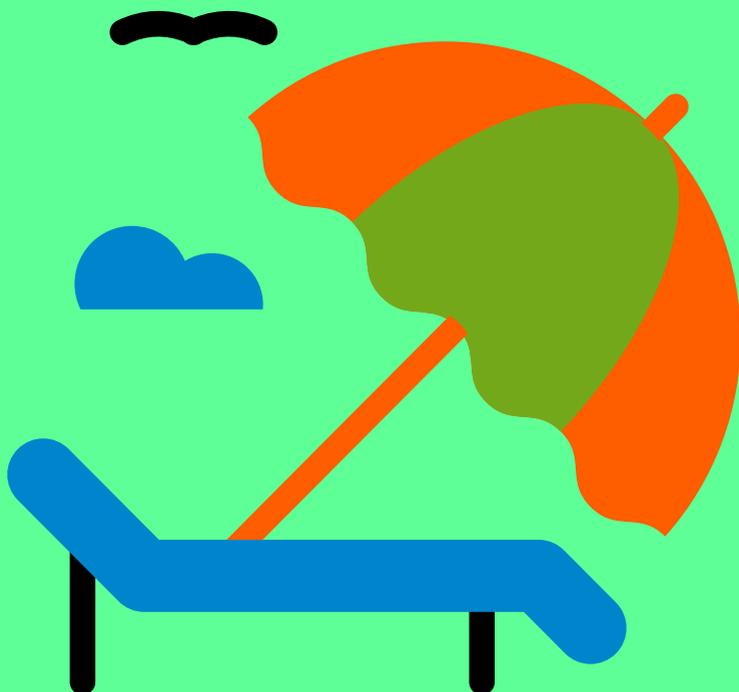


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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

7-13TH JULY

Today 19 young people and their leaders are returning from SPREE Camp. Please pray that this time away will help them to experience the love of Jesus in their daily lives and know that they can trust Him in all situations.

14 -20TH JULY

We continue to await a new Minister. Please pray that God will speak clearly to the right person and prepare them for this important role. Pray too that we will be clearly guided when the time comes.

21-27TH JULY

For many of us Summer is holiday time. Please pray for a good rest, and a time to renew our physical, mental and spiritual strength. Please pray for much joy, but also for protection.

28TH – 3RD AUGUST

Please pray for Colin Udall this week and for his work amongst the children and families. Pray especially for wisdom and guidance as he seeks to start the new initiatives in the village that he shared with us in April.

- Lynda Hawkes & Ruth Ivens

WELCOME FROM KEVAN, CHURCH ELDER



Welcome to the summer edition of Contact!

As I sit here in the middle of June, it's not looked a lot like summer so far, weather-wise. There are also seemingly endless debates in the media about Brexit and about Boris Johnson, there are real worries over rumblings in the middle east and there are concerns over the plight of many people in countries such as Yemen and Mozambique.

In the middle of so much uncertainty, how do we reconcile these issues with (not to mention our feelings for) our loving Saviour?

It can be even harder for some of us when difficulties present themselves closer to home and we experience illness, financial problems, bereavement etc etc

I think that part of the answer lies in the word "trust", BUT how do we maintain that trust in the Lord in times of trouble?

Well, my way is to visit and re-visit my "go to" places in scripture.

Psalms 23, psalm 27 are two of these, for example:

Ps 27:8

"Do not hide your face from me ;

Do not turn your servant away in anger;

You have been my help;

Do not leave me nor forsake me,

O God of my salvation".

Also

Eph 2:4

“God who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us.....made us alive together with Christ.....and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus....”

The promises of God are “Yes and Amen” to us through our saviour Jesus Christ.

I pray that this summer, whatever your circumstances, you will know the Father’s peace and joy, that you will be filled with His Holy Spirit and that you will walk ever more closely with His Son.

Love in Jesus, your brother,

- Kevan Hall

TWEET

Nicky Gumbel (@nickygumbel)

23/06/2019, 13:00

‘Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude.’

– Martin Luther King Jr.



