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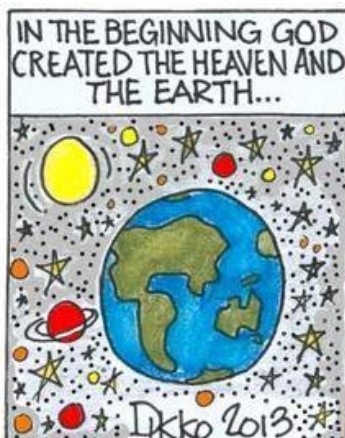
June/July 2023 – No 101

Calendar

- 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 and Congregational meeting
- Sunday 9th July** Service led by John Prior
- Sunday 16th July** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
- Sunday 23rd July** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
- Sunday 30th July** Service led by the Leaders
- Sunday 6th Aug** 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



Dear friends

May I thank you all for your kindness, prayers and Patience in the last few weeks.

My family assumed I must now all about reporting a death and planning a funeral as a minister, but the truth is until it's a blood relative, the minister only gets involved in the content of the service. All the details and decision were as new to me as anyone else.

As I write the funeral is behind me, and I'm writing today a second tribute for the memorial, thinking more of Dad at the church there, (Lindsay Park, Kenton since 1961) and recalling many happy memories of him.

It's been a time of learning for me, not just since he was called home, but over the last year, with the honour of serving him by caring for him like he cared for us as children.

People fear loss of dignity when they need "personal care" and help with feeding. Yet to do so for the man who had fed me as a baby, put up with my terrible behaviour at primary school, taught me everything I knew about cars, much about life, whose preaching (among others) inspired my own, was an honour. He had seen death and carnage underground in the mines, knew long since forgotten skills, such a how to wipe a lead joint, had been "in on the ground floor" at the start of Brunel College, later to become Brunel University, a world renowned centre of engineering excellence, and been at the forefront of the growth of Ergonomics in industry and the workplace in general.

But serving him in his latter years, knowing the great man he was (not had been, still was) I came to realise that there is a greater dignity than the impudence, self-reliance, privacy we call dignity. There is the great dignity of receiving service, especially service given in love. A dignity in rising above all the usual things we call dignity, and not being ashamed, still being everything you were, and yet accepting the care of another.

It was a lesson Peter had to learn, allowing his Lord and Master to wash his feet, in preparation for understanding that same Lord and master, maker of the Universe, died for him, the greatest service of all.

It was one Jesus himself showed when a woman whose reputation preceded her, whose actions were "improper", expressed her love with a far greater gift than any of the posh hosts.

It was the dignity of a Father who broke all propriety in love of his son – Ran to him (the head of a family should never run, it was "undignified", hugged his son, fresh (or not so fresh!) from the pig farm, and restored to him the ring signifying his place. His was a greater dignity in putting all that aside, than the earthly dignity of following the rules, and keeping apart from him.

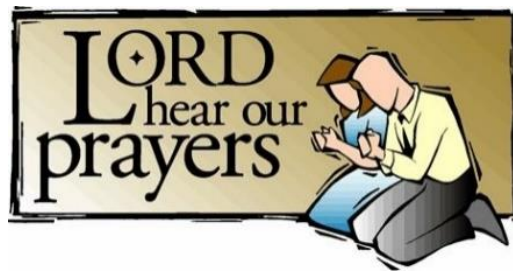
Even in his last few days and weeks, Dad taught me something new, maybe something he was just discovering for himself, or maybe better still, we learned it together!

Love in Our Lord

Brian

Prayers Among our fellowship:

We send our deepest sympathy to Iain and Jane Wilkinson and family after the death of Iain's Mum in South Africa and think especially of his Dad as he adjusts to the loss and also to a new home.



Pray for those who are ill at this time- Lucy who is recovering after a fall but with several health issues causing her problems; Wynne with all her health issues; Phil; Elaine Everett; Bob and Sylvia Beattie; Joe Ashton, in Gillibrand Hall in Chorley; Elaine Joynes.

Carol Zimmerman wants to thank everyone for their prayers and support in helping her move into the council bungalow. We are glad she is feeling more settled.

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 Joy Ransom as she prepares to finally leave Nepal – read her final prayer letter on our church website: www.beulahcommunitychurch.org.uk/missions

Congratulations

To Wendy Olivier on her 60th birthday this week and belated congratulations to Mary Howarth on her 95th birthday last week.

To Gemma Wilkinson and Tom Flitcroft on their engagement.

To Ruth Wollaston as she celebrates the 40th anniversary of her induction on the 24th June.

