

# GLAZEBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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**REV KATHARINE BLAND**

**BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 11 July 2021– 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24, Ephesians 1:3-14 and Mark 6: 14-20.**

**EXTRACT FROM – “Of David – A Psalm – The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.”**

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## **Breaking the Rules – Meditations and Prayers by Eddie Askew**

**Based on Mark 4: 35-41 – I was on the beach, sketching. I was absorbed, working out the structure of the painting, the light passages, the darks, mixing the colours. All was sunshine and warmth.**

The summer waves break gently, Lord. Sun glistens gold into my eyes. Water and sand run warmly through my toes. Air, salt on tongue. Sea chattering the shingle, soft through stones.

It’s all so warm and comfortable, Lord. The way I like my faith to be. A picnic on the beach. Nothing to challenge or demand. And towel-wrapped in the familiar, I can doze away my days sheltered behind the windbreak of pious platitudes, never questioned.

But life with you is more than this. You call me, Lord, to deeper waters. To cast off and sail from the polluted outfalls of the shore.

It scares me, Lord. I’m frightened by the sea, its depth and width, its unseen currents, changing moods, uncertainties. It runs to storm to waves and gale-force winds. And out of sight of land I feel so vulnerable and alone.

Yet that’s not so. Amid the storm I sense your presence, power. Your arm stretched out. Your voice above the wind. The reassuring words “Peace, be still.

And in the wind-drop quiet, the storm within me is the storm you still. The peace you bring not only to the wind, but to my restless spirit. A transforming triggered by your love. Fear falls away, a little at a time – have patience with the Lord – and I am ready to sail on. Through calm or squall, or sudden beauty.

Not searching for safe harbour or land across the sea, but carrying love's cargo, the riches of your presence. And in its new-world gold of revelation I begin to see with joyful clarity, and greater wonder still, I do not journey to, but with. You are the sea, the storm, the stillness and the ship.



Holy Isle as viewed from Lamlash, Isle of Arran, Scotland. Holy Isle is located off the West Coast of Scotland. Holy Isle has an ancient spiritual heritage stretching back to the 6th century. The founder and vision holder of the Holy Isle Project is Lama Yeshe Rinpoche, a Tibetan Buddhist meditation master in the Kagyu tradition. Lama Yeshe is also Abbot of Samye Ling Monastery in Dumfriesshire, where he lives most of the year.

At the north of the island is the Centre for World Peace and Health hosts a retreat and course programme. Between April and October they welcome guests to stay at the Centre for personal retreats or holiday breaks. A closed Buddhist retreat takes place at the south of the island.

*[Holy Isle is a beautiful , peaceful island – Christine Taylor]*



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### **A prayer for the climate – from 'Prayers and Devotions for Daily Living by Rob Russell.**

Lord, you created a perfect world. A world that provides for all. But it is being ruined and I know I have played a part in that change. I see the climate becoming too hot, sea levels rising and ice caps melting.... Your world burning and plants, animals and human life being destroyed. I am scared and frightened about the future. Amen.

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**Please note that all services in the Circuit will start at 10.30am for the foreseeable future. We're Open! Services Now Held in Church – Sunday 10.30am**

Date	Preacher	Virtual (V) or Physical (P)	If can't attend church – join online by this link
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>From 6<sup>th</sup> June:</b></p> <p><b>Online:</b> click this link to join the meeting via <b>Zoom</b>. <a href="#">Sunday Service Zoom Link</a></p> <p><b>On the Phone:</b> Dial <b>0330 088 5830</b> on your telephone, When it asks for the access code, enter <b>935 8460 6158#</b>. When it asks for your ID, press #.</p>
11/7/21	Dial in Service – <b>Steward – Christine Taylor</b>	V	Circuit Dial in Service – David Burkey
18/7/21	<b>Steward – Delia Caswell</b>	P	Susan Stewart
25/7/21	<b>Steward – Graham Borg</b>	P V	Rev Katharine Bland and Holy Communion 6.30pm – Circuit Service

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### Question Answered?

When are we opening church was a question asked?

We re-opened on 23 May and since then we've had a combination of live and virtual services including two 'live' communion services led by Katharine, who is desperate to meet her 'new' congregation.

Have you been back to church yet? If not, why not?

We all live in unprecedented times and if we think that things will 'return to normal' at church, or in our lives, sorry to burst the bubble – they're not.

At the moment we have to continue to follow Government and Methodist Church guidelines so social distancing, track & trace, masks, no singing (it's the law, by the way and subject to a hefty fine!). That may change in mid-July.

We have worked around this very well and continue to do so. There are some things that we could now do, but have chosen not to do at this time do to the extra burden, paperwork, etc. put on the few.

You may or may not have seen 'the Plan', which outlines the services for the next few months. The current one runs until the end of August 2021.

This is made up of 'in person' led services by a minister or local preacher with Janet on the organ, or a 'virtual' service which is Zoomed into the church led by a minister or local preacher from the Leigh & Hindley or Liverpool North Circuit.

All services start at 10.30am and last about ¾ hour.

Due to the 'Coffee Hut' being open, there is a chance for fellowship (socially distanced and rule of 6) in the church gardens after the service.

When the September to Christmas Plan is published later in the summer, the services will remain a combination of 'live' and 'virtual' and Liverpool North will be leaving us at that time.

We'll ask the question again – have you been back to church and if not why not? The Leadership Team would love to know.

**Please speak to Katharine, Delia, Robert, Janet, Christine, Graham or Eileen.**

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**The COFFEE HUT** will be open each Sunday outside for refreshments. This is open from 11am – 3pm. We will try to provide a covered area for inclement weather. Please continue to follow Covid Regulations. It is not now open on a Saturday.

We know there's still a lot of 'rules' to follow but we are keen to welcome you back to church in whatever format you choose to follow.

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### **Glazebury Booking System**

Due to social distancing we are limited to numbers who can attend services on Sundays:-

19 people (22 if same bubble) in church

12 people in the hall (live relay)

To book your seat please follow the link below. <https://forms.gle/DyyEELjuudMXoYt6>

Whilst you are given the opportunity to book a few weeks in advance, you must process each date singularly.

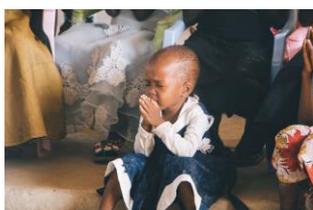
If you do not have access to the online booking system please contact one of the stewards who will do it for you or phone or text 07806 600508.

**Please remember to wrap up warm as church windows/doors will need to be open according to CoViD 19 regulations. We will set up the Coffee Hut outside church with social distancing after the service.**



For the most up to date news see our Facebook page. Search 'Glazebury Methodist Church' on Facebook.

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**Please CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING in your prayers:-**

Please remember two families that I am friends with that are going through a very rough time at the moment due to serious health problems. *[Christine Taylor]*

**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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**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETS ON A REGULAR BASIS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES/QUESTIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT THEY ARE AND I WILL TAKE THEM TO THE MEETING – IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THE QUESTION/CONCERN MIGHT BE. WE CANNOT WORK FOR YOU IF YOU DON'T TELL US WHAT YOU MAY BE CONCERNED ABOUT!!! NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 15 JULY VIA ZOOM.**

*[Christine Taylor]*

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**Topic: Quiz Night**

**Time: 16 July 2021 8:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Time: This is a recurring meeting - meet anytime**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804710886?pwd=dE9IVm53WWNoZlUxQkYyQzU3am91Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 898 0471 0886**

**Passcode: 465850**

**NB – QUIZ NIGHTS WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER FRIDAY AT 8PM**

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