The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone (Matthew 21:42)

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Dear Friends.

"You may make your plans, but God directs your actions." (Proverbs 16:9 GNB)

We all need to make plans whether it is for the meals for the day, when to visit relatives or friends or where to go on holiday. I had plans for this year. One was to get rid of our large settee so that I would have room to sort things stacked in the house and also in the loft so that I could begin to make space and find out what we had stored over the years. I also hoped to visit family on both my side and Amos's during the Spring and Summer. I had made a start, but Theodore's affairs were not sorted until the end of January which slowed matters. Then a pandemic came along and we were in lockdown. Everything went on hold.

Life became rather different. No one could meet in groups for fellowship and support. Churches closed. Holiday plans had to be cancelled or go on hold. Impact and Open the Book had to stop as the schools were closed. For many organisations, the Spring and Summer are the time for special celebrations or outreach activities. Scripture Union runs holidays and mission weeks during this time and because of the restrictions the Easter ones were cancelled and then the Summer ones. Christian Unions at colleges and universities had to cancel their meetings as well as the small group activities. Conferences were cancelled and also the big Christian festivals such as New Wine and Greenbelt. I remember wondering what would happen as all the social activities we enjoy as Christians which support and encourage us in our faith were no longer possible and how would evangelism continue. How was God going to turn this apparent disaster into a blessing?

Time went by and it was a few months before I began to see many of the answers. Rev. Professor Peter Byass gave us a video message each Sunday and other churches experimented with various technology. Then I began to hear about something called Zoom. Those employed by Impact to work with Schools have been able to prepare RE resource packs and virtual assemblies which have been appreciated. Scripture Union has been able to continue some of its holidays and missions using digital technology. It may have involved pre-recorded videos on YouTube with activities, demonstration of
crafts and including a simple Bible message. Some used Zoom sessions which young people could take part in to allow for conversation and sharing. Christian Unions made use of social media to continue their outreach activities and keep in contact with one another and those who might be interested in learning about the Lord Jesus and faith. Even the festivals were able to provide something on the internet. What appeared to be a disaster as we were prevented from partaking in many of our activities, God used to stir us up to look at other ways and it has meant that people who might never have been interested in our former activities have begun to take an interest. We can praise and thank Him that, at the right time, technology had progressed sufficiently to make all this possible and that there are those who are able to use and adapt it for good purposes.

I am writing this following Boris Johnson's announcement of restrictions for up to six months and Rishi Sunak's statement for what will happen at the end of furlough. All our lives are effected in different ways and we may begin to feel dismayed because of the length of time. The following verse translated from a hymn by Georg Neumark in the seventeenth century came to mind:

"Leave God to order all thy ways,
And hope in Him whate'er betide;
Thou'lt find Him in the evil days
Thy all-sufficient strength and guide:
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that nought can move."

The Lord never leaves us without words of encouragement and support whatever we face in life. May God bless us as we think about His ways and we pray as He leads us through these difficult times.

Every blessing,

Ros.
North Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit is seeking a Circuit Safeguarding Officer to promote safeguarding and to ensure compliance, providing advice and support as required.

Up to 40 hours per month, to be worked flexibly with some weekend and evening work at £13.50 per hour

Detailed knowledge of Safeguarding issues and procedures and experience of working in Safeguarding is essential. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory DBS check

The application pack can be obtained from Mrs Stephanie Field at the Circuit Office: Email northbedscircuitoffice@gmail.com  Phone 07522 928936

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 7th October 2020
Interviews will be held w/c 19th October 2020

Thursday @ Three

Rev Silas Wood invites you to join this short time of worship, with prayers, a hymn or two, a Bible reading and some thoughts, and a time for reflection or discussion. We start at 3pm every Thursday and are usually finished by 3.40pm.

If you would like to join us, by internet or phone, you would be very welcome.

The Zoom details are below.

Topic: Thursday at Three
Join Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID: 878 4387 0443)
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87843870443  or dial 0131 460 1196
In last week’s newsletter I introduced you to Nuhu, a man from Nigeria whose life was devastated by leprosy, but has received a ‘brand new start’ thanks to the support of people like you.

As we continue to face the impact of coronavirus on our lives, including churches being closed and groups unable to meet together, the Leprosy Mission are pleased to share their newest virtual service, created just for you. Their Regional Managers and volunteer speakers visit churches in England and Wales throughout the year, doing weekday talks and preaching on Sundays.

