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**OUR MINISTER – REV KATHARINE BLAND** 

**Unfortunately, Rev Katharine has been advised to take further time off work. She is obviously not feeling well and we send her our love and prayers and hope she feels better soon.**

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**BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 11 April 2021– Second Sunday of Easter – Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1 – 2.2 and John 20; 19-31.**

**Psalm 133 – ‘A song of ascents. Of David.’– How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life for evermore.**

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 **A prayer from the Prayer Trust**

**When we Feel Vulnerable –**

Under the threat of virus infections especially when they last so long for months on end around the world, we can so easily feel insecure, or vulnerable, even fearful of what may lie ahead.

Facing life each day under constant strain can be so demanding, even exhausting.

Lord, at such times help us to keep calm and not to panic, trusting in your loving care. Amen.

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**Coffee Hut – Easter success**

For some time, we’ve been considering what to do outside church that would continue to bring in some income and serve the community after the success of the face masks. Joanne Grundy came up with the idea of a ‘Coffee Hut’ serving takeaway drinks to passers-by. Originally, the leadership team agreed to trial this from the middle of April.

Anyway, whilst Katharine and myself were hanging out the Palm Crosses outside church we decided to give it a go on Good Friday and Easter Sunday as a sign of outreach and witness and to show that the church is still alive, even if we are still unable to open our doors. We would make no charge (but wouldn’t turn a donation away!).

We opened from 10am to 2pm both days and from the off we had cars stopping with people wanting a coffee on their way home from shopping, delivery drivers after a brew. There were walkers, cyclists, locals, and those from a far. All in all, were served approx. 70 hot drinks on Good Friday and 60 on Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday we gave away small Easter Eggs to small children on their Easter egg hunt, dog walkers of all ages who passed church and all who had a drink. It was a privilege to share this Easter joy with people that I knew and didn’t know.

Whilst we didn’t set out to take any money, we had £300 donated to church funds.

*Thank you. [Robert Graham]*

**Coffee Hut – moving forward**

A few weeks ago, I put a call out for volunteers to help run our weekend coffee hut. Thank you to those who responded, and we’ll be in touch shortly to pull a rota together.

The Easter weekend was really a test into how the equipment worked, the feasibility, how many people are needed to run the event, responding to questions asked and making sure that social distancing, cleanliness, and Government regulations were followed.

Just a few pointers:

* The coffee machine worked well outside, however, it is not just the case of pressing a button. The large size of our stock of disposable cups requires some manual operating of the coffee machine (we’ll become baristas yet!)
* No cup came back empty.
* Accepting donations, rather than a price list brings in more money.
* No cash handling – donations are placed into a sealed collection bucket by the customer (no change).
* Contactless card payments – this is invaluable as most people no longer carry cash, only their debit card.
* There is no seating except the garden bench and walls. It is a takeaway service that is being offered.
* Toilets are not available.
* Strict cleaning regime to be followed.
* Masks to be worn.
* Wrap up warm!
* No more than 2 people working together.

Don’t let all this put you off. We can only run this with volunteers and a rota. We can do Saturday and/or Sunday and will monitor the footfall to measure the feasibility.

Please phone, email, or text me with dates / time availability, if you can do a full shift or a 10-12 (set up at 9.30) or 12-2 slot.

We start with immediate effect.

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Thank you in anticipation. *[Robert Graham]*

**Church Re-opening**

I’m sure many of you are wondering what is happening.

The leadership team agreed some time ago to try and follow the Government roadmap of dates concluding that we will aim to open on **Sunday 23rd May** for worship (Pentecost) (post 17th May roadmap date). This service will be led (remotely) by Rev Katharine Bland. We will be relaying the service from Culcheth.

Katharine’s first service in Glazebury will be **Sunday 30th May**. This service will be live streamed to other churches and via Zoom for members and friends unable to come to church. It is likely that we will have to operate a booking system for this service.

Service times may vary but will be published as available.

A Circuit ‘Plan of Services’ is currently planned to be issued from the first Sunday in June. This will be a combination of live (in person) and live (streamed) services, we do not know any more than that at this time.

Due to social distancing regulations, ***and these remain in place when we re-open***, we are limited in numbers to 22 in church and 12 in the hall. There will be no singing, masks must be worn at all times and you must book into the building upon arrival by scanning the church’s QR code on your smartphone or completing a form per person.

Whilst the church is Covid ready, things are not straight forward and we are going to be on a learning curve in the next few weeks, setting up the technical side of filming and streaming services, etc. If anyone is willing to step forward and help with this, please let Robert Graham know. *[The Leadership Team]*

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**THE LEADERSHIP TEAM** ARE MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS. **THEIR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, 22 APRIL. 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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**Please also keep remembering in your prayers:-**

**Reverend Katharine and her husband Paul** as they recover from Coronavirus. We wish them both well – AND TAKE IT EASY!!!

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

**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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**A short verse – FRIENDSHIPS**

**There are good ships and wood ships.**

**Ships that sail the sea.**

**But the best ships are FRIENDSHIPS**

**And may they always be.**

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**AN EASTER SUNDAY QUIZ**

Our nine year old granddaughter Emmeline did an Easter Sunday family quiz on Zoom.

Participants were in the UK, the USA and Europe. Some of the questions were easy but they got more difficult. One of the questions was how long does the Easter period last? None of us got the answer right, with guesses from four to twenty eight days.

The real answer is 50 days! I'm sure that many readers will know that but shouldn't the answer really be infinite? How can we not celebrate Easter every day, bringing the message of love, hope and forgiveness?

*[Delia Caswell]*

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**BIG CHURCH READ**

A few years ago Churches Together in Culcheth Croft and Glazebury shared in a Lent Course hosted by Quench. It was a wonderful time of Learning, Sharing and Worship.

The Course was produced by Steven Croft the current Bishop of Oxford. As part of the Big Church Read, he has written a book Comfortable Words a call to restoration: Reflections on Isaiah 40–55. To accompany the book he has produced weekly videos, discussion starters and a reading plan. These can be studied individually or shared groups via Zoom, Facebook, WhatsApp…. The book is available in printed or e:book versions at a cost of £7.99

Please consider joining the Big Church Read it could be really powerful if a large number of local Christians joined in fellowship, learning and sharing with this excellent resource.

I have attached a video to introduce the course (not attached to this article.)

I will be hosting a zoom group on a Tuesday evening commencing 13th April 2021, it would be fantastic if others would offer to host a group on a different day and time. There are 5 sessions which if we start week commencing 11th April 2021 would lead nicely into Thy Kingdom Come starting on 13th May 2021. Video Introduction - <https://youtu.be/Q9LR4V4W6dM> *[David Clifton]*

 

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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: 23 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>
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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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**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!**