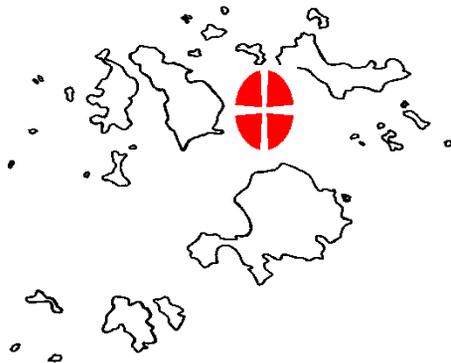


Isles of Scilly



In Touch

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Some thoughts from the St Mary's Manse.....

April is always a busy month on the islands, those who have been working hard over the winter months getting ready our many holiday homes now welcome visitors into their freshly decorated properties.

Newly painted tripper boats get ready for another busy summer season, and those who come to work in our hotels and restaurants come to help the locals in making sure that all who visit our beautiful islands receive a proper Scillonian welcome! And the same is true for our Methodist Church here on Scilly. We know that over the summer months many visitors will be joining us in our Sunday worship. We look forward to meeting with friends who return each year to be with us in our chapels, and being a welcoming community is very much seen as a crucial part of our work in what is the smallest and most remote Methodist Circuit in the British Methodist Connexion.

The last weekend in April sees a huge surge of visitors to the islands for what has now become the busiest two days of the year on Scilly. This of course is the weekend of the 'International Gig Racing Championship'. This is certainly a spectacular event with traditional gigs crewed by young men and women determined to win the much acclaimed title.

Each year new gigs are blessed by our island ministers, our chapel hall on St Mary's is in much demand in providing overnight accommodation for visiting crews as accommodation is overflowing. There is certainly something about these remote islands that draws visitors from all over the world, and often having tasted their delights for a first time they become quite determined to return for another visit. Some speak of the slower pace of life, others enjoy the boating, but I expect it is that mixture of those wonderful empty sandy beaches with our beautiful blue sea that is the real key to Scilly being such a much loved holiday destination. This is certainly the case when the sun is shining, but it has to be said that even when the skies are grey Scilly is still a great place to step back, to stop and to reflect, and to reminded again of God's wonderful gift of creation for us to enjoy. Maybe that is why so many holiday makers join us for worship in our island chapels.

The beaches and the sea on Scilly certainly remind me of those wonderful stories that we have of Jesus which tell us many of the details of Jesus's ministry among the people of Galilee. As we look at our fishermen going about their daily work on our islands and see them speaking together on our sandy beaches we are reminded of those first disciples of Jesus who were fishermen on the Sea Of Galilee. And seeing our fishermen on Scilly going about their daily task of braving the seas, and working hard to provide for themselves and others we are reminded that those first disciples of our Lord were ordinary young men just like those who fish our seas today.

In Scripture we read of Jesus leading worship in the synagogue in Capernaum close to the sea, and as we meet for worship in our chapels on St Martin's and St Mary's we are reminded that our weekly worship is just as important to us today as it was to those ordinary people of Galilee who met to offer their prayers of thanksgiving week by week in their place of worship.

The Gospels are full of vivid images that remind us of Scilly. We read of Jesus walking by the sea and speaking with His God given authority about the Kingdom Of Heaven. We hear of Him calming the raging seas, and of how in that coastal setting Jesus healed the sick and brought hope and the promise of New Life to all who would receive from Him. But the story that reminds me the most of our islands is the wonderful story that is recorded for us in the Gospel of John of how the Risen Lord Jesus meets with His disciples on a beach, and turns their despair into hope and joy. This wonderful record of Jesus's ministry is found in the 21st chapter of John. John tells us that early one morning Jesus stands on the sea shore, but that at first the fishermen did not realise that it was Jesus, and it certainly is a story of how Jesus can meet with us in the ordinary things of life. The story starts with an air of disappointment. We find that the disciples, despite having seen the Risen Jesus twice before, have now for a while put the past behind them and have returned to their work as fishermen.

As we read on we find that having fished all night they had not caught a single fish, and that as daylight begins to dawn on the sad and tired fishermen that Jesus comes and stands on the beach and sees their disappointment. Then in that dark still of dawn the story changes.

John tells us of how a large catch of fish are immediately caught, sadness turns into joy, despair turns into hope, and it is at this point that the disciple John cries out to Peter "IT IS THE LORD!"