Although they only have limited opportunities to do this right now, this service means you can have a “virtual visit” from the team! The theme of the video is “A brand new start” and includes Bible readings, prayers and a message from Leprosy Mission staff.

Click here to watch the video and please share this with anyone else who you think might be interested in watching - or even on social media if you wish.

On a more local level, many of you will have collecting boxes at home for Leprosy Mission. Roger has sent the following to Guild members but, as not all of you with boxes are Guild members, he’s asked me to also put his request in the Newsletter.

“It is now time for the annual opening of the boxes. Unfortunately, we have to ask if you would open your own boxes and send us a cheque for the amount collected as the banks would not be very happy if I were to take in large amounts of loose change at the current time. Please give generously to this very worthwhile cause. You can either make cheques payable to ‘Kempston East Wesley Guild’ or the ‘Leprosy Mission’ and we will post them all together. You can give the cheques to either Anna or me at Church on a Sunday or post them to us at Treize, Cranfield Road, Wootton Green, Bedford, MK43 9EA.

Roger”

**Methodist Church Year of Prayer**

The children and young people of the Methodist Church, through their annual Youth Assembly (3-Generate) have called for the Methodist year beginning on 1st September 2020 to be a Year of Prayer. As part of this an online Prayer Meeting is being held every Tuesday at 12.45pm, lasting 15 minutes. Further details are on the Methodist Church website ([www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk) – search for ‘Year of Prayer’). The format and styles of these times of prayer differ from week to week, depending on who is leading them. This is a creative way of being united in prayer with our brother and sister Methodists throughout Britain and from around the world.
NHS COVID-19 App launches across England and Wales

People across England and Wales are being urged to download the NHS COVID-19 app to help control the spread of coronavirus and protect themselves and their loved ones as case numbers rise.

The app, launched last week, is an important new tool to work alongside traditional contact tracing to help reduce the spread of the virus.

The app will advise you to self-isolate if you have been in close contact with a confirmed case. It will also enable you to check symptoms, book a free test if needed and get your test results.

The app has been designed with user privacy in mind, so it tracks the virus not people, and uses the latest in data security technology to protect privacy. The system generates a random ID for an individual’s device, which can be exchanged between devices via Bluetooth (not GPS). These unique random IDs regenerate frequently to add an extra layer of security and preserve anonymity.

More information and a link to download the app are available on the NHS website. Once you’ve downloaded the app to your phone you can then scan the poster in the church entrance each time you come to a Sunday service (see the back page of last week’s newsletter for more information on this).

Stoptober is back!

Stoptober is your chance to join thousands of people around the country who are taking part in Stoptober and quitting smoking.

Are you up for taking on the challenge and achieving one off the most important changes you can make to benefit your health? If so, then change your life by downloading our “My Quit Route app” via your normal app store, referring yourself via the Stop Smoking Service website or by calling us on 0800 013 0553.

Visit our website for more information.
Covid-19 Health Champions

The Covid-19 Health Champions are a network of proactive local leaders, community groups, organisations and residents, that have come together with Bedford Borough Council to stay informed about the latest advice and guidance on Covid-19. Through the network, the Council will provide regular email updates and related wellbeing information, that you can share with your existing contacts (family, friends, colleagues and local communities), to make sense of the latest facts about the virus.

The aim of the Covid-19 Health Champions' network is to empower Bedford Borough residents to remain up to date on the latest advice about Covid-19-and enable people to make informed choices, to help minimise the risk of the virus spreading.

What Is the Covid-19 Health Champion's role?

• To receive and share weekly Covid-19 updates and wellbeing messages with their existing contacts i.e. community, friends, family and colleagues, in whatever way they feel is appropriate. For example via email, text, social media, telephone, or via WhatsApp groups.
• To feed back from the community on how the messages were received, the positive things that are happening in the community and any potential Covid-19 issues.
• The Mayor and Cllr Jackson are hosting regular virtual drop-in meetings for Champions to provide the opportunity for Champions to feedback. There is also a dedicated mail box for any feedback or questions.
• Periodically, we will also be asking Champions to participate in brief surveys.
• Please note that the Covid-19 Health Champion should not give advice. Any requests for advice or other information can be made via a dedicated mailbox and during the drop in sessions.

