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Calendar

- Sunday 2nd Oct** Service led by Phil Jump including Communion.
- Sunday 9th Oct** Service led by Craig Mairs, Harvest Festival
This will be Craig's last service before he moves back to Coleraine
- Sunday 16th Oct** Service led by Dorothy Kendrick
Congregational meeting after the service
- Sunday 23rd Oct** Service led by 'To Be Confirmed'
- Sunday 30th Oct** Service led by 'To Be Confirmed'
- Sunday 6th Nov** Service led by Rev Brian Davison including Communion
- Sunday 13th Nov** Service led by Dave Butt
- Sunday 20th Nov** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
- Sunday 27th Nov** Service led by Sheila Coop
3pm United Hollinwood Advent Service at Millgate.
- Sunday 4th Dec** Service led by Rev Brian Davison



Our services will be live via zoom. The ID you need for any of Beulah's services is 483-214-0593 and the password is 92315.

Prayers Among our fellowship:

Wynne Simister; Bob and Sylvia Beattie and their daughter Ruth; June Brain; Ian and Sharon Whitehead; David and Elaine Joynes- David is currently in the Friarage Hospital in North Allerton after his stroke; all those who are feeling isolated; all those in care homes; all those caring for loved ones.



Pray for the people of Pakistan after the terrible floods there and the people of Cuba, Florida and East Carolina after the devastating impact of Hurricane Ian. Help us to play our part in looking after God's wonderful creation and in taking steps to reduce our carbon footprint- as individuals and as a church.

Dear Friends,

It's been an historic few weeks! The end of an era. Things may not feel any different but generations to come will learn the date 8th sept 2022 as the end of the Second Elizabethan Age. The longest serving British monarch of all time, beating Queen Victoria by some margin.

On Monday we paid our respects, not just to the office, not just an event of exceptional pageantry, but the funeral of a person, one whose example of service was remarked upon worldwide, whose character, grace, patience and wisdom were widely admired. Jesus words "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your master" are very apt, for hers was a servant leadership, modelled on the King she served and followed.

Archbishop Justin Welby contrasted her servant leadership to that of some others in the public eye – ""People of loving service are rare in any walk of life, leaders of loving service are still rarer. But in all cases, those who serve will be loved and remembered when those who cling to power and privileges are long forgotten." (No names mentioned, but examples in the public sphere may spring to mind!).

Whether you like the system of hereditary Monarchy or not, it is what we have, and Elizabeth did not seek power, but had it thrust upon her upon the death of her father, who himself had it thrust upon him at the abdication of his brother. Both gave their all, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Consort remained in London during the Blitz, suffering bombing like so many, and so identified with their people, winning their hearts. Elizabeth Followed her father's example, visiting widely in the commonwealth identifying with the people. Both sought to follow Jesus, who left the glory of heaven to dwell among us, and share our lot, even death, although of course in doing so he defeated death once and for all.

What do we take from the last few weeks? For me, there is a sense of privilege to be living in this age (as well as seeing in a new millennium 22 years ago), and being part of the estimated 4.1 billion viewers who watched worldwide. But far above that is the challenge to follow Elisabeth's example, as she followed Christ. Many household staff have testified that they never heard her raise her voice, or lose her temper, she treated them with dignity and respect. As a young queen she learned from people of experience like Winston Churchill, and in later years was able to draw on her many years' experience, in quietly, privately, advising Prime Ministers.

She had a sense of self-deprecating fun too, taking part in a bond sketch to open the 2012 Olympics, and of course the tea with Paddington, in her Jubilee.

All the above is not to put the queen on a pedestal, but rather to rejoice in a disciple of Jesus who lived and spoke out about her faith, in full view of all who saw her. Rejoice, and hopefully commit ourselves to do likewise, wherever we are, whether in the public eye or where only God can see us.

The example is set by disciples, the glory goes to Christ. 2000 years ago, Paul put it very simply "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." 1 Cor 11:1

Love in Our Lord

Brian

Messages from the Leaders:

