

# GLAZEBURY METHODIST CHURCH



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**Readings for Sunday, 25 October 2020 – Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 and Matthew 22:34-36**



## **A message from our Minister, Rev Katharine Bland –**

Dear Friends,

Did you remember? Did you enjoy an extra hour in bed? Or did you forget?

I never look forward to the twice yearly changing of the clocks; in the Spring it means an hour less in bed, in the Autumn it means it is going to get darker earlier. I much prefer the seasons to change naturally, without any assistance on our part. I was taught in school that maximizing daylight hours was important for farmers, and I have never questioned the need to change this. But the truth is, like it or not, our world is changing, and we have no choice but to adjust and change with it. Equally, I am reminded of the importance of continuity and constancy in our lives – especially helpful as we face an uncertain winter and the challenges of the weeks and months ahead.

Living day to day, in the moment, taking each day as it comes, is, for many of us, much easier said than done – I don't know about you, but I like to plan, not being able to do so isn't easy. Who knows how the guidance might change, in the weeks to come – we will adapt I'm sure.

In the meantime, we can take our troubles, our thoughts and our prayers to God every day relying on His constancy and changelessness in a changing world. Our church community remains as strong and as caring as ever; indeed, maybe the events of 2020 have shown us with even greater clarity how much we have to be thankful for.

And if the price to pay for that is a life less planned and a little less proscribed then, perhaps, for now at least, so be it.

Stay safe. Love and Blessings, Katharine

*Ever Present God, keep us safe, as with your help we seek to manoeuvre through the obstacles in life that hinder us. As the days shorten and daylight lessens, may your light shine within us that we may feel its warmth and radiate your love in us to others. Amen*



## FACE MASKS FOR CHRISTMAS

We are still making face masks (which are being taken from the line just inside our church gate) but at a much slower rate than back in August. The majority of people then make a voluntary donation in the box on the left of our entrance doors.

We have been asked to make some Christmas ones but, because they will only be wanted for a week or two, we would like to know how many people would require them and we would make them to order. Please call Delia on 01942-671938 if you would like one or more. There would be no charge but, as always, your donations would be gratefully accepted.

**Enid, Barbara and Delia.**

**PS :** If you know her, please pass on to Karan Barrett our appreciation of her thank you letter, She says that our masks bring a smile to her face every time she wears one!

**TAPESTRIES** – A sincere thanks to Enid Banner for designing and producing the tapestries below for the church. Enid is a fantastically talented lady. THANK YOU ENID.



**This just one of the beautiful tapestries that Enid has created. The others will be featured in future news sheets. Sorry the writing is too small for me to decipher. [Christine Taylor]**

**THE NEWS SHEET'S FUTURE – SO IMPORTANT** - The Leadership Team has agreed to keep the news sheet running rather than the usual notices. BUT we can only do this if we have a contribution from other church members. It could be your favourite hymn/psalm/song etc, with the reasons why. Or it could be something that has happened in the week which you would like to share with everyone, just like you would if we were meeting for coffee after church. Please try and support this news sheet. See below for my contact details. Would like articles by Thursday at the latest of each week.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE OFFERED ARTICLES FOR THE NEWS SHEET.** *[Christine Taylor]*

### Extracts from "A bundle of Laughs" by J. John & Mark Stribbe

#### ADVERTS

1) For sale by the Owner: Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica - 45 Volumes, excellent condition £700. No longer needed as recently married; wife knows everything...

#### AGE

2) Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places...

#### A.S.A.P

3) There's always work to do, deadlines to meet;  
You've got no time to spare,  
But as you hurry and scurry -  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,  
"Quality Time" is rare.  
Do your best; let God do the rest -  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

It may seem like your worries  
Are more than you can bear.  
Slow down and take a breather -  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;  
He wants to ease our cares,  
And he'll respond to all your needs  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

#### ATTITUDE

4) A kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing

5) A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

***[Thank you to Joyce Daniels for this item]***

**Robert Russell, a member of Bedford Methodist Church,** has had a book of his prayers and reflections published recently - You can purchase it from Amazon, **price £5.99** for the paperback edition, **£1.99** for the Kindle edition. It's called "**Prayers and Devotions for Daily Living**" and contains over 91 prayers on many different subjects, some short, some much longer.

I HAVE PURCHASED THIS BOOK AND IT IS A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER BOOK – AS IT SAYS FOR EVERY DAY LIVING – *[Christine Taylor]*

**SHARING SUNDAY WORSHIP** - We are sharing our Sunday Service over the telephone. Most weeks we have over 180 callers from across the Leigh & Hindley and Liverpool North Circuits.

**If you CANNOT ATTEND CHURCH YOU CAN** listen in, at 10.30am on Sunday: Dial **020 3478 5289** on your telephone. When it asks for the access code, enter **145 404 825#**. (this number will be the same each week.) When it asks for your ID, press **#**

### **PODCASTS**

Regular podcasts from Rev Viv can be found on: <https://soundcloud.com/user-476066366> . I send these out daily to those who receive notice sheets by email each week. If you know of anyone who would like to receive them, please let me have their email address and I will include them in the distribution. *[Christine Taylor]*

**THE LEADERSHIP TEAM NEED YOUR INPUT - IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING TO THE NEWS SHEET** PLEASE CONTACT ME ON EMAIL BY WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK: [christine.arran4872@aol.com](mailto:christine.arran4872@aol.com) or phone me on Mobile: 07801252625.

