

BEULAH CHRONICLE

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Calendar

- Sunday 8th Jan** Service led by Bob Shaw
- Sunday 15th Jan** **11 am** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
3 pm Association of Hollinwood Churches service of Christian unity at Beulah.
Please try and attend to share worship with our neighbouring churches in Hollinwood.
- Sunday 22nd Jan** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
- Sunday 29th Jan** Service led by John Fiddler
- Sunday 5th Feb** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
Followed by communion
- Sunday 12th Feb** Service led by Rev Graham Tarn
- Sunday 19th Feb** Service led by Rev Brian Davison
- Sunday 26th Feb** Service led by David Ireland
- Sunday 5th March** 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.

We have had Christmas greetings from our link missionaries and Liz and Sergio wrote to say they had appreciated being with us in December. Joy Ransom sent a video to play which we will do even though it will be past Christmas!

Congratulations to Steve and Jill Barrow on the birth of their granddaughter – Harper Rose- and we send our love and good wishes to Clare, Chris and Isla.

Congratulations also to David and Alison Cheetham on the birth of their grandson- Arthur William- and we send love to Matt and Abi.



Dear Friends,

As we wake up on Sunday morning (or woke up if you are reading this after New Year), it's a new day, a new week, a new month, and the thing we celebrate, a New Year. With the New Year comes new hope, and quite probably new challenges. At this point you are probably expecting me to write about how in all this change, it is the same God, the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

But I'm not writing that, well not yet.

Instead, I'm going to add "New God".

No, I've not taken leave of my senses, nor become a heretic, but I stand by those words. Yes, God is indeed the same yesterday today and for ever as the writer to the Hebrews reminds us, he is already in every point of time and space, so he doesn't need to change. But we do. As we move forward, we encounter God in new ways, as he reveals himself to us in new situations, shows us new things. With God there is always more to come. There must be – we are bound by time and space, and limited in our capacity for knowledge, he is infinite – there is always more. So, in every new situation, every new day, we encounter him anew, with new light shed on his word, new blessings. Doesn't Lamentations remind us "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness". He is the same, his faithfulness is constant, yet every day we encounter more of him, new blessings, new insight, new light, more love.

There is always more. God is forever faithful, yet also ever new. As we move forward into the New Year, with new opportunities to serve opening up, new people, new unforeseen challenges, the God who has seen it all is with us, and he is there ahead of us, his faithfulness is constant and unchanging, and yet our walk with him is ever new, ever fresh.

Wishing you new blessings in this new year

Love in Our Lord

Brian



Prayers Among our fellowship:

Please remember in prayer the family of Vera Foden after her death in December. She is the first person on our Cradle Roll (as Vera Stott) and has been a faithful member at Beulah all her life. She was always happy to share her creative skills and was a Deacon for many years.

Please also pray for the family of Barbara Hampson after her funeral this week. We recognise what an important part they both have played in the life of Beulah and the Congy! in different ways.

Pray for those who are ill at this time- June Brain, seriously ill in hospital; Joe Ashton, also very poorly in Chorley Hospital; Bob and Sylvia Beattie; Wynne- undergoing more tests.

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



Our warm space re-starts on Monday 9th January from 12-3, and will be every Monday. It is open to everybody, so why not come along and encourage the volunteers. You can enjoy free soup, a hot drink and cake as well as the company and the opportunity to read/ borrow any books and games/ jigsaws. Spread the word with friends and neighbours!

We're proud to say we've been funded by the One Oldham Fund to deliver a Warm Space project on a Monday from 12-3 starting on Mon 9th January. Thanks to Action Together for supporting and funding our project!

Donations

Donations to Oldham foodbank from the collection after the Carol Service amounted to £53.00

Donations received to the value of £448.50 from Rev David Joynes funeral in lieu of flowers

