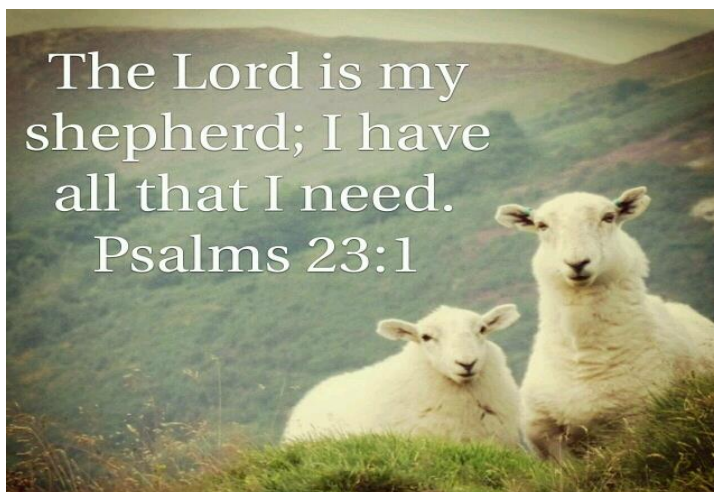


St Helier Methodist Centre

March 22nd, 2020

All Ages, All Nations, All stages of Faith

WELCOME



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Notices

Dear friends, in these strange and difficult times we are forced to be church in completely new ways. Although we cannot meet in our building, we are still church: worshipping in new ways, serving our neighbours and reaching out to others with Christ's love. So here are a few suggestions as to how.

Martin has put in new technology that means we will be able to stream (broadcast via the internet) a Circuit service every Sunday starting March 29th. Huge thanks to him and everyone that are updating our social media. More details to follow.

I invite you to join with me in prayer at 9.00am each morning using the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook which was distributed in September. Go to the page corresponding to the Day of the Month and together we will join as one in solidarity for all nations. The central pages contain bible passages and by logging onto methodist.org.uk/our-faith/the-bible/a-word-in-time you can read some helpful guides. If you don't have a copy of the Handbook just email and we will send one in the post.

We are hoping to develop a 'buddy system' which will enable more mobile members of the church to do practical errands for those who may be housebound. If you are under 65 and able to get involved then let Sarah know in the office.

Do take the initiative to telephone those that might be encouraged by hearing your voice. Within this awful pandemic there is also opportunity for a contagion of kindness and we can all be bearers of Good News. A message of hope, appreciation and cheer will go a long way. This is a time of mission when we can point others to a Saviour who knows about isolation, anxiety and uncertainty; but also champions love faith and hope.

Then lastly, let us be careful about watching too much 'world news'. Of course we must keep up to date, but let us also heed the words of St Paul's, *'Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything*

is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things. And the God of peace will be with you'. Philipians 4:8

Let's hold each other in love and prayer.

Tony

Loving God

If we are ill, strengthen us

If we are tired

Fortify our spirits

If we are anxious

Help us to consider the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

Help us not to stockpile treasures from supermarkets in the
barns of our larders!

Don't let fear cause us to overlook the needs of others more
vulnerable than ourselves

Fix our eyes on your story

And our hearts on your grace

Help us to hold fast to the good and see the good in others.

And remember there is just one world, one hope,

One everlasting love, with baskets of bread for everyone.

In Jesus we make our prayer,

The one who suffered, died and was raised to new life,

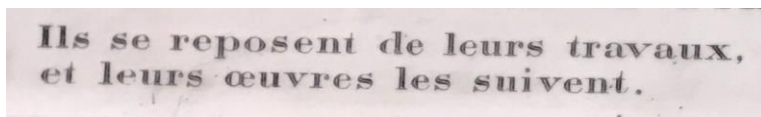
In whom we trust, these days and all days. Amen



'Sarah's alternative notice sheet page'

When you have watched Tony's sermon, wiped down all the surfaces and washed your hands – make a cup of tea (or strong coffee) and have some fun with these:

Mystery photo I took this photo somewhere in the Centre – who can tell me exactly where? Answers to me by email (or on a postcard) by next Friday please. A prize of one of Tony's Kitkats to the first correct answer. Sarah



Joke of the Week Competition Brighten my day by sending in your corniest jokes – and I will share the best ones. I will start it off:

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer, bartender says "sorry, we don't serve food here."

Do send a postcard or email with your jokes – I know there are a lot out there. We could compile a completely corny collection.

Anagrams What are these scrambled words and what is their connection?

a) hhedspre b) tnaw c) nesosusetgirh d) yrecm e) lio f) trmoocf

Gardening tips I suspect there will be a lot of gardening happening over the next weeks – would anyone like to contribute to a regular 'Weekly gardening notes'?

Book reviews Read any good books lately? Send in a review to recommend (or not) the book to others.

This week please pray for all those in the finance industry and legal profession and the congregation of St Lawrence Anglican church and the Rev Phil Warren.

Worship This Sunday

Live-streamed services

Wesley's Chapel in London will continue to live-stream worship,
adapted for no physical congregation.

Service times

Wednesday 12:45

Thursday 12:45

Sunday 9:45 and 11:00.

All these services will be available at:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUghmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

Swan Bank Methodist Church in Burslem will also live-stream
worship

Service Time

Sunday 10:30

The service will be available at
www.youtube.com/user/SwanBank and

www.facebook.com/swanbank/

National Call to Prayer at 7.00pm

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