

GLAZEBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Bible readings for Sunday, 17 January 2021–2 in Ordinary time – 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 and John 1: 43-51.

ARTICLE FROM GRAHAM BORG

I thought it wouldn't go amiss to remind ourselves of the privileges we have in Christ to help us through the New Year, after a year like 2020.

I AM SIGNIFICANT

I am the salt of the earth. I am the light of the earth **Matthew 5:13 & 14.**

I am God's child. I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of his life. I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit **John 1:12, 15:1, 5 & 16.**

I am a personal witness of Christ's. I am God's temple. I am a member of Christ's body. **Acts 1:8 & 1 Corinthians 3:16, 12:27.**

I am a minister of reconciliation for God. I am God's co-worker. **2 Corinthians 5:17 & 18, 6:1.**

I am a saint. I have been raised and I am seated with Christ, I am God's workmanship. I am a citizen of heaven. **Ephesians 1:1, 2:6 & 10 Philippians 3:20.**

I AM ACCEPTED

I am Christ's friend. I have been justified. **John 15:15 Romans 5:1.**

I am joined with the Lord and am one spirit with him. I have been bought with a price. I belong to God. I am a member of Christ's body. I have been made righteous. **1 Corinthians 6:17 6:20 12:27.**

I have been adopted as God's child. I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit. I am God's household. I am a fellow citizen with the rest of the saints. I may approach God with boldness and confidence. **Ephesians 1:5, 2:18 & 19, 3:12.**

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. I am complete in Christ. **Colossians 1:14 & 2:10.**

I AM SECURE

I am a child of God **John 1:12.**

I am free forever from condemnation. I am assured that all things work together for good. I am free from any condemning charges against me. I cannot be separated from the love of God. **Romans 8:1, 28 33 & 35.**

I have been established, anointed and sealed by God. I have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge guaranteeing my inheritance to come. **2 Corinthians 1:21 & Ephesians 1:13 & 14.**

I have been delivered from the domain of darkness and transformed to the Kingdom of Christ. I am hidden with Christ in God. **Colossians 1:13 3:3.**

I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. **Philippians 1:6, 4:13; 2 Timothy 1:7.**

I can find grace and mercy in time of need. I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me. **Hebrews 4, 6 & 1 John 5:1.**

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A COUPLE OF ITEMS FROM CHRISTINE TAYLOR

From David Scott, UK Methodists – A thought for Epiphany (although maybe a little late) BUT very appropriate for the year ahead.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart [Howard Thurman]

From John Ndungu, UK Methodists - 7 Prayers for 2021-

1. May your health improve
2. May your family be loved.
3. May your friends be blessed.
4. May your pains be less.
5. May your finances multiply.
6. May your worries disappear.
7. May **2021** bring Healings, Blessings and Miracles.

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From Donna Worthington

Please find below the following retreat dates:-

THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN (John 9: 1-41) [↓](#) *Light, darkness and listening to the voice of Christ.* **Sat 16th January 2-5pm OR Mon 18th January 9.30am-12.30pm**

THE TIGER & THE TREE OF LIGHT... at the heart of the night, the Tiger walks through the moonlight, the wounded-healer, approaching the bleeding Tree of Light... We explore this Khasi Myth and its treasures. **Fri 22nd January 2-5pm**

(REPEAT) THE INTERIOR CASTLE | EXPLORE THE SEVEN DWELLING PLACES OF PRAYER OF ST TERESA'S PIONEERING WORK.

This course/retreat includes 6 weekly sessions (Thursdays, 6.30-9pm):

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18. Participants need to attend all 6 sessions. (Cost £100)

THE WOMAN WHO ANOINTED JESUS and THE CELTIC STORY OF THE SELKIE | We will explore the wisdom which speaks to reclaiming the lost self and heroic journeying.

Wed 27th January 9.30am-12.30pm

All retreats cost £20, unless otherwise stated. For bookings, please contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk

Please also remember in your prayers – Edna and David Barlow. David has been in hospital but he is home with the support of Marie Curie nurses. Please remember them at this difficult time.

Peter Caswell is grateful for your prayers as Delia had to retrieve him from Halton Hospital without the expected surgery because of a mix-up by Warrington General. Hold your prayers! Peter had an another appointment at Halton on Thursday, 7 January.

ALSO – Let's remember anyone we know of that is suffering at this time of year whether from illness, mourning or mental health problems. They are all in our prayers.

FUTURE SERVICES

Date	Time	Service	Led by	Where?
Sunday, 24th January	10.30am	Dial in Service	Circuit Members	Phone service only Dial 020 3478 5289 Access code: 145 404 825# ID: just press # Church Building Closed

NB - It is important that we keep this news sheet going. Please feel free to send your articles, poems, favourite hymns to Christine Taylor on the email below.

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 would like to 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]

IF YOU ARE not a member of the church and need guidance/help please contact Delia Caswell on the phone number at the top of the first page of this news sheet.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING TO THE NEWS SHEET PLEASE CONTACT ME ON EMAIL BY WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK: christine.arran4872@aol.com or phone me on my Mobile – 07801252625.