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**REV KATHARINE BLAND** 

**Rev Katharine is phasing herself back to work. Take care Katharine and Paul.**

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**Dear Friends,** There are few things worse than reading a book and finding that a page is missing. It’s worst of all when it’s the last page!  Few of us would even start to read a book if we knew it would be cut short, yet, with Jesus, we sometimes do something very similar, celebrating his resurrection, and the gift of his Spirit at Pentecost, but virtually overlooking his Ascension.

One reason for this, perhaps, is that our account of the Ascension is caught in a time-warp, reflecting the cosmology of days gone by.  God is seen as ‘up there’ and so Jesus is portrayed as vanishing *up*into heaven, the disciples staring stupefied into the sky.  Such language serves to obscure the underlying message of Ascension as surely as the cloud hid Jesus from the Apostles’ sight.

Yet, if the details of what happened are a mystery, the significance is clear enough.  This was a watershed moment for the Apostles when they realized, for the first time, the full magnitude of who Jesus was.  They had followed him during his ministry, believing him to be the Messiah; they had rejoiced at his resurrection, greeting him as the risen Lord; but now they recognized that he was the Son of God, the King of Kings and Lord of all.  Please don’t forget Ascension Day, this year it falls on Thursday 13th May, and you can read about it in the Bible in the New Testament book of Acts 1: 6-11.

 With love and blessings,

*Katharine*

*Lord Jesus Christ, remind me of all that you are and equip me to live to your glory, until that day when I kneel in your presence and join in the worship of heaven, to the glory of your name.  Amen.*

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**BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 9 May 2021– Sixth Sunday of Easter – Acts 10: 44-48 8:6-7, Psalm 98, 1 John 5: 1-6 and John 15: 9-17**

**Acts 10: 44-48 – Peter’s Vision – While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said; can anyone keep these people from being baptised with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.**

**REOPENING FOR WORSHIP AT PENTECOST**

The Church will reopen for worship on Sunday 23rd May. **The service will be at 10.30am.**

The service will be led remotely by Rev Katharine Bland live from Culcheth Methodist Church.

If you’re unable to come, you will be able to view online.

All social distancing and Covid legislation will still apply.

Numbers allowed to attend are limited and we will operate on a first come first served basis.

The Coffee Hut will be open outside after the service.

Sunday 30th May will be Katharine’s first service in our church. Again, seats will be limited. We will let you know if pre-booking is required nearer the time. The service will be available to view online. Again the service will be at 10.30am.

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,-" "./,,,

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%

,

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**COFFEE HUT**

We have been opening on at weekends in April and it is proving a great success in enabling us to reach out to the community.

Last weekend we made £100.00 despite the awful weather.

Please note that we’ve changed the times.

Why not call in for a coffee, tea or hot chocolate and there may even be some home made cake available too.

Whilst we make no charge for the drinks, we do not turn away donations – people have been very generous - £2 / £3 /£5 for a coffee!

We are not handling cash but there is a sealed donation bucket that you can stick it in or we can take contactless card payments.

**We’d like to carry on with the Coffee Hut each weekend in May, Saturday, Sunday or both, but can only operate with volunteers (full training will be given – don’t worry, it’s not difficult).**

If you help for at least an hour, please let me know.

Thanks Robert (07806 600508)

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

**Reverend Katharine and her husband Paul** as Katharine returns to phased working. We keep them both in our prayers.

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

**Eileen Groves** –Treatment completed, all looking good so far, subject to MR scan in a few weeks. Thank you to all my Church family for their prayers, kind thoughts and support over the last few difficult months.' A way to go yet but onwards and upwards!

**Jan Newton** - Please remember Jan who, following a successful knee operation in January, has recovered sufficiently to allow her to have the other knee replaced quickly.  Jan had her operation on the 23 April so please keep her in your prayers and we look forward to another speedy recovery. We must all continue to support the NHS who have received bad press recently for the backlog of cases due to the pandemic but can still offer a remarkably good service and don't deserve a lot of the criticism levelled at them. [Alan Crozier]

**Rev Sue Whitehead and husband Neil**. Neil was taken ill last weekend. Please keep them and their daughter, Imogen, in your prayers.

**June Battersby and her husband**. Her husband was also taken ill last weekend.

**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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**THE LEADERSHIP TEAM** MEETS ON A REGULAR BASIS. **OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE THURSDAY, 20 and 27 MAY.** **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.**

 *[Christine Taylor]*

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**Two recipes from Eileen Groves**

**Boiled Fruit Cake/loaf mainly using 'old' measures;**

500 grm mixed dried fruit, (currants, raisins, sultanas)

8oz butter

2 Tea cups of caster sugar

2 Tea Cups water

1 tsp. Mixed spice

1 tsp. Nutmeg

1 tsp. Ginger

Boil in pan for 5 minutes

ALLOW TO COOL

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Stir in gradually/alternatively

4 Tea cups SR flour

3 beaten eggs

2 tsp bicarb or baking powder.

Pour into lined loaf tin or cake tin and bake for 1 hour at 150/gas 2, for an hour.

Depending on oven, if longer is needed, cover with tin foil to prevent burning.

**American Rice Dish**

8oz cooked rice (1cup rice - 2 & a half water)

4 oz finely sliced mushrooms

2 oz chopped celery

2oz finely chopped spring onions including some green

4 oz salted nuts (peanuts)

2 table spoons soya sauce

4 oz sunflower oil

1 oz cider vinegar

Tin drained Mandarin oranges

Mix together Oil, Soya sauce, cider vinegar - shake in screw top jar or blender

Add mixture to cold boiled rice

Add chopped onions, celery and sliced mushrooms. Allow to stand for about 6 hours

Add nuts and Mandarin oranges just before serving.

**LET US SEE YOUR PHOTOS WHEN YOU USE THESE RECIPES AND I WILL TRY AND FIT THEM IN THE NEWS SHEET. *[Christine Taylor]***

**KEEP THE RECIPES COMING IN. ENJOY**

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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 YOU ALL 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: 21 May 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

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