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**FROM OUR MINISTER – REVEREND KATHARINE BLAND**

It was only a children's story but it made the point well. 'Who will help me sow my seed?' asks the chicken. 'Not I', comes the answer. 'Who will help me reap the harvest?' 'Not I', comes the answer again. 'Who will help me grind the flour? knead the dough? bake the loaf?'  'Not I ... not I ...not I'.  Then, finally, the all-important question: 'Who will help me eat the bread?' and, immediately, a change of tone: 'Me! Me! Me!'  It is an illustration, of course, of the fickleness of human nature, our friendship and loyalty so often depending on what's in it for us.

So it was on that first Palm Sunday as Jesus entered Jerusalem to the acclaim of the crowds. 'Who will welcome me as king?' his actions seemed to be saying, and the answer was 'Me!'  Who wants to share in the kingdom of God?' and again the answer is 'Me!'  Yet, just a few days later when the crunch question comes - 'Who will follow the way of the cross?' - the response from many is so very different: 'Not I!' - or, to put it more accurately, 'We have no king but Caesar. Crucify! Crucify! Crucify!'

Palm Sunday is a day that challenges us concerning our loyalty, asking how ready we are to follow when faith is demanding and the going gets tough.  Thank God, it is also about the one who, however often we may change our tune, stays faithful to us to the point of death.

*Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you that though I am faithful to you in so little, you are faithful in so much; that though I repeatedly change my tune, your love never fails. To you be praise and glory, now and for ever.  Amen.*

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**BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 28 March 2021– Palm Sunday - Entry into Jerusalem – Mark 11:1-11 or John 12: 12-16 AND The Passion Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14: 1 – 15:47 and Mark 15: 1-39 (40-47)**

**Extract from: After Jesus was anointed at Bethany ‘The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the King of Israel” ‘**

**‘Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written – Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt…..’**

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**A Prayer/Reflection for Palm Sunday**

‘Lord, as you arrived into Jerusalem that day, they waved palm branches and threw their cloaks on the ground. They cheered, and exalted your name. They shouted loud hosannas and cried blessings to you. They believed you were going to get rid of the old guard and start a new political system. You were the leader of their revolutionary army.’

*[Prayers and Devotions for Daily Living by Rob Russell (a member at Bedford Methodist Church)]*

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Living alone I really look forward to our Zoom sessions each week.  I am 4 miles from Glazebury so have very little face to face contact with anyone.

I am particularly enjoying the Quiz every two weeks and seeing people who are friends and relations of members of our Church family.

The winners last week were Andrew and Steph Bradley who have now moved on to Mold but are still keeping in touch via Zoom and they will be hosting the next quiz on 9th April.

The Coffee Mornings on Saturdays really make me feel still part of the village and keep me up to date with the latest news and all the ‘goings on’ I am missing.

Thank goodness my son David took the trouble to install my Zoom.

God bless you all.   ***Barbara [Worthington]***

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**LAMB IN HERBS – Recipe for 4**

**Maybe we could cook this meal and eat on Maundy Thursday evening for the Passover.**

**INGREDIENTS:**

Lamb cubed

1 Onion – chopped

3 large carrots sliced

A pound of small salad potatoes – halved – leave skins on

2 teaspoons of mixed herbs

One stock cube – chicken or vegetable

Seasoning to Taste

**METHOD:**

Fry onions in oil until golden

Seal the meat in the oil

Put all of the other ingredients into a casserole or slow cooker. Cover the ingredients with vegetable or chicken stock.

Cook for 2 hours at 170 degrees in oven.

Or all day in slow cooker on slow.

Serve with bread of your choice*. [Recipe by Delia Caswell]*

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**THE LEADERSHIP TEAM** ARE MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS. THEIR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, 8 APRIL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES/QUESTIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT THEY ARE AND I WILL TAKE THEM TO THE MEETING – *[Christine Taylor]*

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**Please also keep remembering in your prayers:-**

**Alan Daniels** – Doctors think Alan may have an inflamed liver. He has had an ultrasound this week to check things out. Please keep Alan and Joyce in your prayers.

**Reverend Katharine and her husband Paul** as they recover from Coronavirus. Rev Katharine is getting into slowly phasing herself back into work. We wish them both well – AND TAKE IT EASY!!!

