



LINK UP!

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him..." Romans 8:28a

Easter plans:

We would have dearly loved to have been meeting again in person for Easter, folks, wouldn't we? But it looks as though it will be wise to wait another few weeks yet, so our plans for Easter are as follows:

Maundy Thursday Zoom: 7.30pm, a reflective time together on Zoom with communion - have your own wine/juice and bread/crackers at the ready.

Good Friday: A YouTube Reflection from Suzie for you to watch at your leisure. Plus, since we can't have our March of Witness and gathering in the town centre, Churches Together in Poole are working on a Zoom Reflective Prayer Session that we can join in with. We'll send you all the details in the next newsletter.

Easter Sunday: A joyful Zoom gathering at 10.30am, much like we had on Christmas Day. It would be so good to have you with us, either on computer or on the phone. Details on how to log/phone in with next week's newsletter.

And for anyone who can't join us via Zoom, don't worry, the transcripts and newsletter will be posted to you as usual!

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*Pain is the agent of change.
This is a hard concept to
understand. But we know
that if everything is going
according to plan and we
are content, there is no
impetus to change anything.*

Julia Samuel

Grief Works: Stories of Life, Death and Surviving

#kindlequotes

Dear church family,

I wonder what you make of this quotation? I came across it the other day whilst reading 'Grief Works' by Julia Samuel. You might think that was a strange book to be reading as I was preparing to take my Gran's funeral, but I've found it very helpful and interesting, and this quotation leapt out at me. I think it can be used in more than one situation, not just when someone is bereaved. After all, I wonder how many of us would have thought of, for instance, learning to tackle new technology or ringing each other up more often had we not been forced into doing so by the discomfort and pain of lockdown? Have you ever slept in an uncomfortable bed or tried to get comfortable on a lumpy settee? The pain and discomfort of that errant spring or flattened cushion forces us

No Thursday Night In this week...

...because it's the AGM Zoom! Church members, don't forget it's a diaconate election too, with Janet Matterface up for re-election. See you there!

Thank you notes!

Thank you all for your kind wishes and prayers for us as a family, as we said our temporary 'goodbyes' to Gran at her funeral last week. It's been a tough few weeks, but we know we will meet again one day because of Jesus' saving work on the cross and at the resurrection. All our love, Suzie, Mike, Kathie & Myra
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From Carri:

Well, my 13.1 miles is finally done and I can at last put my running shoes away for at least a week! I really want to thank you all for your amazing support. It was fantastic to have many of you there, either at the beginning, on route or at the end of my half marathon. And an extra thank you to Nicola for running the first - particularly gutty part with me.

I felt very blessed in that the weather conditions were perfect - cool, bright and no wind. I also had no injuries or painful tweaks, (apart for feeling very sick on the last half mile.) The smiles of people waving me on were such an encouragement, in fact, by the end of the morning I felt thoroughly spoilt. I'm sorry that I missed a few of you ... amazingly, because I arrived a bit sooner than expected. My final time was 2 hours 28 minutes.

to shift our position, doesn't it? You know, I think that uncomfortable though it is, God can often use our pain and discomfort to help us shift our position in our walk with him too. It's very easy to get too 'comfortable' in our beliefs and behaviours, to the point where we don't see the point of change and start to resist it. But, as many of us have found once we do 'get out of the boat' and walk forward in faith, that change can often lead to great blessing - and certainly draws us closer to the Lord Jesus!

What are you uncomfortable about today? What might God be saying to you through that discomfort?

Keep trusting! God bless!

With love, your Pastor

Here's Carri, looking remarkably fresh after running more than 13 miles last Saturday!

Here's a wee message from her!