- We are hoping to offer a warm and welcoming space on a Thursday over the Winter months, so that people can stay warm and enjoy a hot drink and some food such as soup or toast. We would really appreciate the help of anyone on a rota basis to help with any of the following- greeting any visitors/ chatting to them/ washing up etc. We intend to discuss this at the Congregation meeting on the 16th October and to try to get the views of any neighbours as to the best time to offer this.
- We have finally obtained a quote for the installation of a new boiler. It will in fact be two smaller boilers which will feed the Church+Primary and the Hall areas separately. The rationale for investigating this is the concern that when our current boiler broke down last winter it was extremely difficult to get spare parts, as it is now so old, and we don't want to risk it breaking down this winter and finding out then in an emergency situation that we need to try and get a new one. The new system would be much more efficient and in addition the engineer informed us that there is currently no insulation on the pipework under the Church. Whilst this will produce efficiency savings in the long run and be more eco-friendly, it is a huge expense- around £14,500 + VAT plus the insulation to the pipes. We obviously want to discuss this with the whole congregation, so this will be an agenda item at the meeting on the 16th October. Do stay if you can and share any thoughts (or fundraising ideas!)
- At our Harvest Festival on Sunday 9th October, we are asking for donations of any tinned soup or cup-a-soups in preparation for the warm space's initiative. If you can also be looking out any jigsaws/ books/ games we will let you know how we can use them at the Congregation meeting.
- We wish Brian well for his sabbatical month in October and look forward to seeing him refreshed in November. In his absence, if you have any queries/ problems/ news please get in touch with any of the Leaders.
- Hollins Millgate are operating their food pantry scheme- see the poster on the Church board for details.

Pray for all of our link missionaries in Mozambique/ Nepal and Albania.

Liz and Sergio Vilela will be visiting us in December so this will be an exciting opportunity to hear first hand about their work in Mozambique.



Pray for the people of Ukraine as the war drags on and shows no sign of any resolution.

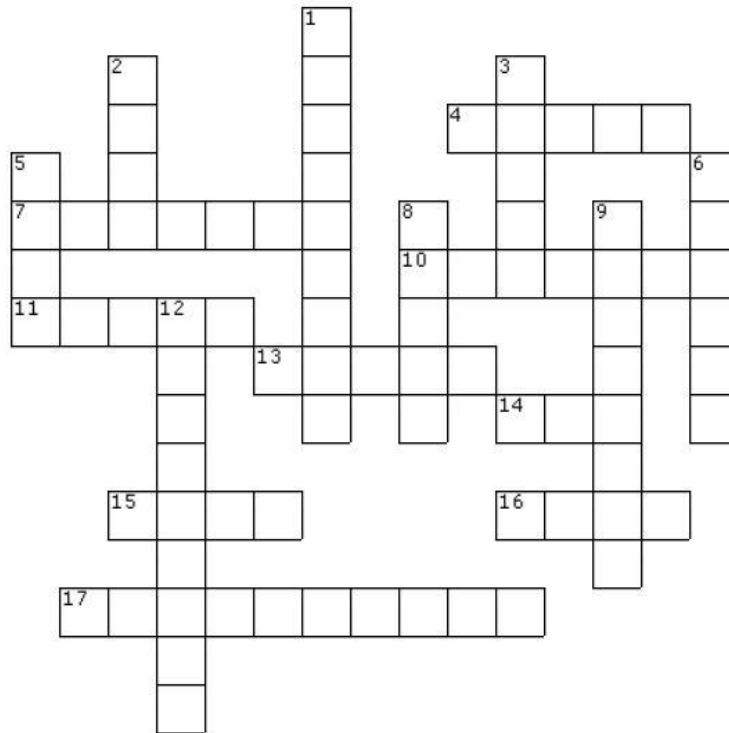
A CAFOD prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their
choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalms 46:1”

Please pray for the most vulnerable around the world. Pray for those who will be pushed beyond breaking point by the rise in the cost of living and who are struggling to sleep at night, worrying about how they can cover their bills. Pray that they will receive the support they need and help us to be ready to show compassion and practical help, and to share God's love and peace. Pray that the Politicians who make decisions that affect us all have wisdom and empathy.

Pray for those in East Africa who are experiencing an acute hunger crisis right now- three failed rainy seasons have put millions at risk and food prices are rising dramatically. Pray for much needed rain in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda to ensure crops will grow.



ACROSS

4 He said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

7 She said, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued."

10 He said to the Lord, "Will you destroy both innocent and guilty alike? Suppose you find fifty innocent people there within the city--will you still destroy it, and not spare it for their sakes?"

11 He said, "Who

am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

13 He said to the sailors, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea, and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

14 She said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

15 She said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

16 He said, "Am I my brother's

keeper?"

17 He said, "You will not surely die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (2 words)

DOWN

1 He said to the wise men, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." (2 words)

2 He said, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does

not boast, it is not proud."

3 When Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?"; this disciple answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

5 He said, "The woman you put here with me-- she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

6 Bracing himself against the central pillars of the temple, He said, "Let me die with the Philistines!"

8 When this elderly woman heard talk that she would have a baby, she

thought to herself, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

9 He said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." (2 words)

12 She said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"

Crossword Puzzle: Who said that?

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