If you are interested in becoming a Covid-19 Health Champion, please complete the online registration form (please see link below). Once completed you will be added to the distribution list for email updates and virtual drop in sessions.

https://bedford-self.achieveservice.com/service/COVID19 Health Champions
Just a reminder to you that Tools With A Mission (TWAM) has been chosen as the Charity that we, as a church, will support during this current financial year. To give you more of a background to TWAM I will, over the next three issues of the newsletter reprint some of the information that TWAM sent to Bob Burn (who is our contact for TWAM and who will collect any unwanted tools etc that you can donate to them).

When the state of our world looks so uncertain and feelings of fear and anxiety can take hold, we have found it good to look back at all we have to be thankful for. Here at TWAM there is quite a lot.

We have many, many reasons - but this is just the first of three to focus on. We hope they encourage you as they have encouraged us during this time.

**Tools are still reaching their new owners and still changing lives!**

We've had an incredible restart to our operations and have been blown away by the generosity of our supporters who have been donating tools like never before.

Since restarting, we've sent out two containers (one to Zambia and one to Uganda) full of thousands of livelihood creating tools.

These tools are on their way to livelihood creating projects like Iganga Vocational Institute in Uganda. Back in January of this year, the director of the skills project Musulo told us why these tools are so important:

“There was an outcry in the community because of youth unemployment. The day we heard that the tools had arrived in Entebbe there was a big celebration. We have 50 tailoring students, 5 electrical students, 5 motor mechanics students and 7 computer students. They are also taught skills such as communication, public speaking and business skills.

Most students are girls as they are the most vulnerable in our community. Many of the girls are forced into early marriage and don’t see they have a choice."

Kevin is one of these students; her photo is at the top of this page. She told us what coming to the centre to learn means to her: "I have a friend and she encouraged me to
I visited the workshop and saw it was doing good work and was teaching business skills as well. I completed primary school but then lost my dad and could not complete secondary school. It was very hard for me as my mother could not afford the school fees. Everything has changed for me now. When I finish my course I would love to own my own business. My life changed when I came here as the teachers encouraged me and helped me to see that I could achieve something in my life. Now I have dreams.

Thank you to everyone who has donated tools, money, or time this year. It really does go such a long way to changing lives just like Kevin’s.

The second part of this article will focus on ‘Volunteer Blessings’ and will be published next week.

What we know about you at Kempston East

A couple of years ago, there was a great deal of hype in the media about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GDPR seeks only to protect everybody’s personal information (“personal data”), ensure those who hold it look after it, make sure they use it only for the purposes intended and require them to respect and respond to the rights of those whose data is held (“data subjects”). This is of benefit to all those the Methodist Church holds dear including church members, lay workers, third party users and members of the community involved in our Church. Everyone who will get this year’s Membership Card shortly will also receive a note setting out how we deal with personal data. Kempston East’s Privacy Notice explains how we, the Circuit and Districts within the Methodist Church in Great Britain collect, use and protect personal information. It also provides information about everyone’s rights (paragraph 9) and who to contact (paragraph 1) if you have any questions about how we use your information. You can find our Privacy Notice on the Church’s website (https://www.kempstoneastmethodist.org), or displayed on the noticeboard at the rear of the Church. I will try to deal with any questions as a local point of contact. Please ask us for a copy of the Privacy Notice if this would be of assistance.

Richard Ward
Christian Aid often features in Kempston East’s charitable giving, either directly from our Charities Fund or as a result of retiring collections. Of course, we cannot at present take retiring collections and Christian Aid were unable to carry out their usual door-to-door collections this year. You can, though, still support them through their new e-offering scheme. Although this is targeted at churches, it is for individuals to carry out. This is what Christian Aid are asking us to do:…..

This autumn, we’re reaching out to our neighbours still facing crisis around the world. Your church can join us with our simple, virtual e-offering. When crisis arrived on our doorsteps this year, neighbourly love helped us through. Could you and your neighbours share our e-offering to help more communities still facing crisis around the world?

You can help our neighbours like Angela and her daughters in Nicaragua. For Angela’s farming community the climate crisis is destroying their crops and threatening their livelihoods, but with the support of you and your church they are coming together to share tools and knowledge to urgently protect community.