And in a very special sort of way this vivid picture of that scene early in the morning on that beach reminds us of how for some the voice of Jesus may be heard today. It tells us of how in times of despair that The Good News of The Gospel can bring us hope, it reminds us of how the Easter message of Christ being raised from the dead can turn sadness into joy, and it reminds each of us how the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ can bring light even in the darkest moments of our lives.

In this moving story recorded for us by John we are told of how yet again it is the disciple Peter who is the first to show his emotions. Peter is the first of the fishermen to jump out of the boat and run to Jesus. Peter is now quite clearly overwhelmed with joy, and it is indeed a very moving thought to remember that this man Peter, just a week before, had denied even knowing Jesus, not once but three times. Yes, Peter now knew the truth, that God's promises are true, and that Jesus really was The Lord who had been raised from the dead. And what comes next in John's record of events certainly reminds us of summer on Scilly. After the large catch of fish is safely landed Jesus calls his friends to eat with him on the beach, and John comments,

'None of them dared ask Him "Who Are You?" For they all knew that it was The Lord!'

And somehow as we look into this wonderful picture that John brings before us we can sense the atmosphere of peace and calm. A charcoal fire burns on the beach as the fish is cooked and served by Jesus to His friends, and as we picture the scene in our minds it seems as though the disciples just want to savour every moment of this time together. In our worship in our island chapels we too know something of these feelings.

Often when I stand in the pulpit of our chapel on St Martin's and look through the window through which a fine view of the islands can be seen I rejoice that we can meet in a place such as this for worship. Scilly is certainly a special and very precious place, but above all I am reminded of how precious our Christian Faith is to us all. Yes whenever and wherever we come together in the presence of our Risen Lord we do indeed savour the moment!

Soon there will be another moment for us to savour in the life of our Methodist Circuit. On Wednesday the 13th of April we meet in our St Mary's chapel for a service for the recognition of Mrs Mary Ratcliffe as a fully accredited Methodist Local Preacher.

This service has its roots firmly grounded in Methodist history. John Wesley recognised that some lay people were called by God to preach the Gospel and he appointed them to do this work. Methodist Local Preachers are called by God and trained to lead God's people in worship. After their initial training and approval by the Circuit Meeting, they are admitted during an act of worship to the office and work of a Local Preacher. The office of a Local Preacher is a permanent one, to which a person is admitted only once. This very special service is to take place at 12.45 on the 13th. We are looking forward to our friends coming over from St Martin's to join with the members on St Mary's in this circuit celebration. A grand luncheon will be held in the hall after the service at 1.30.

At this service each of our Local Preachers will be there to show their support for Mary and we are delighted that our acting District Chair Rev Carole Holmes will be with us to preach the sermon, and we are delighted that John Hogarth, who has been Mary's tutor over her three years of study, will be here to share in the service. Yes we certainly have a great deal to be thankful for on these beautiful islands. So let us continue to celebrate our precious Christian Faith, let us continue to be a welcoming people, and may we continue to trust in the power of our Risen Lord to bless us in the days to come. May we continue to love one another!

Charlie Gibbs

You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure for ever.

Psalm 16 v 11

The Lord does not shine upon us, except when we take His Word as our light. - John Calvin



News from St Martin's

We have been made very aware of the changing seasons since Christmas, and some of our services were cancelled due to bad weather. This last week it has been a relief to be able to enjoy better weather, as Spring has arrived along with our first visitors. It was good to welcome Gordon Bird and Penny Prince to our Mothering Sunday service, along with Gordon's sock/hand puppet! The chapel was well attended, and adorned with flowers, many made into posies for all the Mums - in fact enough for everyone to take one home. We were also entertained by two very able young ladies; Ella Gillett singing, accompanied by Sophie Poat on her clarinet. Thanks also to Mary Ratcliffe who played our organ as Rodney Ashford is in Treliske hospital.

We continue to pray for Rodney's recovery and return to St. Martin's. We also send Len Michell our best wishes as he undergoes treatment. We thank him for leading our worship on Passion Sunday, and also playing the organ. We were able to sing an accompanied and rousing 'Happy Birthday' to Heather Terry as she reaches another milestone! It was also lovely to have Ros their daughter join us. She and sister Jenny were both taught by their Mum here at St. Martin's school. A school we are all very proud of and make every effort to hold on to.

