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Calendar

Sunday 7th May **Early Start 10.30 am** -Service led by Rev Brian Davison
Followed by communion

Sunday 14th May Service led by John Prior

Sunday 21st May Service led by Rev Brian Davison

Sunday 28th May Service led by Ruth Wollaston

Sunday 4th June Service led by Rev Brian Davison
Followed by Communion

Sunday 11th June Service led by Judith Haughton

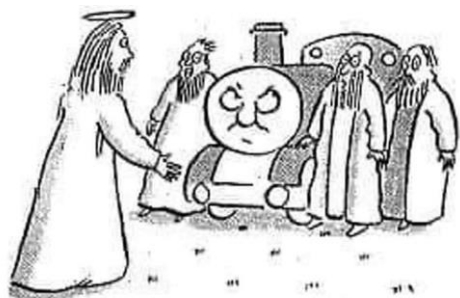
Sunday 18th June Service led by Ashley Stansfield (Fathers Day)

Sunday 25th June Service led by Sammy Spaine

Sunday 2nd July Service led by Rev Brian Davison
Followed by Communion

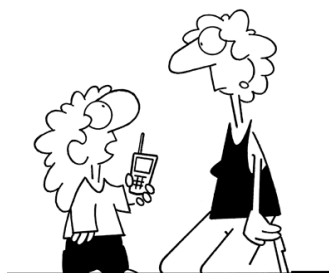


Our services will be live via zoom. The ID you need for any of Beulah's services is
483-214-0593 and the password is 92315



Doubting Thomas

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"If I send my prayer as a text message,
will I get a faster reply?"

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"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain” Ps 127 :1

Dear Friends,

That verse came to me afresh as I was thinking and praying about God’s work here, the opportunities, the challenge, and our desire to be useful to Him. And whenever I think of that verse my mind goes back to 1995, in Plymouth for the BU Assembly, when I first came across Smeaton’s Tower. The history is one of a man learning from how God built things on this earth, namely trees, and how he was not afraid to write a statement of his faith on his handiwork.

Attempts were being made to place a warning light on the nearby rocks, which were causing great losses to shipping drifting on to them in storms. Two previous attempts had been made, one of which had been washed away in the first storm the other of which had burned down after an accident with the light. Mr. Smeaton was a well-established, even famous civil engineer, and it was felt that if anyone could design a lighthouse to last, he could. Smeaton began to think. The structure would need to be very strong, high to be seen from afar, but the base on which to build was narrow. Whilst walking in his garden he observed how God had designed the trunks which supported great trees, flexing, but not breaking in the wind. He saw how they were broader at the bottom, narrowing as they rose. He observed what has become a well-known principle in engineering, that a tubular structure gives great strength for its size. He even noticed how the tubular shape offered the least obstruction to wind in any direction, and therefore suffered the least force from it.

He designed his lighthouse, making no secret of the fact that he could do no better than copy the work of the creator, and it became the model of all lighthouses. Inside it he had inscribed the verse “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain”. This was a reminder to all of the two attempts built on man’s best idea, not God’s design. In the latter half of the last century the lighthouse was replaced by a fully automated one, and the top of the old one removed and brought to Plymouth Hoe. There it stands as a monument to a great engineer, but to those who will consider, it is a monument to a man who knew God at the very centre of all that he did, who made no distinction between Sunday worship and Monday work, but brought all his tasks to God, and God into all his tasks.

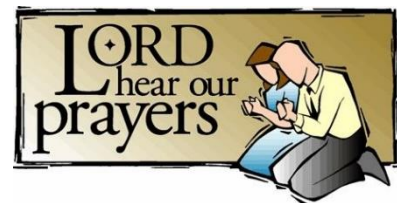
As we seek God’s guidance in all that we do, “secular” as well as sacred, and as we place him at the centre of our lives, we will build something of lasting value, maybe even something that is an example to others, rather than toil away on our own, to find we have laboured in vain.

Love in Our Lord

Brian

Prayers Among our fellowship:

Please pray for Brian and all his family after the death of his father last week. We give thanks for his father's long life and service to God, and for the fact that he died peacefully, secure in the knowledge that he was going to glory. We pray for all the arrangements and administration going forward and especially for his Mum, as she settles into the care home in Northampton this week.



Pray for those who are ill at this time- Wynne with all her health issues; Phil who has had a hospital stay in Ireland and continuing health issues since his return home; Lucy; Elaine Everett; Bob and Sylvia Beattie; the parents of Iain Wilkinson in South Africa; Joe Ashton, in Gillibrand Hall in Chorley; Elaine Joynes.

Pray for Carol Zimmerman as she moves into a council bungalow on Tuesday next week. We are glad she has finally got a new house, but know she will be very sad to leave her home of more than 20 years, despite all the problems with it.

Pray for all those who are housebound or in care homes – let them know they are not forgotten!

Pray for the Baptist Assembly 16th-18th June and all the discussions and decisions.

Pray for all 9 churches in the Missional Partnership and for guidance on how they can best work together.

Pray for Liz and Sergio Vilela and their children as they prepare to leave Mozambique and adjust to a new life in the UK. Read their latest blog on the church website-

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Congratulations to Kate Olivier and Tom Stuart as they get married on Saturday 29th April. We wish them much happiness together in the future.

Congratulations to Lucy on her 90th birthday last week.