- Rachel Hiscocks

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Our UK weather can sometimes be a challenge to us with high winds and rain, but on 15th March 2019, Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe were all hit by Cyclone Idai. Thought to be the worst tropical cyclone on record in southern Africa, it killed more than 800 people, and hundreds of thousands have been left homeless. A total of 3 million people have been affected.

Earnest Maswera, Tearfund's Country Director in Zimbabwe. 'The situation is dire, the damage to infrastructure is beyond comprehension, the need is enormous. The prayers and material support of the global church will go a long way in bringing relief to the hurting in Zimbabwe.'

Malawian farmer McClean lost his home and crops after flooding caused by the cyclone. His family of seven woke to a living nightmare: 'It was night-time when we saw water entering our house,' he told a Tearfund partner. 'We woke up and tried climbing on top of the house, but it then collapsed. I was very scared as we did not know what to do. We climbed a mango tree waiting for the rescue team which came with canoes taking us to safety, leaving everything behind.'



Working with partners in all 3 countries, Tearfund have been delivering emergency shelter kits, food such as pulses and maize flour, water purification tablets and providing urgent health assistance. As the cyclone has destroyed many crops, they are distributing seeds to help with the expected food shortages. Although the focus has been on saving lives, the effect of this disaster will be felt for a long time. With a lack of clean, accessible water there is now a high risk of cholera and malaria spreading.



Melissa Daley is Tearfund's Humanitarian Coordinator in Mozambique. 'During the distribution I spoke with the community secretary. She explained how many of the women here had lost friends and family during the cyclone's floods. They couldn't get to higher ground and

were washed away. 'People also lost their land and crops. But she said there was a sense of hope, especially now that aid agencies such as Tearfund were supporting them.

PLEASE PRAY:

- * Pray that urgent aid including food will reach those in most need.
- * Pray there will be no more rain, to allow floodwaters to go down.
- * Ask God to protect people from deadly diseases such as cholera.
- * Lift up families who are traumatised by the loss of loved ones, livelihoods and homes.
- * Pray for safety for Tearfund's staff and partners as they respond.

AND ACT:

David Shukman, BBC's Science editor. 'According to researchers, about seven different ocean or atmospheric conditions are required for cyclone formation and normally only a couple of these occur. However, because of climate change, more and more of these conditions are coinciding with each other and that's why these big storms happen very quickly'.

So, is there something we can do to help prevent some of these terrible events? The way our climate is changing due to global warming is an issue for us all and has the most impact on the world's poorest. Although individually we might feel we can't do much, if we all act as individuals, we collectively can and should make a difference. Look out for future discussions on how we, as a church and individually can take little steps to make a difference.

- Kathy Du Boulay

TEACHING & WORSHIP PROGRAMME



Jesus invites us **'Follow Me'**, and this is the title of our next preaching theme, which will look at Mark's telling of Jesus life on earth. The Gospel of Mark provides a picture of the person of Christ, the teaching of Christ and people's reactions to Christ. David Pawson (Unlocking the Bible) says 'Mark seems to be asking: What is your response ... fear or faith?'. Is this a question for us?

- Kathy Du Boulay

SUN 7TH JULY

10am 'Who do you say I am?'

Elder: David Harrup

Mark 1:1-20 Malcolm Clarke

SUN 14TH JULY

10am 'Who is this man?'

Elder: KevanHall

Mark 1:21-45 David Harrup

SUN 21ST JULY

10am 'Healing'.

Elder: Phil Holmes

Mark 2:1-17 Colin Udall

SUN 28TH JULY

10am 'New Wine. New Way'.

Elder: Trevor Pringle

Mark 2:18 - 3:16 Wendy Hall
Communion

(C) Mark

SUN 4TH AUG

10am 'Disciples and Family'

Mark 3:13-35 David Harrup

Elder: Mark Hiscocks

SUN 11TH AUG

10am 'The Mission Field'

Mark 4:1 – 34 Mike Furborough

Elder: Kathy Du Boulay

SUN 18TH AUG

10am 'Fear & Faith'

Mark 4:35 - 5:43 Barrie Cooke

Elder: David Harrup

SUN 25TH AUG

10am 'Sending & Feeding'.

