

Questions for reflection

What feelings does this image evoke in you?

When have you experienced 'enough with enough to share'?

Does your church offer opportunities for sharing abundance?



Live your faith:

Pay particular attention to how you use water this week, and think about how you might change your habits to conserve it more. Each

A prayer of approach

Pour out your Spirit, loving Lord, that your sons and your daughters may hear your prophetic word.

Pour out your Spirit, loving Lord, that your sons and your daughters may know how to live according to your ways.

Pour out your Spirit, loving Lord, that your sons and your daughters may worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

A prayer for others

Holy Spirit of peace, we pray for homes and nations where there is discord and conflict. Pour out your breath of peace that people may listen to each other; may respect one another; may honour each other.

Holy Spirit of hope, we pray for those who live in despair; for those who can see no purpose in their lives; for those who cannot see a way ahead; for those who feel completely alone. Holy Spirit of unity, we pray for your Church, for its ministry to the faithful; for its mission to the world. May the Spirit of Pentecost breathe upon us, that we may witness to the world the comfort, meaning and love that you offer.

Heal our differences and make us one in you. Amen.



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Newsletter: Sunday 3rd May 2020

Weekly Feature – Favourite Hymns – Arthur Brown

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
3. The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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Keep Safe – God Bless

FROM Circuit Office

“Enclosed a further letter from Alan, Poem and Thy Kingdom Come Booklet. (For those who receive this by email, these can be found on Wesley Website)

This ecumenical global prayer movement invites all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

We are inviting our members to take part from 21st to 31st May and use the enclosed prayer journal Jesus loves all, written by Methodist Youth President, Thelma Commey”.

CHURCH Finance - Weekly Offerings

You will remember on the Newsletter dated 29th March it was suggested that if able, you set aside your weekly giving each week. As we are still unsure when services can begin again, thoughts are being given to offerings being made direct to our Bank account by Bank transfer or Standing order.

As a charity we are able to claim Gift Aid (known as the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme – GASDS) on the amount of loose cash each week, if it is not made by Cheque, or above £30(new limit from April 2019) per person per week, or made by Standing order.

So I am in the process of asking for advice on if we will be able to make a claim under GASDS due to the current lockdown situation, if offerings received in this way and will come back to you, but in the meantime, if able please do continue to set aside your generous giving.

The method of payment is not an issue for those who have signed up to Gift Aid. Margaret Kite Treasurer

DAILY DEVOTIONS written by Rev. Josephine for the Circuit daily WhatsApp – for those not in the group that receive these.

This week devotion seek to revisit the sacred TEN – the Ten Commandments, with a sincere hope that this may lead us to value them more as well as enabling us to adopt decisive attitudes towards moral problems in our Christian lives.

The Ten Commandments were given in order that we should be able to *obey* them eagerly and freely, not because they are commands. This is similar to our lives today, during the COVID 19 Pandemic, where children are willingly and eagerly doing shopping for their parents. The parents do not need to command their children, parents only need to express their wish and desire for their children to leap to fulfil it.

Therefore, the sacred TEN are the Rules of Life for God’s Household to help the children ‘listen to’, ‘to give ear to’ the will of Father God. This is exactly what the word ‘obey’ means, it is rooted in Latin words ‘*ob*’ and ‘*audire*’ which mean ‘to hear’.

Day 1 & 2 can be found at

<https://wesley.valeofstour.org.uk/devotionals-rev-josephine-soon>

Kevin will add the other days when received from Josephine.

