

# **Mickleover Methodist Church      August 2020**

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This month is usually the summer break from the regular midweek activities at church and a time for holidays. This year is not a usual year as we have had a long, enforced but necessary, break from all church activities. Many have missed planned holidays and although some of us may now be able to have some time away on holiday it is perhaps not what we originally planned. Most importantly for many we are now able to spend time with family, as I did last week on my holiday. We are moving slowly and carefully towards returning to activities we enjoyed before lockdown. So as church we are also working carefully towards re-opening the church building on Sundays for worship and for midweek activities in September, at the earliest. Much planning has to be done before this can happen, the required risk assessments and actions plans have to be completed and carried out, in accordance with the Government and The Methodist Church guidelines.

Services will not be the same when we are able to meet in the church building, social distancing measures will be in place and there will be no singing and no coffee afterwards. We will miss the singing and the chatting but we will be able to worship. Worship is not, or should not be, about ourselves and what we like. Worship is about God and who he is, it is a celebration of all he has done for us through the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God is worthy of all we have to offer, our whole lives. Worship is a way of life.

We have a new design for the church logo (see next page) which expresses a sense of movement and new life, of joyful worship centred on Christ and a moving out to share the good news of Jesus, the giver of the water of life. May we all be ready to embrace the new, and to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Rev Gill

## Mickleover Methodist Church Logo



Logo painted by Fiona McCredidin, our Children's and Family worker.

The cross is central reminding us of all that Christ has done for us on the cross and that Christ must be at the centre of all we do.

The water spreading out from the cross represents the water of life – Jesus said “the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14)

The two figures represent followers of Jesus, joyfully worshipping God, moving out into the community to share the love of Jesus.

The leaves are symbols of new life and growth.

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**Highly Contagious!  
Love, Kindness, Hope,  
Be a carrier!**

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Letter writing quiz answers: 1.The Church of the Laodiceans(Colossians4v16.) 2.David (2Samuel1vv14-16). 3. King Jeroboam(2Chronicles 21vv12-15) 4.Simon Peter(2Peter 1v1). 5. Jezebel(1Kings 2v18-10). 6.Saul (Acts 9 v2.7).Sosthenes (1Corinthiansv1). 8.Jesus (Revelation 1 vv1-3) 9.Philemon\_(Philemon 1v10)10. Leprosy (2 Kings 5 vv4-6) 11.The Ephesian church (Acts18 v7 12). Nehemiah (Nehemiah 6 5-7 13.Loadicea(Revelation 3 vv14-16). 14. Two (Timothy and 2Timothy). 15. The apostle John ( 3 John 1) 16.Two (1Peter and 2Peter)

## Phil`s Monthly Musings

### More Ponderous Points

One of the books I have been reading during the past month is Franciscan Spirituality by Br. Ramon SSF. The Society of St Francis is an Anglican order of which I became a companion over forty years ago. I found this book fascinating and enlightening as it covers the life and teachings of Francesco Bernadone, together with thoughts about relevance in our modern day and age.

One particular passage struck a chord with me and has engendered a great deal of thought. It is as follows:-**“If religion makes you less human, it is bad religion and you are better off without it. And so are your fellows. By this standard most religious faiths are corrupt – especially when they engender exclusivisms and invite violence and hatred – even of oneself.”**

Sometimes we are exhorted to put aside our humanity and become other-worldly; the phrase “we are in the world but not of the world” being oft-quoted. Jesus was both in the world and of it, taking part as fully as any human being. He enjoyed parties, dining out, picnics, special times with friends with whom he shared joys, sorrows and the whole range of human emotions. I believe that I am made human to enhance the lives of others by showing and sharing a caring humanity. We should not be less human but more human and by so being show that Christianity is loving, inclusive and promoting a love of peace.

In order to love others, we must also love ourselves, not in a way that turns to selfishness and greed or that promotes self-importance, but that shows a respect for oneself and thus a respect for others.

Franciscans have a rule of “love, joy and humility” which is shown in a passionate delight in God`s creation as it reflects God`s delight in us. It calls us to be the best that we can be and to use our gifts, talents and personality to show God`s love for us all – and that includes you and me.

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Farewell Service for Rev Jenny Dyer - updated info - Rev Jenny Dyer`s Farewell Service has now been confirmed as **Friday 21 August** at 7.00pm on Zoom. This will probably take the form of "Desert Island Discs". More details and zoom link to follow in due course.

## Letter writing

Letter writing seems to have gone out of fashion with the introduction of emails. Memories of writing thank you letters to elderly aunts at Christmas and birthdays are a thing of the past.

The Bible records a long line of scribes and secretaries who wrote letters. This quiz is all about the letters written in Bible times – how many can you answer?