Many of our congregation have been enjoying holidays in sunnier climes (no surprise!) so it is good to see all now safely returned. We are reminded of how easy it is - for some - to travel to far flung places, and yet so difficult for others, trying to escape war. A recent 'Transition Scilly' community lunch raised a good sum for Shelter Box, and thanks go to 'raffle' Jackie.

We continue to be horrified as we watch the desperate and often disastrous mass movements of people, not that far from home, and pray that a solution can soon be found to enable people to live safely in their own country.

Val Thomas

On having some "Sabbath Space"

The phrase "Sabbath Space" I have borrowed from an article in a pastoral monthly, *The Furrow*, published in Ireland.

It is a good description of what the small group from St. Mary's were seeking when they went to Tresco for a few hours on March 19th.

The institution of Sabbath came from Jewish to the Christian tradition via the Ten Commandments and Jesus' custom of seeking, from time to time, a quiet place for himself and his closest disciples. It is primarily about prayer, not escape.

If it were about escape, it would be very much about me and my needs, if not wants!

Jesus went to places apart for prayer purposes and by this practice encouraged his disciples to do the same (e.g. Lk 6,12). Jesus' relationship with God, His Father, was absolutely primary in his life and mission, and every now and then he would take "time out" to give that relationship maximum or Sabbath space. He moulded this for us.

Prayer can take place in all sorts of situations and does so in a disciple's life. Giving it quality time just demonstrates how important it is, even when integrated into a busy life. It may help to remember Jesus' invitation to the three disciples who went with him to Gethsemane, when they were too sleepy to join him in prayer (Mk 14, 26-42). Having a few hours of quiet in a place different to where we normally live and have our lives, is allowing the Lord to refresh us so that we can return to a much more "noisy" place where we normally are, more committed to our discipleship and more aware of the Lord's presence at the centre of our lives.

It is not always possible to get away for such a purpose, so perhaps it is more realistic to build into the normal flow of our lives some "Sabbath Space" on a daily or weekly basis, so that the priority of prayer in our lives can be shown, not for our honour and glory but for the greater glory of God.

We thank Bishop Christopher for this gracious contribution to In Touch.

Lent Study Course

Between twenty and thirty people from the Roman Catholic, Methodist and Anglican Churches of St. Mary's gathered in the Methodist Hall on the Fridays of Lent for a six session study course. The theme was 'the Joy of the Gospel' and we used Pope Francis's important teaching document bearing that title, together with a study guide prepared by the Anglican theologian Paula Gooder. The sessions were led by Bishop Christopher Budd, Canon Perran Gay and the Reverend Charlie Gibbs, and the Church Leaders also facilitated the small group work that was an important part of the course.

The central theme of our study was evangelisation: how we should become better at sharing our faith as missionary disciples, so that evangelism becomes not an add-on that a few people are good at, but rather an essential and natural part of being a Christian disciple. People were very honest with each other about how difficult this was for some of them, and how it was important not to be sidetracked into a kind of manipulative agenda that would not leave people free to respond to God in their own way. We looked at some of the contemporary challenges facing us as Christians and as evangelists, and explored the creative tensions between doing good works and speaking about our faith, recognising that both belonged together and one led naturally into the other.

Although we sometimes disagreed and sometimes found the material challenging, there was a great sense that we were dealing with some very important aspects of our life and faith, in the light of which our denominational identities and differences scarcely seemed to matter. We discovered a deep friendship with one another across the churches that gave us great encouragement for the future, and the desire to do more together whenever that was possible. And in our meditative Scripture reading, our frank discussions with one another and our closing prayer time, we did begin to experience something of 'the Joy of the Gospel'. *We thank the Reverend Canon Perran Gay for this gracious contribution to In Touch.*

Duncan Akehurst

From his very early days Duncan has grown up with visits to Scilly being a regular occurrence. Given his grandparents, parents and two elder brothers love of the islands this was not surprising. Apart from regular visits with his parents, during his teenage years Duncan also visited the islands a number of times with the Crusader group which used to camp each year at Pelistry Farm. It was during one of these visits with the Crusader group in August 2000 that Duncan clearly heard God calling him to be baptised. The camp leader, Graham Patey, consulted with Duncan's parents who happened to be on the island at the time and also with Jeremy Dare the then minister at the Methodist Church who Duncan knew well. The consequence was that on Sunday 6th August 2000 Jeremy, assisted by Duncan's father Edmund, baptised Duncan in the sea at Town beach. It was a wonderful day in many ways with Jeremy conducting the service on the beach with Duncan sharing his testimony and the worship being lead by Duncan's brother Alastair. All the Crusader group members were present as were many of the local Methodist congregation and, as often happens, a crowd attracts people and so we were also joined by many visitors to the island and the whole service became a great witness and blessing to many Christians and non-Christians alike.