A prayer from the URC for the Coronation Day:

Eternal God,

You order and govern our world and all that is therein,
bless, we pray, Charles and Camilla today
as they are crowned and anointed,
that amid the pomp and ritual,
they may feel your loving presence,
that they may fulfil the roles prescribed for them,
and that we may, in this kingdom, be better governed,
and always reminded of your eternal Kingdom which is to come.
Amen.



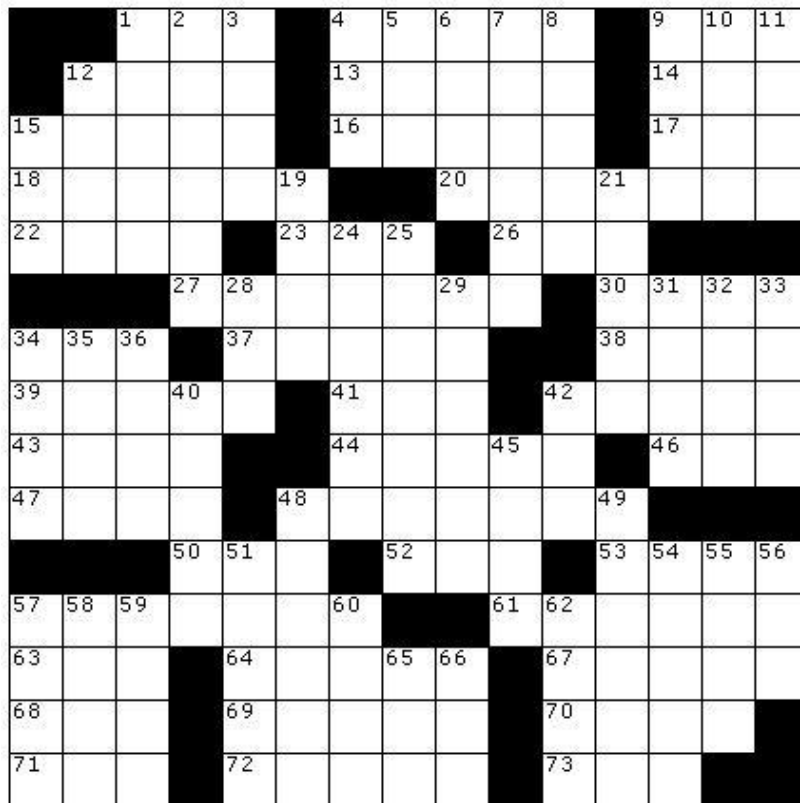
News from the Leaders

- On Sunday 7th May we will be celebrating the Coronation by holding our service at the earlier time of **10.30** so that we can serve pizzas, cakes and hot drinks between 12 and 1.30 – hopefully outside the church if the weather is fine. If it is not good weather, we will stay indoors! We hope as many of our congregation will join us, along with members of the Nigerian fellowship and any neighbours and friends. Please invite others and use it as a witness and celebration.

- Thanks to Julie for decorating the railings as a witness at Easter.

- Any gifts towards the Sunday flowers will be gratefully received!

- On Thursday 4th May the Leaders will be meeting Cathy Varley from locality.org to discuss the community audit that they are helping us to carry out, so that we can see what the needs of our community are and how best we can respond to them. This promises to be an exciting step forward, so please pray for this meeting and all the actions from it over the next few months. We are grateful to the URC for the funding for this work.



ACROSS

- 1 Downwind
- 4 First husband of Bathsheba
- 9 Football assoc.
- 12 Fish arms
- 13 Salute
- 14 Bullfight cheer
- 15 Island nation
- 16 Speak without preparation
- 17 By way of
- 18 Alarmed
- 20 Day of rest
- 22 Biblical word for You idiot!
- 23 Sixth sense
- 26 A grain
- 27 Punishment
- 30 Son of Adam and Eve
- 34 Constrictor
- 37 Relating to the moon
- 38 Lotion brand
- 39 Computer code for characters
- 41 Self

- 42 Son of Abraham
- 43 Singing voice
- 44 Berried shrub
- 46 Manipulate
- 47 Astray
- 48 First Christian martyr
- 50 Able
- 52 South southeast
- 53 Shriek
- 57 ___ are the merciful
- 61 Hammer
- 63 Feel poorly
- 64 Regions
- 67 Rounded
- 68 Sun's name
- 69 Musical "slow"
- 70 Son of Seth
- 71 East northeast
- 72 He received Ten Commandments
- 73 Compass point

DOWN

- 1 Spring flower
- 2 Ensnare
- 3 Twin brother of Jacob

- 4 North American country
- 5 Radiation dose
- 6 Evils
- 7 Bird sanctuary
- 8 Type of horse
- 9 Type of star
- 10 Dart
- 11 Sister of Rachel
- 12 Syllables used in songs (2 wds.)
- 15 Damage
- 19 List of meals
- 21 Birds noses
- 24 Least nuts
- 25 Afflictions sent against Egypt
- 28 Samuel's mentor
- 29 Walks
- 31 Boyfriend
- 32 Long time periods
- 33 Plague of Egypt
- 34 Phoenician god
- 35 Capital of Norway
- 36 Book after

- Gospels
- 40 Tiny amounts
- 42 Frozen water
- 45 Excuse me!
- 48 Music player
- 49 Women's stockings
- 51 Hymn of praise
- 54 Where the funny bone is
- 55 Dregs
- 56 Limited (abbr.)
- 57 Elemental
- 58 Daniel was thrown into the ___s' den
- 59 Women's magazine
- 60 TV rooms
- 62 Brews
- 65 Dined
- 66 Distress call

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