You can support more communities still facing crisis with our e-offering, an exciting and personalised way to virtually fundraise with your church. Follow three simple steps to set up a page, and share the link in your church service or newsletter

1. Create your fundraising page (click here for this)
Upload a photo or create a personalised video and use our message template to tell your church and friends why you are supporting Christian Aid. Encourage them to join you and share with their friends too!

2. Share with your church and friends
After previewing your message and checking you are happy with how it looks and sounds, you are ready to send your e-offering. You can choose to send via email, share via Twitter, Facebook or WhatsApp, or share the link in your church service or newsletter.

3. Raise funds for the e-Offering
We need you and your friends to join us so we can achieve incredible things for some of the poorest people in the world. Each e-Offering shared gives us a greater chance of securing vital funds to help those who are most in need.
Going Out or Staying In

Are you missing the seaside, or maybe you’ve been missing going to various arts festivals this summer. Fear not, because you can now virtually and digitally visit the Bournemouth ‘Arts By The Sea’ festival.

In reality, this comes to an end this weekend (and I’m not sure how much of it actually took place as ‘live events’). You can, though, watch some of the many performances that took place and are still to take place by clicking on https://artsbythesea.co.uk/category/digital_programme/.

From there you will be able to click on podcasts, performances, music and workshops. Depending on when you do this, it’s possible that the performance still has to take place (in which case you’ll have to wait) or it may already have happened (in which case you’ll be able to watch this digitally). I must say I’m looking forward to the workshop entitled ‘An Introduction to Bubbleology by Squidge & Pop’ which is scheduled for Saturday afternoon!

Mechanical Music Machines
The ingenuity displayed by people who build mechanical music machines is truly mind-blowing. Take a look at the Wintergaten Marble Machine, powered by 2000 marbles (www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvUU8joBb1Q&feature=youtu.be). Equally impressive but using a much simpler set up is the ‘William Tell Overture’ played by a model train passing along a ‘corridor’ of bottles (www.youtube.com/watch?v=pS912fluqxo). I look forward to seeing this when we finally can have another Model Railway Exhibition!

National Gardens Scheme
Despite coming to the end of the season, there are still some gardens opening during October in Bedfordshire.

Sunday October 4th: Staploe Gardens (near St Neots) is open from 1pm to 5pm. Admission for adults is £5.00. Details at https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/31441

Saturday October 24th: Townsend Farmhouse at Steppingley is open from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. Admission is £5.00. Details at https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/32973

You will need to prebook for each of these gardens.
A new month and a new theme for your photos.
To start you off, Cilla and I have collected a few photos to inspire you. Please send me any you have taken (they can be of any summery scene). To get you clicking, the theme for November will be ‘Autumn’ so you’ve got a month in which to take all those trees as they change colour, piles of conkers – whatever you interpret autumn as being.
Praise God for our mutual partnership with the staff in schools, who are working tirelessly to ensure the children catch up on any lost learning but more importantly that they are happy and settled.

Praise God for all the positive feedback for the Creation and Harvest materials we have sent out this half term.

Praise God that the enthusiasm and creativity of the workers is continuing with them thinking and planning for even more ways of reaching the children and staff in the schools.

Praise God that schools are now back and the children can be learning and socialising once again.

Please pray that any outbreaks in schools can be sorted quickly and that education can continue without disruption. Please pray for protection over the staff.

Please pray for the staff and children to be inspired and stimulated by the resources sent, so that they can ask more questions and dig deeper in their understanding of God and Christianity.

Please pray that the schools will continue to want and use the resources that the workers will send to them.

Please pray for all the children and staff dealing with anxiety, grief and all the uncertainties of these difficult days.
Please remember in your prayers:

- Jane Whymark, daughters Heather, Clare and Ruth, and Peter’s son Paul, as they prepare for Peter’s funeral this week
- All our friends in care homes in Kempston, Bedford, and beyond

Peter Whymark
Peter Whymark’s funeral will be on Friday October 9th at 3.20pm.

It will be live-streamed on the internet. To access this click on:
https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view
and then type in **49020** in the box marked Order ID and **vuxktgfq** in the box marked Password.
You will need to tick the box saying ‘I agree to the Terms and Conditions’ and then click on ‘Login’.