Mark 6: 6- 56 Jim Coaton
Communion

Elder: Phil Holmes

(C) Phil

HELPING HANDS - JULY 2019



CRECHE

Linda Symonds

7th Rachel E, Suzie and Rachel P
14th Jacquie, Hilary and Linda
21st Rachel E, Anna and Hily
28th Linda, Stacey and Ruth

COFFEE

Joy Russell

7th Jan & Kathy
14th Ann T & Barbara C
21st Dave & Hilary
28th Joy & Peter
(Kay in reserve)

WORSHIP

Tim Symonds

LEADER	MEDIA	PIANO
7th	Barry Du Boulay	Sue
14th	Phil Holmes	Debbie
21st	Mark Hiscocks	Debbie
28th	Barry Du Boulay	Helen

WELCOME

Joy Russell

7th Mark & Rachel
14th Moira & Jim
21st Anne & Barbs
28th Joy & Peter

FLOWERS

Barbara Conlon

7th Mr & Mrs A. Bloor
14th Mr & Mrs H. Lomas
21st Mrs M. Ward
28th Mrs H. Seaton

CLEANING

Kathy Du Boulay

July 1st – 6th : Pat, Joy & Peter, Kay
July 8th - 13th : Jeanette & Barrie, Anne, Hilary
July 15th – 20th : Dave S, Sue & Mike, Barry dB
July 22nd – 26th : Kathy dB, Lynda H
July 28th – August 3rd: Sue LB, Ruth, Judith & Barbara

HELPING HANDS - AUGUST 2019



CRECHE

Linda Symonds

- 4th Rachel E, Suzie and Rachel P
- 11th Jacquie, Hilary and Linda
- 18th Rachel E, Anna and Hily
- 25th Linda, Stacey and Ruth

COFFEE

Joy Russell

- 4th Sue LB & Hily
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- 18th Pat C & Mary
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Joy Russell

- 4th John & Elaine
- 11th Trevor & Mary
- 18th Kay & Hily
- 25th Sue LB & Jan

FLOWERS

Barbara Conlon

- 4th Mr & Mrs P. Russell
- 11th Mrs L. Hawkes
- 18th Mrs S. Eudon
- 25th Mr & Mrs P. Holmes

CHURCH BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND CLEAN



Its that time of year again in our church life together.

Over the next few weeks lists of maintenance and cleaning jobs will be appearing on the noticeboard geared to keeping our church building looking good and being safe for its busy life!

If you could sign up for a job over the summer when the building is less used that would be great. The more that get involved, the easier it is for everyone.

- Kathy Du Boulay

Happy Birthday

Happy

July

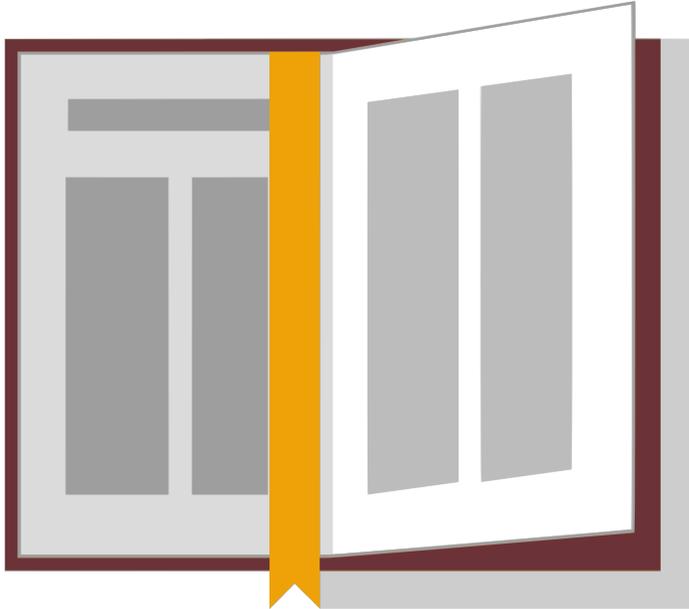
Harley Eudon
Emilia Parker
Luca Fracchia