Bible Verses About Letting Go of the Past & Looking to the Future

Isaiah 43:18-19

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Philippians 3:13-14

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 4:25-27

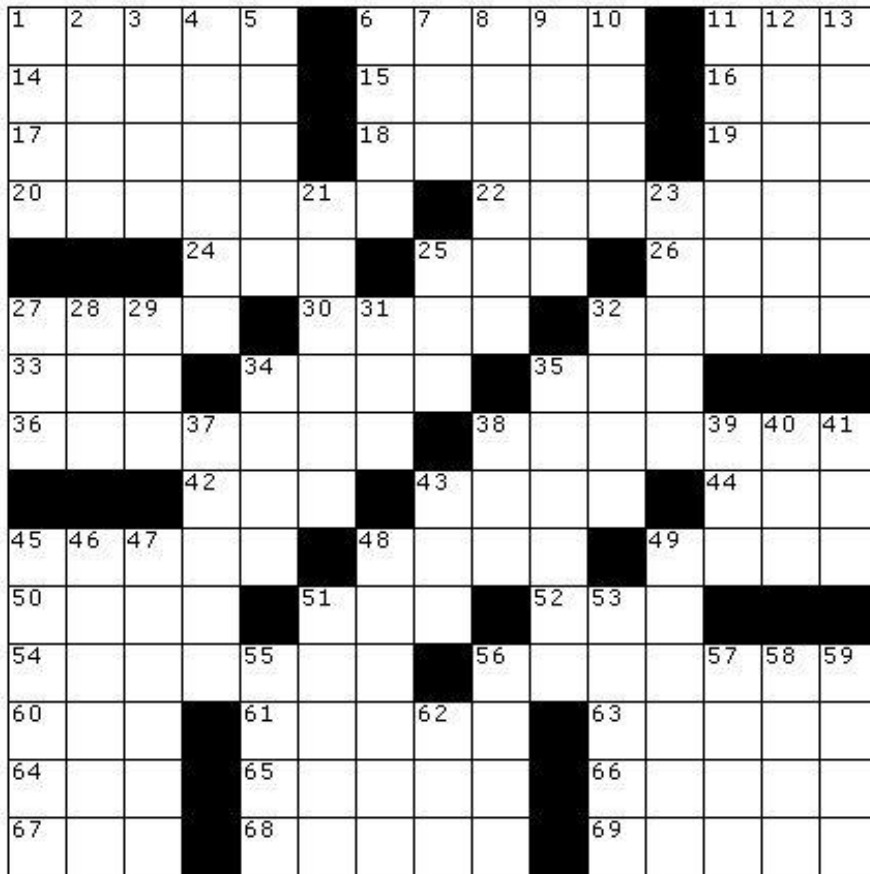
Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



ACROSS

- 1 Broken piece
- 6 Aches
- 11 Foreign Agricultural Service
- 14 Arctic
- 15 Revolve around, as in planets
- 16 Precedes an alias
- 17 Quickly
- 18 Last letter of Greek alphabet
- 19 Dickens' Tiny ___
- 20 Survivor of fiery furnace
- 22 Patterns
- 24 Flightless bird
- 25 Be seated
- 26 Tramp
- 27 Truant
- 30 Baby's "ball"
- 32 Peter's other name
- 33 Archer's weapon
- 34 Plague of Egypt
- 35 Came in first

- 36 Terse
- 38 Jonah was a prophet to this city
- 42 Youngest son of Noah
- 43 Kiss
- 44 Wing
- 45 Detection device
- 48 Love is patient, love is ___
- 49 Irritation
- 50 Garden of ___
- 51 The patience of ___
- 52 Bullfight cheer
- 54 Angora (2 wds.)
- 56 Feature
- 60 Electric spark
- 61 Clumsy
- 63 Love
- 64 Constellation
- 65 Launch
- 66 Flower part
- 67 European sea eagle
- 68 A land flowing with milk and ___
- 69 Hobo

DOWN

- 1 Unwanted e-mail
- 2 Faith, ___ and charity
- 3 Alack's partner
- 4 Sister of Leah
- 5 Had by Joseph, Joseph and magi
- 6 Winnie the ___
- 7 Extremity
- 8 Portugal's peninsula
- 9 Silent ___
- 10 Wait
- 11 Understand
- 12 Position with hands on hips and elbows bent outward
- 13 Man of great strength
- 21 Picasso's art
- 23 KJV possessive pronoun
- 25 South by east
- 27 Alphabet
- 28 Court

- 29 Possess
- 31 Genius
- 32 Male children
- 34 Deceiver
- 35 Moral knowledge
- 37 Intone
- 38 Holy woman
- 39 Moving truck
- 40 Samuel's mentor
- 41 Derby
- 43 Shirt protector
- 45 Entertain richly
- 46 Admirer
- 47 Biblical church servant
- 48 Asian language
- 49 Dispatcher
- 51 Cabal
- 53 Sprung
- 55 Water animals
- 56 Lawyer (abbr.)
- 57 Small particle
- 58 Streetcar
- 59 Bark in pain
- 62 Before (prefix)

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