If you miss logging in to the funeral service, a recording will be available on the same website and login for seven days afterwards.

Peter’s family have also set up a JustGiving page for anyone who wishes to donate in his memory. Donations will go to the Macmillan Nurses and Centre at Macclesfield District General Hospital who were so supportive to Peter and the family throughout his cancer treatments and in his final few weeks.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/peter-whymark
WORSHIP

We will continue to meet together at church this Sunday when Rev Michael Giles will lead our worship. We do look forward to seeing as many of you as feel able to attend. For those of you who feel unable to come and mix with others in church, we are planning an experimental live-streaming of the service on Zoom. The login details will be sent to you in Richard’s covering email and it is hoped to put a recording of this on the church website (www.kempstoneastmethodist.org) on Sunday afternoon. This will be the first time we will have tried this and many thanks go to Dom and Keith for putting the technology together. I watched the live-stream of their setting up through Zoom from home the other night and it looked very impressive.

For those of you who don’t know what a ‘live-stream’ is it is when an event (in this case, Sunday morning’s service) is broadcast live, as it happens, on the internet (in this case, via Zoom)

Because not everyone feels able to come to church or to use the internet, I will continue to provide the ‘do-it-yourself’ service outline on the following pages for those of you who are still preferring to worship at home.

On BBC1, ‘Sunday Morning Live’ will not be broadcast this week as the London Marathon is being shown instead. Then, at 2.00pm (note the later time), on ‘Songs of Praise’, Rev. Kate Bottley shares her journey of faith, from becoming a Christian as a teenager to her ordination and beyond, as she visits the people, places and music that have shaped her.

Sunday Worship at 8.10am on Radio 4, with the theme ‘Songs of the Prophets’ and marking Black History Month, explores the theme that Black Lives Matter everywhere through the lens of climate injustice, poverty and inequality around the world.

Radio 3 has Choral Evensong at 3pm today (Sunday) from Guildford Cathedral, and at 3.30pm on Wednesday from Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, New Zealand.

Live Worship at Kempston East (all at 10.30am)

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We look forward to seeing as many of you as feel able at these services
This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use if you are unable to attend church. If you are well enough, why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

Opening Prayer

*You may like to be still, light a candle, listen to a calming piece of music as we gather in worship.*

Holy God, as we come to worship you, help us to remember, that though apart, we belong to your church, your people, your world, we are not alone. The Psalmist writes of the heavens declaring the glory of God. As we worship today may we, like the heavens, declare your glory, be assured of your love, experience your grace and be restored in our hope. Draw us together by your Spirit as we worship. Amen.

(Prayer based on the words of Psalm 19)

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim these words...

**Hymn: Oh the life of the world (Singing the Faith 114)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jy4t01ZWQFc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jy4t01ZWQFc)

Oh the life of the world is a joy and a treasure, unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree, the changing of seasons in mountain and valley, the stars and the bright restless sea.

Oh the life of the world is a fountain of goodness, overflowing in labour and passion and pain, in the sound of the city and the silence of wisdom, in the birth of a child once again.
Oh the life of the world is the source of our healing. It rises in laughter and wells up in song; it springs from the care of the poor and the broken and refreshes where justice is strong.

So give thanks for the life and give love to the maker, and rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son, and walk in the peace and the power of the Spirit till the days of our living are done.

Kathy Galloway (b.1952)

Let us pray together

Eternal God and Father, you are the source of all life, the fount of all wisdom, the well-spring of all grace. Your days are without end, your loving mercies without number. We depend on you: and we remember your goodness to us and to those who have gone before us.

We tell your story in every generation:

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
God of Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel,
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
God of a pilgrim people, your Church.

You are our God, ahead of us, leading us, guiding us and calling us; you are the Lord God, the all-wise, the all-compassionate.
To you we lift up our hearts and we worship you, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

(Methodist Worship Book, Second Service, p.40)

Today’s Reading from the New Testament: Philippians 3:4b-14

Today’s Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Time to Reflect

When I first saw the Gospel Reading set for today I have to admit I was a little perturbed. I wondered how to even begin to share anything on this parable. Yet I was inspired by seeing Jesus again in conversation.