This experience helped to consolidate Duncan's faith and desire to witness which has flourished over the years. During the summer at the end of his first year in the sixth form he went with a group from his local Crusaders group on a mission trip to Ghana to work alongside local Christians to help develop their local mission work. On leaving school he felt God's call to defer his degree course in music at Durham University and spent a gap year with Youth With A Mission, usually referred to as YWAM, based in their Carlisle centre to undertake YWAM's Discipleship Training School. The culmination of this was an extended outreach trip to South Africa. His experiences with YWAM helped to consolidate his calling to mission and lead him to change his course at Durham from music to theology. Whilst at Durham he felt God calling him back to southern Africa so, accompanied by a longstanding friend who was on the course with him, he spent one summer vacation

working at the YWAM project in South Africa. During this trip he also visited Heidi Baker's Iris Ministry's mission in Mozambique. This was to be a significant step in God's plan for his life. Whilst at the Iris base Duncan met Heidi who, in Duncan's words "gave me the most loving hug, looked straight at me and asked me if I was going to come and serve with Iris". At the time he was in the middle of his degree course at Durham University and knew that the timing was not right. Again, in his own words Duncan says, "Ever since then I have had a real passion to return to Mozambique, but every time I've asked God I've sensed Him saying 'Wait, not yet!'" The following year, even before her relationship with Duncan started, Anna (Duncan's future wife) also visited the Iris base in Mozambique. In her words, "for me this was a transformational time. One day I stood outside the student compound watching all the children play on the base and I remember praying. I prayed that God would bring me back to the Iris school one day. I prayed that the next time I returned I would not be alone, but with my husband."

On graduating Duncan joined the staff of his home church, Chipping Campden Baptist Church, and spent four years helping to develop a ministry focussing on youth and young adults. During this time he met Anna his future wife who, having spent some time working with a ministry to children in Guatemala, was helping develop children and youth work in a local church plant of Chipping Campden Baptist Church. Duncan and Anna married in 2012 and soon after felt God calling them to Cheltenham to the lively evangelical Anglican Trinity Church where Duncan helped develop young adults work and Anna the young people's work. God used this time in Cheltenham to develop their experience of working with young people and in outreach ministry in general which they would need in the work He was calling them to.

It was not until two years after their marriage that God revealed to Duncan and Anna through a series of prophetic words from a number of different people, some of whom did not even know either of them, that it was time for them to go back to Mozambique. It was in October 2014 that they went back to Pemba in Mozambique to attend the ten week Harvest School run by Iris Ministries and a subsequent three week mission outreach in Madagascar. During which time they witnessed God move in amazing ways both in the work of Iris ministries and in their own walk with God. They returned home at New Year 2015 seeking what God's next move was for them. It did not take long for them to realise that God was calling them back to Mozambique

and so they applied to join the staff in running subsequent Harvest Schools. In May 2015 they returned to Mozambique to help run the next two Schools, the first of which culminated in a mission outreach in Thailand involving working in red light districts, again experiencing God working in amazing ways. The second school will culminate in December in a mission outreach in Cambodia. In all their adventures Duncan and Anna's conviction is that God is in control and is faithful to His word, and their determination is to listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance, to be obedient to God's call and expect to see Him at work using them to fulfil His purposes. They are currently waiting on God for His direction for their lives in 2016.

Editor's note.

It is a great joy to publish this article which was contributed by Duncan's Father Edmund. His mother Grace is a longstanding member of our Church and we send the whole family our love and greetings. May God continue to pour his blessings upon them all.



Prayer

I hunger for you, Lord, I cannot be content with a Sunday morning saviour, and I thank you for that. I seek to know you better, to be how you want me to be. It is a wonderful, exciting journey.

You fill me, Lord, and my sole desire is to live on this earth to please you and do your will.

What a journey, completed by an eternity in your presence, our mighty God of love.

Please. Lord, keep me always journeying on the path to you and with you.

