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Calendar

- Sunday 1st May** Service led by Rev Brian Davison including Communion.
(Via Zoom as his family has to isolate before Clare's operation)
- Sunday 8th May** Led by the Leaders. John Fidler has asked us to postpone his
planned visit until 25th September
- Sunday 15th May** Service led by John Piper- formerly Minister at Shaw URC (Brian at Baptist
Union Conference)
- Sunday 22nd May** Service led by John Prior **Church AGM at 12-15**
- Sunday 29th May** Service led by Judith Haughton
- Thurs 9th June** Evening Pentecost URC service at Beulah



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.

Among our fellowship:

Please pray for Barbara, recovering after her recent illness and stay in hospital; for Ian Foden, recovering from a heart attack; for Margaret Hopwood's daughter, Georgina, recovering from an operation for breast cancer; for Ian and Sharon Whitehead; for Lucy; for Joan; for Vera and all our friends in care homes; for Phil; for Carol, facing another court date in May about her house issue; for Clare Davison.

Congratulations to Paul Barrow on qualifying as an architect.

Happy birthday to all those with birthdays in May !



A prayer for peace

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Church of England Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby Church of England
Anglican Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell

10 “getting to know you questions” about Brian

Brian says “ I had great fun answering these. Much of the time I found I've not got one favourite in things, so I've expanded a bit on many of them. Ps one or two may be “tongue in cheek” – you'll have to guess which ☺”

1/ What is your favourite food?

Whatever I can smell cooking at the time!!

If I'm near the chippy, it's Haddock and Chips, with proper chips, not French fries and not “chunky chips with skin” which seem to be potato wedges travelling on a false passport ☺

If I can smell Indian my thoughts turn to the wonderful Prawn Pathia from our local Tandoori take away. Or Tandoori Chicken or Chicken Tikka Masala (Recently voted Britain's most popular dish)

When it comes to Chinese – Chicken and Cashew nuts with Egg fried Rice.

For English it's steak and chips, with fried Mushrooms, fried tomatoes and peas.

Deserts – anything with lots of cream.

And I have to add in the list Chocolate, especially Galaxy. (Unless there is a question later on “what are your vices? - chocolate would go there ☺) I'd better move on to the next question – my mouth is watering!!

2/ What is your favourite TV programme?

Any mysteries: Jonathan Creek, Midsomer Murders, Inspector Morse and later on Lewis, Agatha Christie. (I loved David Suchet's Poirot and Joan Hickson's Miss Marple. (She reminded me of my Grandma))

3/ Who is your favourite Author?

For leisure reading, there are again a few that I can't decide between..... CS Lewis, JRR Tolkien and JK Rowling for their wonderfully detailed fantasy worlds, thrillers by John Grisham, & any mysteries.

For specifically Christian reading I like any author that makes me think, even if I don't agree with them.

4/ Where is your favourite Holiday Destination?

We usually go somewhere different each time, but one of my favourites from recent years was Tropea in Southern Italy – Calabria. A quaint town, not too touristy, with a beautiful beach, rock and coral formations with lots of small sea-life about 5m down – ideal for snorkelling, hot weather, and lots of great restaurants to sit out and eat at night. (Add Pizza and Spaghetti Carbonara to Question 2 ☺)

5/ What kind of music do you listen to?

You've guessed – various! From Classical (I especially love great organ works), to 50s Rock and Roll, to 70s heavy metal, to folk (Steeleye span), with Matt Redman, Tim Hughes, Stuart Townend – allsorts.

6/ Are you interested in any sort of sport, If so, what?

I'm an avid Motor Racing fan (and competitor when I get the chance). I've followed Formula One since the 70s and Touring cars since a visit to Brands Hatch in 1988. I got my race licence after following up on a one-off chance to drive single seaters which Clare got me for my 40th birthday, but never had the budget to race seriously (apart from the fact most races are on Sundays). I took up karting with Jonny and we had some success in father and son races & now I go karting with Stuart.

Also I really enjoyed the Paralympics when they came to London in 2012.

7/ Who is your favourite character in the bible (apart from Jesus?) and why?

Jehu son of Nimshi (see 2 Kings 9:20, especially the AV translation).

8/ If you were not a minster, what job would you do?

Racing driver? Although I'm past the age that most drivers retire and do other things, so probably something in science, or mediation work, or counselling.