In all his encounters with those who oppose him, disagree with him, and seek to ridicule him, Jesus shows grace and a willingness to engage in conversation. Jesus doesn’t just dismiss the views of others, he listens, he challenges and he responds, sometimes forcefully. He doesn’t collude with what he knows to be unjust. I wonder how we respond when faced with those who profoundly disagree with us? Do we listen well?
The religious leaders rail against Jesus because he consistently fails to conform to the expectations they have of him. He eats with the wrong people. He speaks in stories and riddles. He won’t answer their questions directly. He challenges their authority. Yet Jesus is unwilling to give up the dialogue with them, to give up sharing the good news, engaging in conversation and seeking to include all. Is this how we live as followers of Christ? Even giving a hearing to those who oppose us?

In his ‘explanation’ of the parable, Jesus speaks of producing the fruits of the kingdom (v.43). What do you think of as the fruits of God’s kingdom? If we want to see what the fruits of the kingdom are, we have the example of Jesus before us. Love, mercy, forgiveness, justice, generosity, compassion, presence, wisdom, truth, healing, reconciliation, joy, thanksgiving, peace, lament, obedience, humility. Perhaps as we hear again the parable of the wicked tenants, we can long and pray to be those who live the kingdom values of Jesus in the vineyards of our lives.

Take a time to sit quietly.

You may wish to listen to a piece of quiet music or simply be still.

**A time of prayer**

Holy God, we come to you today with our prayers:

We pray for our world...
*Your kingdom come, your will be done.*

We pray for the Church...
*Your kingdom come, your will be done.*

We pray for all those striving for justice...
*Your kingdom come, your will be done.*

We pray for those suffering with COVID-19 and its effects...
*Your kingdom come, your will be done.*

We pray for those we know and love who need our prayers...
*Your kingdom come, your will be done.*

We offer all our prayers in and through the name of our living Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Our Father ......*
Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling (Singing the Faith 503)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sw5ZCZeS32M

Love divine, all loves excelling, 
joy of heaven to earth come down, 
fix in us thy humble dwelling, 
all thy faithful mercies crown. 
Jesu, thou art all compassion, 
pure, unbounded love thou art; 
visit us with thy salvation, 
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, 
let us all thy life receive; 
suddenly return, and never, 
ever more thy temples leave. 
Thee we would be always blessing, 
serve thee as thy hosts above, 
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, 
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, 
pure and spotless let us be; 
let us see thy great salvation, 
perfectly restored in thee: 
changed from glory into glory, 
till in heaven we take our place, 
till we cast our crowns before thee, 
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

A prayer of blessing

‘Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.’ Amen (Philippians 4:4-7)

Original Materials by Rev Miriam Moul 
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Samaritans Purse (Shoebox Appeal)

This year we will have to do things a bit differently. Barbara G has the pre-printed boxes that you can collect from her house, or she will deliver to you (contact her on 301685). Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, leaflets will not be available in the church but they are available online from the Samaritan’s Purse website:

(www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)
If you have any prayer requests, thanks, how you’re passing the time, feelgood items and, indeed, any other items and news that you would like to go into this newsletter then please email these to geofftal@btinternet.com, ideally by Thursday each week. As you can see, unlike the printed newsletter, there’s no restriction on space and we can even slot last minute things in up till Friday evening.

If you know of someone who would like to receive this emailed newsletter could you please send their email address to richard.ward4@btinternet.com. Equally, if you would like to be removed from the distribution list, please let Richard Ward know.

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Next Week’s Poster from Richard

**Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, always.** Hebrews 10:23

**Revealing Jesus** is Scripture Union’s new mission framework to help you and your church connect and journey with the 95% of under-18s who don’t go to church.

This will be launched by an online celebration event on Wednesday October 14th at 7.30pm. You can join in and watch this celebration on the SU website – just click on the link to connect. The celebration will be led by worship leader Lou Fellingham and you can hear what she has to say about this on: www.youtube.com/watch?v=zy5k4MdG_w&feature=youtu.be

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Who doesn’t like a good pun? These may or may not be good ones!

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
The midget fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
If you jumped off a bridge in Paris, you’d be in Seine
Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in their craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank, proving once again that you can’t have your kayak and heat it.
Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, “I’ve lost my electron.” The other says, “Are you sure?” The first replies, “Yes, I’m positive.”
There was a person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. **No pun in ten did** – but I hope at least one of these did!