August

Pimmi Coaton

Birthdays to

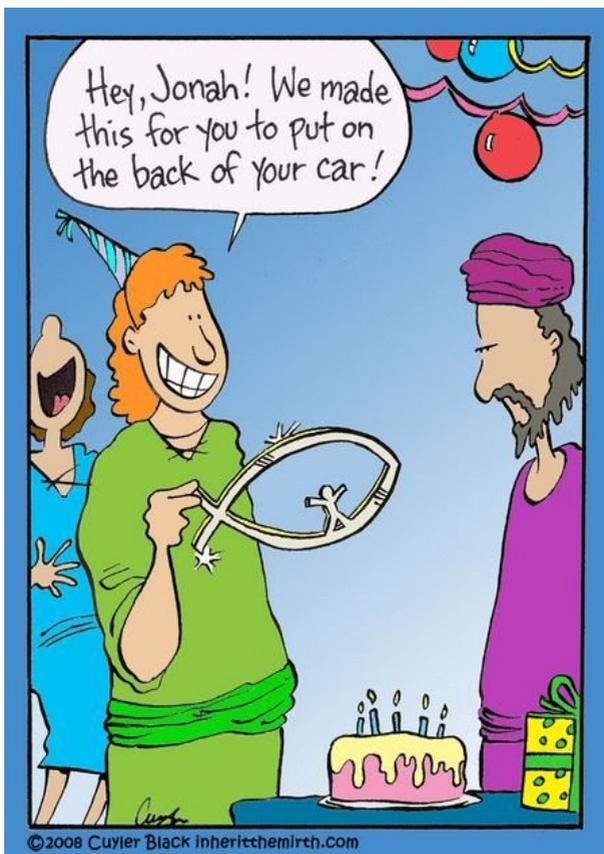
BIBLE RESTORATION



I am the proud keeper of our family bible which dates back to the 1800's. It does however need some restoration work and I wondered if anyone had any experience pr recommendations for this sort of delicate work.

Thank you

-Jane Hinds
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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

4TH -10TH AUGUST

It is Taster's Birthday! Please remember the many people who come to Tasters in your prayers and ask God to bless them individually in their ups and downs of life.

11-18TH AUGUST

We are so blessed by our musicians in our church. Please thank God for them and their willingness to lead us in our services and ask Him to richly bless them in their ministry

18TH -24 TH AUGUST

Praise God for the work of Tearfund, especially their way of working through individual churches. Pray for the those who lead projects in places with many challenges. Pray for enough funds to sustain this vital work.

25TH -31ST AUGUST

We are about to begin a new academic year. Please pray for our young people, especially those who will move to new schools, and also for the teachers in our congregation who will have a new class of children to get to know and understand.

- Lynda Hawkes & Ruth Ivens

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP (10AM)

All Age with Y.church (children's session) Holy Communion as announced. Babies and toddlers can be cared for on Sunday mornings. The church building has a loop hearing system, wheelchair access, a toilet for the disabled & baby nappy-changing facilities.

Home Groups: Wed & Thurs evenings – see an elder for details.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday:	9.30-11.30am	Noah's Ark Club for toddlers and families.
	6.00-7.15pm	Chattabox Mondays* (children years 3-6)
	7.45-9.00pm	Rock Solid* (young people in years 7-9)
Thursday:	10.30-12.00am	Fair Cuppa* at Groby Village Hall.
Friday:	9.30-11.30am	CATCH* Coffee and chat (in term-time)
Saturday:	8.00-9.00am	Prayers, all welcome
	10.00-12.30pm	Groby Tasters - Coffee & Fun

*These activities are run jointly with St. Philip & St. James Church as part of 'Churches Together in Groby'.