebaud has been a missionary in Burundi for many years and I have been reading one of his books of daily reflections. A barber said to a man whose hair he was cutting: "I don't believe that God exists". Customer: "Why do you say that?" Barber: "Well you just need to go into the street to realise that God doesn't exist. If God existed do you think there would be so many sick people, so many abandoned children, so much suffering and pain?" The customer didn't want an argument so he paid and left.

On the street he saw a man with long matted hair and unkempt beard, filthy and smelly.

He went back into the shop and said: "You know what? Barbers don't exist".

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber "I'm here, and I'm a barber and I just cut your hair!"

"No", the customer went on "barbers don't exist because if they did there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beard, like that man outside".

"But barbers do exist! That's what happens when people don't come to me."

"Exactly!" said the customer, "That's the point! God, too, does exist. That's what happens when people don't go to him and turn to him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

Isaiah 45.22

TREATS IN STORE

The New Daylight notes will be available in church on 6 September.

They include ways of stretching our prayer muscles by using everyday objects, a closer look at the book of Ruth and an opportunity to ponder the festival of our Nine Lessons and Carols celebrating Christmas. Perhaps readers will kindly let me have their payment of the last series circulated during the lockdown (apart from Val who as already paid). Thank you.

Margaret Meads 527130 margaret.meads2@gmail.com

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with Revd Gary Grady.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.

Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher

If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to

Edna Willox (grapevine@tcivh.org.uk Tel 510773) by early Wednesday evening.

Website: www.tciwh.org.uk



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(Anglican & URC)

Welcome



THE GRAPEVINE 16th August 2020 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

A Message from Revd Gary

The Canaanite woman in our gospel reading challenges Jesus' mission and, at first, Jesus cannot formulate an answer to her; but neither can he ignore her. Irrespective of tradition, can the crumbs of bread be denied to her? Through this encounter, Jesus is coming to a fuller realisation of the scope of *his* mission. The passage also calls us to work out the breadth of *our* calling! Nearly 2,000 years on, I get a sense that we are failing to see the full scope of God's plan for the whole of humanity, and our part in that?

This Sunday

There will be a 8am BCP Holy Communion live-stream service led by Revd Gary from St. Peter's followed by a 10am Prayer & Praise service from Emmanuel

This will be available on our social media pages and website: www.tciwh.org.uk

Readings: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15.21-28

Devotional Bible readings for the coming week

A good way to stay connected is to read the Bible and see what scripture is saying to you each day, and what you might want to pray about.

There is also a live-stream service of Morning Prayer, led by Revd Gary or Revd Nick, weekdays at 9am here: www.stpetersleck.org (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Monday

*Psalm 71
1 Samuel 24
Acts 3.11-end*

Tuesday

*Psalm 73
1 Samuel 26
Acts 4.1-12*

Wednesday

*Psalm 77
1 Samuel 28.3-end
Acts 4.13-31*

Thursday

*Psalm 78.1-39
1 Samuel 31
Acts 4.32-5.11*

Friday

*Psalm 55
2 Samuel 1
Acts 5.12-26*

Saturday

*Psalm 68
1 Samuel 2.1-11
Acts 5.27-end*

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MORNING PRAYER This is being led by either Revd Gary or Revd Nick each weekday at 9am. Do join in and post your prayers on-line each day as we gather together to read, reflect and pray. You can join in via Facebook: www.facebook.com/pipandjims or here: www.stpetersleck.org

SUMMER LIVE STREAM SERVICES The South Cheltenham Team will be live streaming the following services in August:

16th Aug	Trinity 10	8am - BCP Holy Communion	Revd Gary
		10am - Prayer and Praise	Revd Ken

All services can be accessed from one of the following:

TCIWH website: www.tciwh.org.uk
St. Peter's website: www.stpetersleck.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pipandjims

NB. There won't be a team live-stream service on either 23rd or 30th Aug whilst clergy take some annual leave ahead of reopening for worship. Alternative services will be recommended.

OPEN FOR PRAYER

St. Christopher's is open to visit for prayer on a Monday, from 2-4pm. A max. of 6 persons are allowed in at any one time and there is 2m social distancing. Thank you to all who have stewarded thus far and to all who have visited since reopening. **Revd Gary.**

RESUMING WORSHIP AT TCIWH

Our first service of worship back at St. Christopher's will be at 10.30am on Sunday 6th September. We are working hard on the risk assessment and practical arrangements to ensure that this is a safe return. The plan thereafter is to offer a 10.30am service each week, with Holy Communion twice a month on a 2nd and 4th Sunday, in the URC and C of E tradition respectively. There won't be a midweek or Sunday evening service in Warden Hill for a while, but do look out for team evening services which will commence from October. We will also continue to live-stream a Sunday morning service from one of the South Cheltenham Team churches each week. **Revd Gary.**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR all those suffering in body, mind or spirit, and those mourning the loss of loved ones: that they might know God's comforting arms surround them.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR pupils as they await their exam results this week—and their planning for the future.

Weekly Prayer Focus

16th	Alma Road & Caernarvon Road	20th	Justicia Way & Jasmine Way
17th	Chelmsford & Hidcote Avenues	21st	The Greenings & Barwick Road
18th	Davallia Drive & Crythan Walk	22nd	Gardenia & Tayberry Groves
19th	Ferndales Close & Genista Way	23rd	Amaranth Way & Campion Park

THE COLLECT for the 10th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage to never lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS lets celebrate together

Trevor Childs - birthday on 17h August
Diana Little - birthday on 17th August
Eileen Attwood - birthday on 18h August

Please keep sending birthdays and celebrations in to Grapevine and we can all celebrate together.