But seriously, though I loved my work in Medical Research, ministry is my passion and calling as well as my job, I don't think anything would be as satisfying as serving my Lord in this way.

9/ Have you got any claims to fame?

Between 1982 and 1985 my blood was used each month to produce the National Calibration Standard for the Thyroid Function test in Newborns, so every baby born in the UK during that time was tested against known amounts of thyroxin, dissolved in my blood. As Michael Cain would say “Not a lot of people know that”.

10/ If you could be a cartoon character, who would you be?

Roger Rabbit!

Messages from the Leaders:

We are grateful for all those who have helped to make the kitchen re-fit happen. The kitchen has more storage space and now has an integrated double oven at waist level with a separate hob and an integrated dishwasher. There is some decorating work to do now! The photos show the before and after!



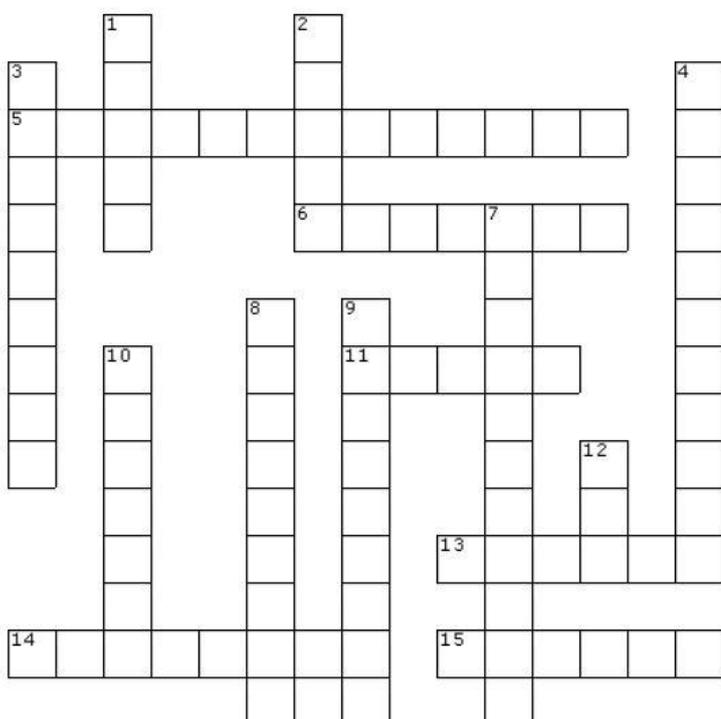
Many thanks also to Julie for organising and creating the display outside Church to witness as to why we celebrate Easter. It was great to have contributions from three of the neighbouring houses, as well as from the Nigerian fellowship.



The organ was not working on Easter Day and Ian has now discovered that there is evidence of rodent activity! He has organised someone to come and assess the damage and then we will discuss next steps with you.

The Church AGM will take place on Sunday 22nd May after the morning service. Please do come if you can and encourage others. The reports will be available on the 15th May. On this day Brian will be with us but will not take the service- he will have a question-and-answer session with our young people.

We are grateful to Hannah and Joe and their colleagues at Get Oldham Growing for helping us improve the church garden. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered to help them, including Wilson from the Nigerian fellowship. The weeds and former rotted membrane have been removed and the flags power washed and the team brought two planters and seeds and cuttings including beans and peas, which the pre-school children have planted. We also have potatoes, strawberries and onions growing and some further seeds to plant out. Wild flower seeds have been planted in the front bed. We are researching which flowers/ plants to plant, which will attract bees and insects! The photos show progress so far!



ACROSS

- 5 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for __, for they will be filled
- 6 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the __ of heaven
- 11 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the __
- 13 So in everything, do to __ what you would have them do to you
- 14 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to __
- 15 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the

one who wants to __ from you.

DOWN

- 1 You are the __ of the world
- 2 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; __ and the door will be opened to you
- 3 Do not store up for yourselves __ on earth
- 4 Blessed are the __, for they will be called children of God
- 7 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to __
- 8 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be __

- 9 Love your enemies and pray for those who __ you
- 10 __ are the merciful, for they will receive mercy
- 12 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will __ God

Crossword Puzzle: Sermon on the Mount

Prayers for our Link Missionaries

We're excited that Sergio and Liz, our link missionaries in Albania will be visiting us on the 20th November so we will be able to hear first-hand about their work there. Read their latest prayer letter on the church website:

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