**Edna and David Barlow** - Please still keep Edna and David in your prayers. David has been in hospital.

**Peter Caswell –** Peter has started his treatment. Please keep Peter, Delia and their family in your prayers.

**Eileen Groves** – who is coming to the end of her radiotherapy treatment at Christie’s.

**ALSO** – Let us 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.

**IF THERE IS ANYONE YOU KNOW OF WHO NEEDS OUR PRAYERS PLEASE LET ME KNOW (WITH THEIR APPROVAL) AND I WILL INCLUDE THEM IN THE LIST. THEY DON’T NEED TO BE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH.**

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**PRAYERS FOR HOLY WEEK –**

**Loving God, Father of Jesus Christ,** the Word made flesh, friend and guide to your people across the ages, with joy and gladness we praise you. Draw near to us, as we draw near to you.  **Amen**

**The Way of the Cross –** Lord Jesus Christ, we find it hard to walk the Way of the Cross, hard to face persecution, hard even to risk opposition. We want to be popular, accepted, one of the crowd, not different from all the rest. Teach us to follow your way. **Amen**

**Remembering and Understanding –** Loving God we wish we could all be together in this Holy Week to remember – to remember that last week in the life of Jesus before his death; to remember the events from Palm Sunday through to Good Friday and on to Easter; to remember the faithfulness that went all the way to the Cross, even as the crowds and his closes friends deserted him. Open our eyes to the wonder of your love. **Amen**

**The Faithfulness of Christ –** Loving God, we praise you for the ministry of Christ, his faithfulness to his calling, his denial of self, his willingness to face even death itself that we might find the true meaning of life. Help us to be faithful to him, even as he has been faithful to us. **Amen**

**Holy Monday –** Loving God, we look back today to Jesus in the wilderness, faced with the temptation to compromise, forced to choose between the easy and the demanding path, the way of the world or the way of costly sacrifice. Speak through the example Christ has given, and help us to listen. **Amen**

**Holy Tuesday** – Lord Jesus Christ, You continued on your way, fulfilling the purpose for which you came, despite hostility, opposition, rejection and persecution. **Amen**

**Holy Wednesday –** Lord Jesus Christ, once more we remember that last week – before you faced the cross – your pain and hurt as you faced betrayal, denial, rejection and abandonment, and we confess that we have added to your pain. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. **Amen**

**Maundy Thursday – (NOTE – perhaps we can imagine we are having Holy Communion in church as usual)** and Lord Jesus Christ, you invited all who love you, all who sincerely desire to be your disciples, to share together in this Supper. So now we come around this table, in fellowship with you, with one another, and with all your people in every place and time. Lord Jesus, as we come to you, so come to us. **Amen**

**Good Friday –** Gracious God, you have done so much for us, giving us a world rich in wonder and filling our lives with so much that is special. **Receive our Thanks.** But above all today we come to thank you for your most previous gift of all – the great love you have shown to us in Christ. **Receive our Thanks. Amen**

**All the above prayers are taken from –‘Prayers for All Seasons’ by Nick Fawcett**

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 **YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO -**

**GLAZEBURY WEEKLY SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING- It’s just like a TUESDAY morning at church – join in and a have a chat. We miss people so we would love to see you.**

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A time to get together to see each other and have a chat for an hour.

10.30am – 11.30am

on Zoom

**Meeting ID** – 840 7587 7165

If you’re not online why not connect by phone – 0203 481 5240 (using the same Meeting ID code)

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**Topic: Quiz Night
Time: 9 April 2021 8:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting
Topic: Quiz Night
**Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime**

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804710886?pwd=dE9IVm53WWNoZlUxQkYyQzU3am91Zz09

**Meeting ID:** 898 0471 0886
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**NB – QUIZ NIGHTS WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER FRIDAY AT 8PM**

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**CULCHETH SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING – 11.30AM – 12NOON ENJOY A CHAT WITH OUR FRIENDS AT CULCHETH – ON ZOOM**

Note that this is now a repeating meeting – it will be the same link each week.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88560759929?pwd=MFFDRittR0hkN0loWTlaTjlBN1V6UT09>
Meeting ID: 885 6075 9929 Passcode: 012778

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**Rev Len Pereira is holding an Evening Worship Service** starts at 6:30pm this Sunday

**Meeting ID: 885 6760 7452  Passcode: 003903**. Part of it will be given over to people’s Testimony's (Rachael Slater from Culcheth is giving her’s this Sunday.) These services by Rev Len are held on the last Sunday of the month.

**EASTER SERVICES** – Rev Viv and Rev Luke are doing a daily podcast during Holy Week which will be on the Leigh and Hindley website.

Rev Katharine Bland and Rev Len Pereira are both doing a zoom service on Good Friday (at different times ??) I don’t know what the links are for these as yet. As soon as I have them I will email them out separately.

Rev Viv is taking the dial in service on Easter Sunday morning. This will be her last service in the Leigh and Hindley Circuit. *[Christine Taylor]*

**SHARING SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30am**

**We are sharing our Sunday Service over the telephone, or online.**

**Online**, click this link to join via your internet browser. On a tablet or smartphone, download the Webex App, which it will prompt you to do: <https://mydanone.webex.com/mydanone/j.php?MTID=mcfe21c4f7df98fe26d8960c752cefd8b>

**OR**

**Phone**: Dial 020 3478 5289 on your telephone, When it asks for the access code, enter 145 404 825#. When it asks for your ID, press #. The call will be charged at the standard UK phone rate

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**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: **christine4872@sky.com** or phone me on my Mobile – 07801252625.

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**GOD IS STILL AT WORK EVEN THOUGH OUR BUILDING IS CLOSED!**