**GLAZEBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**REV KATHARINE BLAND** 

**A REFLECTION FROM OUR MINISTER –**

Dear Friends

Have you given any thought as to how you might have some fun with God? Have you ever considered God having a sense of humour? We all have serious moments in our lives, moments that can take us to the depths of worry and despair. But the same is true for other times in our lives, times when we are celebrating with thanksgiving.

This week I have a slightly different version of a much loved poem for you - 'Footprints'.

God Bless,

Katharine x

Footprints – A Different Version!

A man, at the end of his life, is looking back over his journey of faith with God and he sees it as two sets of foot prints in the sand. He notices that at the hardest and most difficult times in his life that there's only one set of foot prints and he's very troubled by this.

So, he says to God; "God why is it that during the very hardest times in my life, you seem to have abandoned me and left me to walk the path alone?"

At which God smiles and looks at him and says, "No my child, you're mistaken, I love you and I would never leave you…

It was at those times I thought it would be more fun if we hopped”.

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**BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 20 June 2021–** 1 Samuel 17 (1a, -11, 9-23) 32-49; Psalm 9 –20, or Samuel 17: 57- 18: 5, 1-16; Psalm133; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 and Mark 4: 35-41

**Psalm 133-** ‘A song of ascents. Of David.’ How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It’s 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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**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**

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| **Date** | **Preacher** | **Virtual (V) or Physical (P)** | **If can’t attend church – join online by this link** |
|  |  |  | **From 6th June:****Online**: click this link to join the meeting via **Zoom**. [Sunday Service Zoom Link](https://zoom.us/j/93584606158?pwd=VjcxWVBlVTg3NWs1NHRmQ1U0Wk9jUT09)**On the Phone**: Dial **0330 088 5830** on your telephone, When it asks for the access code, enter **935 8460 6158#**. When it asks for your ID, press **#**.  |
| 20/6/21 | Rev Katharine Bland – **Steward -Christine Taylor** | p | This is a Holy Communion service. |
| 27/6/21 | Dial in Service – **Steward –Graham Borg** | V | Circuit Dial In Service |

The Church is now open for worship and services are now planned for each Sunday until end August.

We hope to see more of our regular congregation at church. It would be lovely to get together and then have coffee afterwards.

They are a combination of ‘physical’ (when a preacher will be physically in our church) and ‘virtual’ (when the Circuit Sunday service will be live streamed into the church).

As time progresses, we will be streaming live services from our church on Zoom to share with others.

Unfortunately, we are still subject to Covid regulations. Numbers are restricted and to aid this we have introduced a ‘Booking System’ which is detailed below.

**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.

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.

**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/DyyEEELjuudMXoYt6>

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.**

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

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

**Ron and Doreen Bent** - Doreen is still in High Peak, but becoming very disorientated with things and Ron hasn't been too well of late, so prayer would be appreciated.

**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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**CHURCH ALLOTMENT**



Many of you will know that 3 years ago Bents gave the church the use of an allotment, free of charge, provided that we used it for the benefit of the community and tended it responsibly.

The first year we turned it over with a band of volunteers and had a good crop of potatoes most of which were given to the food bank.

Last year, due to Covid, nothing happened and the plot grew overgrown and somewhat of an embarrassment to us, however we were not alone in this as many others went the same way.

This year most other plots have been brought back to life and ours risked being an embarrassment once again. To avoid this, a small number of people have cleared the overgrowth and the plot has been rotovated.

We must now decide if we actually want this allotment. It is our belief that if managed properly it can be a benefit to the community as was originally intended. The school chaplain has asked if she can have an area for use by children from the schools, a local charity has expressed an interest in an area for the use of adults with learning difficulties, and a few individuals from church have asked for an area for themselves to cultivate for the benefit of others.

The size of the plot, approx 40’ x 60’ lends itself to be divided into around 12 smaller areas each of which could be looked after and easily managed by individuals or organisations.

Will anyone who is interested in becoming involved with this project please contact either Janet or Alan Crozier or Aaron Heywood to let us know what they can do to support us so we can progress before it becomes overgrown again.

Janet, Alan & Aaron

**HELP**

The church Property and Finance team need 2 new members following the resignation last year of Peter Caswell from the position of Chair of the meeting after a long, dedicated period in that position and the intended resignation of Colin Mills from the position of responsibility for managing room hire, a job which he has streamlined so that it almost runs itself. Neither of these jobs are particularly onerous.

We are looking for someone to volunteer for either of these vacancies but the most pressing one is the room hire position with the forthcoming reopening of church to outside organisations from 1 September.

Will anyone who is interested in either position please contact me *or* in respect of the room hire one, Colin who will describe the job “as it is” to you.

Everyone is aware that our church is only as good as what we offer and we can only offer the best if we are organised properly.

Alan Crozier

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**THE 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.**

 *[Christine Taylor]*

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 **BECAUSE OF A FALLOFF IN MEMBERS FOR THE**

**GLAZEBURY WEEKLY SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING- We have postponed them for a while –Leadership Team. Remember the Coffee Hut is still open.**

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**Topic: Quiz Night
Time: 2 July 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
**Passcode:** 465850

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

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**IF YOU WOUD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWS SHEET PLEASE CONTACT ME - CHRISTINE TAYOR –ON 07801252625 OR** **christine4872@sky.com**

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