Vickie Middleton, Gnosall Methodist Church. from Pilgrims on a journey. The Methodist Prayer Handbook 10



Dawn Chorus

A single bird wakes, and greets the dim rays
His voice fills the air, as morning takes form
And soon he is joined by a chorus of praise.

They praise for their life, and the end of the night
For perils survived, and hunters unfed.
They praise for the day, and the beauty of light
The praise for their flight; while we lay abed!

And yet, as we lay, and hear their fine song
Our praises join theirs, our hearts lift with joy.
We can't match their skill, but yet sing along
The birds and ourselves our voices employ

In worship of God, for gifts of new days
A glow in the east, faint fingers of dawn
Cadence of song, dawn chorus of praise.

By Nigel Beeton

Nigel Beeton writes: At any time of the year we can end up feeling despondent, either due to some traumatic event, or for no better reason than that we are tired and have lost our joie de vivre. Well, I was feeling a bit like that, but I'm also practising some basic hymn tunes on the keyboard. 'It is Well with my Soul.' I practised it and practised it until most people would be sick and tired of it, but it is such an uplifting tune! With the tune going round and round my head, words soon came:

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to *know*,^a
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

The story behind the Hymn – ‘Praise my Soul the King of Heaven’

Praise my soul the King of heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the
everlasting King.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) had been a brilliant theological student at university in Dublin, with a gift for versifying. After graduation he moved to a tiny and remote parish in County Wexford to serve his curacy. It was here, when he was about 25, that Henry had a religious experience which would transform his life.

A close friend of his, another clergyman, had fallen ill, and was clearly dying. Henry went to visit him. The friend was not as distressed as Henry had imagined he would be. Instead the friend confessed that he had been re-reading the New Testament, with an eye on eternity, and had made a great discovery. There was no need to rely on religious duties and formalities and good deeds to gain peace with God. Instead, we can trust completely in the mercy of Christ and his saving power.

Henry was sophisticated and had been very formal in his ministry. But this encounter with his friend's faith at death's very door, made him reconsider his faith. He wrote later that his dear friend 'who died happy in the thought that there was One who would atone for his delinquencies' made him 'study my Bible and preach in another manner than I had previously done'. And soon after this hymn appeared, in 1834.

Lyte rejoices in the majesty and wonder of the living God, who in turn loves us. He captures the measure of the Psalm in enduring lyrics, which combine time, eternity, God and man all swept up into one embrace. Its last verse summons all of the created order to join in a great act of joyous praise – surely a preview of eternity!

BE SURE NOT TO MISS THIS GREAT EVENT..... A Service
of Thanksgiving & Celebration

Wednesday 13th April St Mary's Methodist Church At 12.45

The coming together of God's people to commission

Mrs Mary Ratcliffe as a fully accredited Methodist Local Preacher.

Worship led by Rev Charlie Gibbs

With Rev Carole Holmes as our guest preacher

A GRAND LUNCHEON WILL BE PROVIDED AT 1.30p.m.

Love

written by George Herbert

Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
 If I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
 Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
 I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
 My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
 So I did sit and eat.

A letter of love.

"Listen, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and eat with him, and he will eat with me". Rev. 3v 26

Browsing through some old documents I came across this, a letter of invitation to be given out to those who have sought help from the Lord, through us.

` I do hope that you will feel able to come and join us in worship on Sunday, in thanksgiving for what God has done for you in times of trouble, times when you have turned for help to someone like me, who will pray for anyone in need. I and many others have prayed for you but God alone has answered you in your sadness, need or anxiety.

Perhaps you feel now that you too would like to be of such help to others. It is special indeed to go and give help but in His name rather than in our own. Thanking God for his help is a gracious gift when shared with others.

There are many things that we hear Sunday by Sunday which will help us all to live as God intends. I do hope you will come.

with love from..... `

Mary

Pause for thought

The elderly worshipper stood on the church steps, thanking the minister. "it was a wonderful sermon you preached today" she said" Everything you said applied to somebody or other I know".

If all the neglected Bibles were dusted simultaneously, we would have a record dust storm and the sun would go into eclipse for a whole week.

The Seven Last Words of the Church " we never did it this way before"

A number of buttons have been found among the coins in recent collections. In future, please rend your hearts and not your garments.

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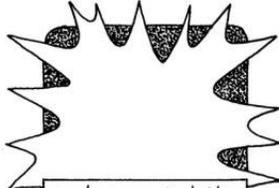
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 1 to 2 verse 3.

