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**Bible readings for Sunday, 24 January 2021–3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 and Mark 1: 14-20**

**REV KATHARINE BLAND and husband Paul - Rev Viv reported on the podcast of 20 January that Rev Katharine was still not well but improving slowly. Unfortunately, Paul was taken into hospital in the early hours of Thursday, 21 January with post CoviD symptoms. We send our prayers to Rev Katharine, Paul and Christopher.**

 **Reverend Katharine Bland**

**ARTICLE FROM JANET CROZIER**

 What does the future look like at Glazebury ?

Where are you going?.... What is your approach to life?

Are we just passing through or do we have a clear understanding where we are heading or do we just leave it to chance?

You are where you are because you want to be there. You might say “No its circumstances ie Covid that’s brought me here. “ No it’s not those circumstances but the decisions we make when forced with those circumstances.

Our behaviour and decisions we make are a result of the values we have which have been acquired by all those who have played a part in our past and what we read ,view internet & listen to. Changes only happen when we really want them to, when prepared to commit to making them happen..

Where do we begin in Glazebury??

We need to question if what has been important to us historically is still of the same importance to us now:-

* What is success in our eyes?
* What are our abilities and how best can we use them?
* Do we really believe God listens to our prayers for our future here?

Our collective goal surely should be that as a community of Christ we will be in a place that God wishes to dwell.

We maybe need to face the facts that if we want a community which seems to be taking the place of God, we may be bitterly disappointed in what He will do for us. We need to express our faith in word and deed.

Maybe we have spent our time in the past with ideas to combat our boredom for our own self interest . I think we are all called to greater things

Remember the Covenant Prayer NOW is the time to make a difference

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**A PRAYER BY BARBARA WORTHINGTON**

So I got my vaccination done

And if they are really telling the truth

Like my favourite tipple which is GIN

I will soon be 90% proof

Not that I will be going anywhere

Where is there to go

I’m not so steady on my feet anymore

And they keep promising more snow

So it’s bird watching through the window

Watching TV, or re-reading a book

Crosswords and games of scrabble

And of course sometimes I cook

Why am I complaining

Really I should not

Family and friends keep in contact

I should be content with what I’ve got

Think of those who are much less fortunate

Money worries, no heating in their home

Those who simply are not coping

All stressed out, and those really alone

There is light at the end of the tunnel

However long that tunnel may be

And we will get back to normality

When we are Covid free

May God be with you all the way

May your troubles soon disappear

Just go on believing

It will happen soon this year

Amen

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**It is planned to have a coffee morning every Saturday, starting from the 16th January at 10.30am – 11.30am**

Rob Graham is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: COFFEE MORNING
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84075877165>

Meeting ID: 840 7587 7165
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keD2Es9F06>

**The Leadership Team meeting discussed the subject of ‘Outreach’ – how we can keep in touch with members of our church and the wider community particularly whilst in lockdown. If you have any ideas please let one of the Stewards know – Graham Borg, Delia Caswell, Janet Crozier, Robert Graham or Christine Taylor.**

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**Please also keep remembering in your prayers** – **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 scan.

**Eileen Groves** – who is having medical investigations at the moment.

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

**ALSO** – Let’s 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.

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**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: <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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**NB - It is important that we keep this news sheet going. Please feel free to send your articles, poems, favourite hymns to Christine Taylor on the email below.**

**PODCASTS**

Weekly podcasts from Rev Viv can be found on: <https://soundcloud.com/user-476066366> . I send these out daily to those who receive notice sheets by email each week. If you know of anyone who would like to receive them, please let me have their email address and I will include them in the distribution*. [Christine Taylor]*

**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: christine.arran4872@aol.com or phone me on my Mobile – 07801252625.

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