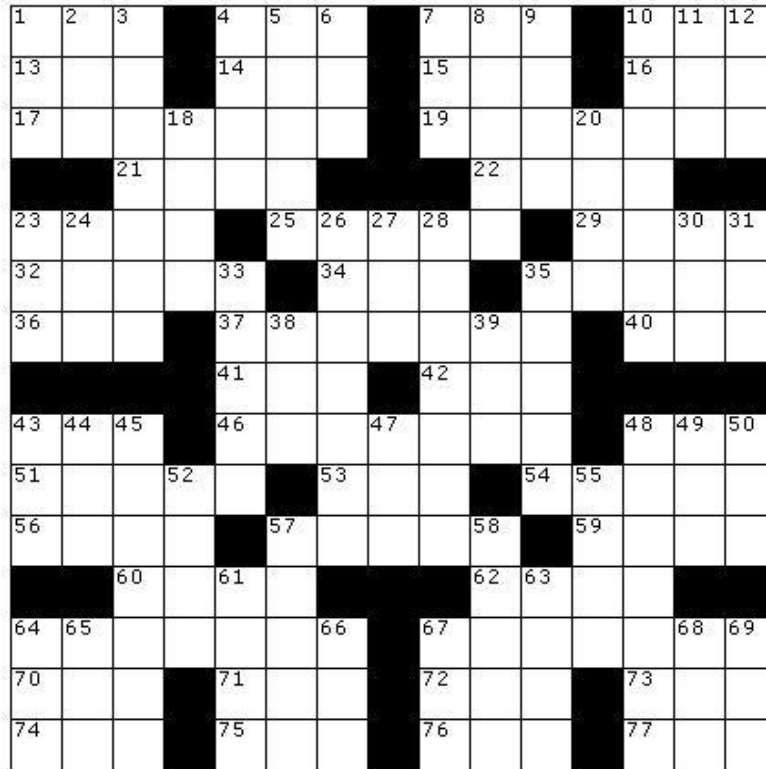
To Clare Downing on her Induction as Transition Moderator of the North Western Synod on 10th June.

News from the Leaders

Thank you to all who organised and shared in the celebrations for the Coronation weekend. We have had some serious bills over the last few months- the new boilers; the new water heater; repairs to two leaks from old heating pipes in the Hall and the church; the re-wire at the Manse to name a few! Please pray that we steward our finances well and that problems do not feel overwhelming!



Advance notice of our next Congregation meeting on July 2nd after the morning service.



ACROSS

- 1 Computer part
- 4 Pressure unit
- 7 Small amount
- 10 Estimated time of arrival
- 13 Old Testament city
- 14 Decay
- 15 Flightless bird
- 16 Capture
- 17 Pea casings
- 19 Fourth book of Bible
- 21 Type of car
- 22 Canned meat brand
- 23 Piece
- 25 Perhaps
- 29 Transgressions
- 32 Japanese capital
- 34 Fib
- 35 Parable of the ___ and weeds
- 36 Female sheep
- 37 Professor X's nemesis
- 40 Snoop

- 41 Stretch to make do
- 42 Possessive pronoun
- 43 Frozen water
- 46 Angel sent to Zechariah and Mary
- 48 Vane direction
- 51 Island nation
- 53 Pastor (abbr.)
- 54 Name for Satan
- 56 Supplication
- 57 Filmed
- 59 Reference point
- 60 Yearn
- 62 Chess piece
- 64 Type of gum
- 67 Splitting apart
- 70 North American nation
- 71 Church bench
- 72 Delaware
- 73 Compass point
- 74 Danish krone (abbr.)
- 75 Annex
- 76 Hubbub
- 77 Obtain

DOWN

- 1 Head cover
- 2 Desert
- 3 Not similar
- 4 High school dance
- 5 City destroyed by fire
- 6 ___ A Small World...
- 7 Thief's hideout
- 8 Entertain
- 9 Jounce
- 10 Love your ___
- 11 Sticky black substance
- 12 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
- 18 Feel sorry for
- 20 Big party
- 23 Southwestern Indian
- 24 Present
- 26 School subject
- 27 Yang's partner
- 28 Apiary
- 30 Slumber
- 31 Pigpen

- 33 I am the Alpha and the ___ (abbr.)
- 35 For God so loved the ___
- 38 Also known as (abbr.)
- 39 Ball holder
- 43 Elf
- 44 Calorie
- 45 Aaron's son, Moses' nephew
- 47 Representative
- 48 Eliciting
- 49 Mr.
- 50 Tree
- 52 Mexican sandwich
- 55 Son of Seth
- 57 Word written on the wall (Daniel)
- 58 Preserved
- 61 Faith, ___ and charity
- 63 National capital
- 64 Flower start
- 65 Inquire
- 66 Punching tool
- 67 Food and drug administration

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