GLAZEBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Bible readings for Sunday, 7 February 2021–5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Isaiah 40: 21-31, Psalm 147: 1-11 and 20c, 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 and Mark 1: 29-39

An extract from Psalm 147 – 'Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.'



Reverend Katharine Bland

It's a big weekend in the Graham household and family as Our Allan turns 90!

Like all of us, we've had to come with different ways of celebrating this landmark (well any) occasion in the last year. Asking what he'd like to do, the answer was to see family and friends and to be able to give them a hug. To be honest, isn't that what we all want to do? We're having a family get together and sharing afternoon tea on Zoom!

Who'd have thought that twelve months ago when we were watching a few coachloads of Brits being repatriated into quarantined accommodation at Arrowe Park Hospital of what would happen next.

At the time of writing 10 million people have had their first vaccination jab for a lifethreatening condition that didn't even exist at the beginning of last year.

None of us have had an easy year, we've had two bereavements in our family (one COVID-19 related) which certainly hasn't been easy to come to terms with.

Sadly, we all personally now know people who have suffered with COVID-19 and unfortunately, some of those have died.

It is right to stop for a moment, give thanks to God for those who have sadly gone before us, and to give thanks to God for all that we've also gained through the last year.

In the words of the late Captain Sir Tom Moore - `Let's try not to get downhearted, we will get through this, whatever is thrown at us and together we can ensure that tomorrow will be a good day.' *[Robert Graham]*



LET'S ALL WISH ALLAN GRAHAM A HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY FOR 8 FEBRUARY 2021. ALLAN WILL BE CELEBRATING, VIA ZOOM, WITH HIS FAMILY ON SUNDAY. THEY WILL ALL BE ENJOYING A CREAM TEA. ENJOY ALLAN. CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL YOUR CHURCH FAMILY. XXX

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Corrie Ten Boom was a passionate Christian during one of history's most difficult times World War 2. She lived in Holland, and during the war she and her family opened their home and hid dozens of Jews and others who were fleeing the Nazi's. Even after she was arrested and put in a concentration camp, her faith in God stayed strong. She survived and went on to write many books, and spoke about God who had brought her throughout all. Here some of her many quotes:

- IF GOD sends us on stoney paths, HE provides strong shoes.
- Every experience GOD gives us, every person he puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only HE can see.
- IN darkness GOD'S truth shines most clear. What wings are to a bird and sails to a ship, so is PRAYER to the soul.
- GOD takes our sins _the past, present and future and dumps them in the sea and puts up a sign that says NO FISHING ALLOWED
- Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre
- With JESUS even in our darkest moments the best remains and the very best to be.. "

Hope you enjoyed reading these quotes as I did. I can highly recommend one of her amazing books which is called THE HIDING PLACE. [Glenys Borg]

Margaret Lees

Just to let you know that our friend Margaret Lees has now moved from Glazebury, after 63 years in the cottage to live in a new 2-bedroom ground floor flat near Northwich, which is only 5 minutes away from her son Andrew and family. Andrew is the main carer for his mum, and this will make all their lives a lot easier and she is looking forward to the new experience. If you'd like her new contact details, please ask.

GLAZEBURY WEEKLY SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING

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)

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

WHY NOT JOIN US ON TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY AT 7PM TO DISCUSS THE SECOND PART OF THE FILM BELOW.

ON TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY WE WILL BE WATCHING/DISCUSSING THE GREATEST SHOWMAN AS PART OF THE LENT DISCUSSIONS. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

Zoom invite below:-

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84375135178?pwd=S2diUStmaFVkTEJWQSthWkqxTTI BZz09____A trailer https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INam_8QgTel



A First Look at 'The Cowboy Way'

In \"The Cowboy Way,\" INSP's new original series, these wranglers live by true American values of life: faith, family, and hard work. Find out more about \"The Cowboy Way\": http://bit.ly/thecowboyway

www.youtube.com

NEEDED – ONE EXERCISE BIKE OR PEDALS TO USE WHEN SAT DOWN – FOR JAN NEWTON, A MEMBER AT GLAZEBURY, WHO HAS RECENTLY HAD A HIP REPLACEMENT OPERATION AND BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC CANNOT ATTEND THE HOSPITAL GYM BUT IS REQUIRED TO DO EXERCISE. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE TAYLOR OR JANET CROZIER.

Please also keep remembering in your prayers

Reverend Katharine, her husband Paul and son Christopher as Katharine and Paul recover from Coronavirus.

Edna and David Barlow. David has been in hospital but he is home with the support of Marie Curie nurses for medication purposes. Please remember them at this difficult time.

Peter Caswell – please remember Peter and Delia in your prayers. They are awaiting the results of Peter's biopsy.

Eileen Groves – who is undergoing radiotherapy treatment at Christie's.

Joyce Byrne – who is still feeling under the weather after a couple of spells in hospital.

For my friend and neighbour who has just been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. The steroid injection/treatment has not worked first time and she has to wait another 4 weeks before she can have another injection. Her husband works abroad and her son, aged 9, is looking after her. [*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.

FUTURE SERVICES

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: <u>https://mydanone.webex.com/mydanone/j.php?MTID=mcfe21c4f7df98fe26d8960c752cef</u> <u>d8b</u>

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

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.