1. Where did Paul ask for his letter to be read after it was read to “the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae”?
2. Who sent a letter to Joab, instructing him to put Uriah in the front line of battle?
3. Which king received a letter from Elijah predicting judgement on his sinful reign?
4. Who wrote a letter “To those who through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours”?
5. Which queen wrote to the leaders of Jezreel instigating plans to kill Naboth in order to obtain his vineyard?
6. Who asked the high priest for letters of introduction to the synagogues in Damascus so that he could seek out followers of Jesus?
7. Who, with Paul, penned the first Letter to the Corinthians?
8. Who, using John as a scribe, wrote to the seven churches in Asia?
9. Who did Paul write to concerning Onesimus?
10. What disease was Naaman suffering from when he was sent with a letter of commendation by the King of Aram to the King of Israel?
11. Who wrote a letter recommending Apollos to the Corinthian church?
12. Who did Sanballat send a threatening letter to, trying to discourage plans to rebuild Jerusalem?

13. Which Church in the Book of Revelation was criticised in a letter as being “lukewarm”?
14. How many letters did Paul address to Timothy?
15. Who wrote a short letter to “my dear friend Gaius”?
16. How many books of the New Testament contain letters attributed to the Apostle Peter?

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### Pandemic Quiz

This quiz is for people who enjoy quizzes and crosswords, with some mental stimulation and to test your brain. (Answers next month)

1. Which letter comes next in the following sequence?  
N.      U.      S.      J.      ?
2. What is the longest needle that can be placed in a box, of which the internal measurements are 3 cm x 4 cm x 12 cm ?
3. Whose logo is this?



4. What do the following words have in common?  
ROMANIA    NORMALITY    PIRANHA    INCUBATION
5. Which two countries (as defined by being a member of the UN in their own right) have exactly the same flag?
6. Which letter comes next in the following sequence:

T T S S R P ?

7. Connect Wall

HAM	RUTH	SAMUEL	AXLE
CLAN	JOSHUA	TRIBE	ESTHER
SHOE	NATION	PEOPLE	DRAW
DANIEL	BOW	FAMILY	HEART

Sort these 16 squares into 4 groups of 4, having found the connection between them. There are multiple ‘overlaps’ to make it more difficult.



The **PSALMS** are hymns of **PRAYER** and **PRAISE** to God.

*"I will proclaim your greatness, my God and king; I will **thank you**: I will **praise you** for ever and ever."*

Psalm 145:1-2

**Glory to God**



*"How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what He has done."*

Psalm 19:1

Cut out and colour these cards to help you to **thank** and **praise** God.



*"Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105*

**God's World**

*"The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord: the earth and all who live on it are His."*

Psalm 24:1



**Praise the Lord!**

*"Let everything that has breath, **praise the Lord.**"*

Psalm 150:6



**Give thanks!**

*"Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will **praise** you. I will give You **thanks** as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer."*

Psalm 63:3-4



*This poem was discovered in a church magazine in Hampshire. It has been very cleverly drafted so once you have read it, read it again but in reverse. Two messages in one poem and something to think about...*

They have no need of our help so do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me Should life have dealt a  
different hand

We need to see them for who they really are Chancers and scroungers  
Layabouts and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves

Cutthroats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here

We should make them  
Go back to where they came from They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes

Share our countries instead let us  
Build wall to keep them out it is not okay to say

These are people just like us  
A place should belong to those who are born there

Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked another way...

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Bless the mask wearers that we may see the wearing of them as a sign of care  
and concern for others; that we may see Jesus's face beneath each mask.  
Bless us all that we may see that by covering our noses and mouths we have  
opened our eyes and our hearts to one another

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**Keep your distance!** I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch you with  
a six-foot pole" would become national policy, but here we are!

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**You can now follow us on Facebook at Mickleover Methodist Church**

## Coronavirus..... Getting back to normal

Life is very slowing starting to get back to normal even if it is a 'new' normal for many of us. Some of us may feel comfortable doing lots of the things we used to but some of us may feel that we are not ready yet. As it says below we need to be kind to others and kind to ourselves, taking things at our own pace and not judging others.

Keep talking about how you are feeling

Identify what you do and what you don't feel comfortable doing

No: it's ok to say this.

Don't judge yourself against others

Encourage others to take things at their own pace

Remember it's normal to feel a whole range of emotions

British Red Cross

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## Ways to Praise and Worship

### *Radio and Television*

**8:00am Sunday Radio Derby**

**8.10am Sunday Radio 4 – Sunday Worship**

**Sunday afternoon on TV Songs of Praise**

**9:45am** Monday - Saturday BBC Radio 4 Long Wave/Radio 4 Extra Daily Service; a 15min service of music, prayers and scripture.

**3:30pm** Wednesday, repeated Sunday 3pm BBC Radio 3 92-95 FM Choral Evensong

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Jo Howie at **Susannah Wesley House** is holding a weekly prayer meeting every Monday at 1pm. Zoom log in details are always the same:- .

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4061105241?pwd=RFImRlgxRnFLcDRnaHhIL3RBVks0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 406 110 5241

Passcode: swH

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**CTM Prayer walk Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 10.15am** – Meet at St. John's car park Devonshire Drive for a suitably distanced prayer walk around Mickleover. If you would like to join us please contact me at [ray\\_lee16@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ray_lee16@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 239 645 so that I know to expect you. *Ray Lee*