This story is at the start of the Bible, and the start of time...

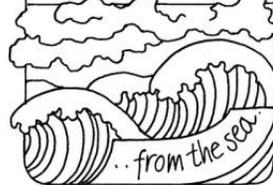
When God first made the universe it was empty and shapeless. God said...

Let there be light!



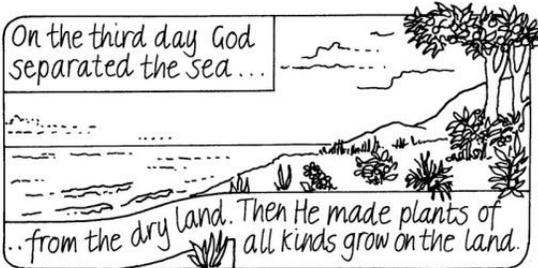
God separated the light and dark.

On the next day, God separated the sky...

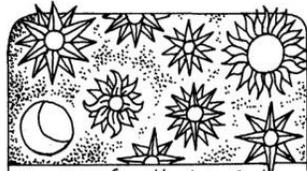


...from the sea.

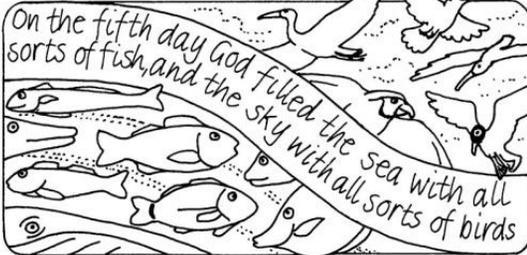
On the third day God separated the sea...



...from the dry land. Then He made plants of all kinds grow on the land.



On the fourth day God made lights shine in the sky for day and night.



On the fifth day God filled the sea with all sorts of fish, and the sky with all sorts of birds.



On the sixth day God made all kinds of animals...



and then He made people, men and women.

God told the people....

Take care of all I have made.



God saw that everything He had made was very good.

On the seventh day God rested...



and so did everyone else!



Birthdays in April
Happy Birthday to you,
May God Bless you today and every day.

Gwen Clarkson, Mary Gibbs, Barbara
Hasler and Stephen Morris

Birthdays are times for remembering past times but we are called to live in the present. Giving thanks for all that is past and with hope that is all to come. May the Lord pour rich blessings on us all.

We give thanks for all who contributed in any way to the Lent Lunches which raises funds for ChristianAid. We also give thanks for those who decorated the chapels so beautifully for Easter.

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Last words! Facebook in Real Life.

I haven't got a computer, but I was told about social media and apply the same principles. Every day I walk down the street and tell passers by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do for the rest of the day. I give them pictures of my family and when I am on holiday. I also listen to them, tell them I like what they say and do and give them my opinion whether it interests them or not. And it works. I already have four people following me; two police officers, a Social worker and a psychiatrist. Peter White Holbrook Derbyshire.

PRAYER CHAIN

In the first instance please contact Charlie Gibbs 422406 and then me, Mary Ratcliffe 423030. I will then pass on the prayer request to the first name in each of the groups.

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'Rejoice in the Lord always I will say it again, Rejoice!...Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God' Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 4

For the Prayer Chain to be effective it is essential that requests are forwarded to the person in the column beneath your name, if that person is not available please ring the next person on the list.

Please join in this special ministry you can contact me on 423030. We thank God that we can be channels of his grace.

April Services

St. Mary's

April 3rd

11.00 a.m. Rev. Charlie Gibbs
4.00 p.m. Park House Mary Ratcliffe

April 10th

9.15 a.m. Gordon Bird & Kim Watson -Worship Leader
11.00 a.m. Len Michell
6.00 p.m. Rev Charlie Gibbs

April 17th

10.30 a.m. Len Michell with Worship Leader Sonia Crompton
6.00 p.m. Gordon Bird

April 24th

9.15 a.m. Rev Charlie Gibbs –Worship Leader Beryl Read
Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Rev. Charlie Gibbs Holy Communion
6.00pm Rev. Charlie Gibbs Holy Communion

St. Martin's

April 3rd

3.00 p.m. Rev Charlie Gibbs

April 10th

11.00 a.m. Rev Charlie Gibbs

April 17th

11.00 a.m. Family Service with Beryl Read

April 24th

3.00 p.m. Rev Charlie Gibbs
Holy Communion