



Link Up!

‘For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (NIV)

Looking forward to July

We are moving our usual order around a bit for July.

So, on Sunday 2nd July our moderator, Colin Pavitt will be leading our service and continuing the series in Luke’s gospel with chapter 8 verses 22-39. This service will include communion.

Then on Sunday 9th July we will be holding our monthly ‘Prayer Service’ which will focus on the work of BMS World Mission and particularly include a visit from our Mission Partners, Angus & Helen Douglas, who we have supported for many years in Nepal. This is their farewell visit as they will be leaving BMS later in the summer. While we will be praying for various topics they give us, there will not be any prayer in small groups this time. **Please don’t miss this!**

On Sunday 16th July Tim Buttler, the pastor at the Vine Church will be leading our service and continuing in Luke chapter 8 verses 40 – 56.

On Sunday 23rd July, Duncan Ridgeon, our good friend from the Bournemouth Hospital Chaplaincy Team will be leading our service and preaching on Luke 9 verses 1 – 17.

Finally, on Sunday 30th July, we will be joining our friends at Parkstone Baptist Church for another of our Combined Services, where David Chidwick from Faithworks’ Homelessness and Warm Spaces work will be speaking. After the service anyone who would like to can join us in Alexandra Park for a Picnic and ‘get to know you better time’, hopefully with Buckland Road and Ocean Church folk joining us. Don’t forget your folding chairs and picnics for that. Anyone needing transport should let Janet know.

Our lives in God’s hands

The other day my son contacted me and asked “Dad can you look after the dogs? We are traveling to Brazil.”

We had known for some months that my daughter-in-law’s father (Elson) was seriously ill, but the news that the cancer was terminal, still come as an enormous shock.

I share this story with you to encourage you, that our lives are indeed in God’s hands.

As you are probably aware Marcia and I travelled to Brazil in the autumn of last year, and for the first time ever we stayed with Elson and Marli. During the 10 days we were in this Brazilian town near Porto Alegre, I was invited to preach on both Sundays, speak to the young people, the couple’s group and at the church Bible study. Marli has been a member of the church for many years but Elson has always been resistant to committing himself. Anyway, as we had no transport, Elson kindly agreed to drive us around to all the church engagements. The truth is Elson had never been to so many church activities, and as I talked about our experiences with God, he wasn’t resistant but becoming interested. Undoubtedly, all the family were praying for him and after we left Elson agreed to start discipleship and baptismal classes with the pastor of the church. December 2022 Elson was baptised. Halleluiah!!

Thinking Caps On!

Something to think about ready for next month. Our Prayer Service on Sunday 6th August will be a bit different from our previous ones. We will spend some time praying for summer events and holiday activities. But most of the service will be in your hands to some extent, as we are inviting you to choose your favourite hymn or song for a 'Songs of Praise' style service. We'd particularly like you to share with us why the song means so much to you and if you'd also like to share a favourite bible verse that would be great too. Please can you write down your song choice and/or bible verse choice and also, in a few words, why they mean something to you. Put your name on the paper too. You do not have to speak up in the service if you don't want to, but if you would like to that would give Janet's voice a rest! Song choices to Janet by Sunday 23rd July at the latest please.

Other Stuff

Our friend, Austin Maple has sent me a couple of copies of a booklet put together by himself and the members of his homegroup at St Luke's, giving an easy-to-understand explanation about why the Bible is reliable. It's good for those who want to be able to answer questions that people, who aren't yet Christians, put to them about the Bible. I have put the two copies on the cupboard in the entrance foyer for you to have a look at. If you are interested in having your own copy let Janet know and Austin will supply these completely free of charge.

None of us know how many years we will be permitted to live, but we do know that during our earthly existence that we have a window of opportunity to put ourselves right before God. We often talk about evangelism to the young and the importance of children's work, but lets never forget that the older folk in our communities desperately need to heard the amazing news of forgiveness and grace **before it is too late.**

Dear God, please give us boldness to speak to the elderly about their eternal salvation.

In Jesus name, Amen

God bless

Pastor Colin

Family News

Please continue to pray for Eileen, Ian, Peter Andrew & Julie and their families as they mourn the loss of a much-loved father and grandfather, Fred Hoare, who passed away recently. The funeral will be held at the church on Friday 14th July at 1pm followed by the committal & refreshments at The Long Barrow, Harbour View at 2.30pm.

Please also continue to remember Ron and the rest of Barbara Dartnall's family as they mourn the loss of wife, mum and grandma. Her funeral is on Tuesday 27th June at 10.30am at Harbour View.

Some good news has arrived from George Wright. His daughter, Alicia, her husband Ben and their son Daniel, welcomed the arrival of new baby Joshua Mark on Saturday 10th June weighing in at 8lb 8oz. All are doing well the last we heard.

