



Link Up!

‘The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.’ Lamentations 3 v 25-26

Coming up in May

As you all know, on Sunday 7th May we will be holding our Coronation Celebration event. We are suggesting that you arrive from around 10.30am for a quick cuppa and chat about the previous day's Coronation. Then from just before 11am we will have a time which includes craft, quizzes and other activities. For those who fancy something less taxing there will be a special 'Memory Lane' table for you to share your memories about the last Coronation and if you've got memorabilia from then, bring it along to show each other. This will be followed by a short all-age service and after that there will be a buffet lunch provided by the church. The afternoon will conclude with a time of songs from the decades of the King's life. It's not too late to sign up or to invite someone you know to join us.

On 14th May we will have a visit from Rev Jim Thomas who is one of the Regional Ministers with SCBA. Carri will be leading the service and Jim will be continuing our series in Luke's gospel.

The following Sunday, 21st May, we will be visited by another of the Regional Ministers, Rev Clare Hooper, who is the Acting Regional Team Leader, she will be leading worship and preaching again from Luke's gospel.

Finally on 28th May our good friend Andrew Williams will be leading our service and continuing our Luke series.

It has reached that time of year again when our sailing boat - *Seabiscuit* returns to its harbour mooring in readiness for the summer ahead. We had already completed the preparation work of cleaning and anti-fouling the bottom of the boat; now we just needed a couple of hours to secure it to our newly installed summer rigging. Where boats are concerned I have learnt that timing is critical – not our timing but the timing set by the wind and tide.



This year our good intentions were beset with problems. By the time Dave had recovered from a 'tummy blip,' the high Springs had given way to mediocre Neaps. Not only was there not enough water to launch but the exceptionally strong winds were making things extra difficult. Annoyingly, we had put in the work, set aside the time but had to resign ourselves to the fact that our best option was to sit it out and wait until conditions were right.

Other Notices

Following the Day of Prayer held in February, the Deacons felt that this was something that we should try to repeat at various times during the year. This was suggested at the last Church Members' meeting in March and agreed. We will be holding the next of these on Wednesday 24th May, which is just before Pentecost Sunday the time when the Holy Spirit came to the early church. We will again have two sessions. The morning session this time will start at 10.30am and finish at 12noon. Coffee and tea will be provided for that session. The evening session will start at 7.30pm and will finish by 9pm at the latest. Both of these sessions will be 'come when you can, leave when you must', so if you can't manage the whole time come for part of it. We will again be providing ideas for those who can come along and those who are unable to come together but want to pray in their homes so that we will all be praying about the same topics on that day.

Fortunately, a sunny Tuesday morning presented itself last week and *Seabiscuit* is now safely anchored in readiness for this year's voyages around Poole Harbour.

This reminded me of these verses in Luke:

Luke 5:4-6:

When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'

Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

Sometimes we feel we have put in the work but it doesn't seem to be bearing fruit.

Perhaps its worth asking – 'Is our timing in line with God's timing?' We can't necessarily do things when it seems convenient to us.

When Jesus told the disciples to put out their nets it must have sounded absurd... they had been doing that all night. Peter's response was: 'Master... because you say so... I will.'

When we are quiet and listen, Jesus will speak. Sometimes He is saying – 'This time, try it my way.' It's easy to think... 'we've already tried that,' or... 'that will never work.' But, when we say – 'Master... because you say so... I will – that is when the impossible becomes possible.

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