

Dear Church Family

Another month flown by. I sit at my desk and ponder; lifting up the encounters with the people I have met across the days of the month. The activities some difficult, others pure joy – like our Jubilee Lunch wasn't it good to be together again, with laughter and fellowship?

I laugh at the many times I am met with the word 'Coffee?' as I walk through a door, do they really need to ask? – this girl runs on Coffee and Grace don't you know!

My thoughts turn to our coffee shop and the wonderful ladies that run it, and I give thanks for them. The people that come in for refreshment, for company and a whole load of other reasons known only to them. I give thanks that we can offer that hospitality.

I am reminded of words written by Michaela Youngson in her book entitled The Weaver, the Word and Wisdom where she speaks of

Just an ordinary Coffee Shop.

Balancing precariously,  
poised and promising a particular kind of refreshment,  
are two cappuccinos and three lattes on my tray.

This is my well,  
this the place of encounter, gossip, thirst-quenching  
friendship and rippling laughter.

This is a wishing-well,  
where good wishes are offered as an acceptable  
cover for the 'I love you' that is deeply meant.

This is a communal well,  
where chance encounters rub shoulders  
with planned meetings and happy coincidences.

This is a being well,  
not a place for doing, for actions and deadlines looming,  
the space offers well-being in a crazy world.

This is no special well,  
just an ordinary coffee shop, one of dozens in this town.  
but in the encounter I am transformed.

This is a sacred well.  
in the laughter, the tears, the sharing and departing,  
the rituals of embodied human living are practised.

I make it safely to our table and  
the predictable pattern begins; creamy foam licked from a spoon  
and in the encounter with the apparently mundane I meet the divine.

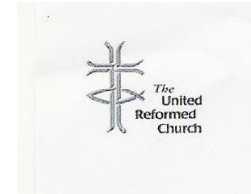
Scenes that play out daily, in many places. Next time you pop in for a cuppa take a moment to notice the interaction around you, and the truth of Michaela's words.

Good days and bad days **'All I need is a little Coffee'**, well some days if I'm honest just somewhat more, and a **Whole lots of Jesus**. How about You? Whether you're a coffee drinker or not – The Coffee Shop can be a place of refreshment for body, mind and soul.

Blessings  Lynne



# The Church in Hope Street LEP



## CHURCH NOTICES

JULY 2022



*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above*

### Mission Statement

*Our mission is to lp all people understand and respond to  
the depth of God's love for them*

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne Le Masonry

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Alec Stride Hall

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Sewcially Crafternoon Tea 1:30pm-3:30pm

Coffee Shop

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Morning Service 10:30am *Communion Service*

Lynne Le Masonry

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Alec Stride Hall

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Morning Service 10:30am

Martin Smith

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Alec Stride Hall

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Morning Service 10:30am

Jenny Thompson

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Coffee Morning 10:00am-11:30am

Alec Stride Hall

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Morning Service 10:30am-11:30am

Café

## BIRTHDAYS

|                       |                  |                         |                |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July  | Heather (Neaves) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> August  | Lynda (Bourne) |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July | Derek            | 4 <sup>th</sup> August  | Alice          |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> July | Daphne           | 22 <sup>nd</sup> August | Julie          |
|                       |                  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> August | Lynda (Lucas)  |
|                       |                  | 24 <sup>th</sup> August | Doris (German) |
|                       |                  | 31 <sup>st</sup> August | Joan (Norris)  |

## MESSAGES

**Hilary** would like to thank everyone for the lovely birthday cards and kind messages sent for her birthday.

## Dates for your Diary

TakeTime is a series of relaxing guided meditations based on the stories of Jesus and the tradition of St Ignatius

TakeTime Together  is now meeting on Fridays, 11:15am in Church  
Please speak to Margaret for more information

### Living with Dementia

Meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and any 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in the month.  
Please contact Janet for more information.

### Contributions welcome for FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY BUS

Thank you for donating food items - packets, tins etc. and toiletries for the food bank and the Community Bus.



The Bible Society is pleased to announce that Ann is planning to host a Strawberry Tea on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 3pm in her garden. Please see poster.

Everyone is invited

If you are not able to support this event but would like to make a donation to The Bible Society, please send it to Ann Wagstaff. Thank you



### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Coffee Shop

9:30am - 11:00am ALL WELCOME

RAFFLE - CAKES - BRIC-A-BRAC and more



### Blytheswood Care Shoebox Appeal

If you would like to take part in the Shoebox Appeal this year, I have some spare shoeboxes. Thank you for your support with this. *Heather M*

This may seem a little early, but

Filled boxes will need to be available for collection by the end of October

Notices for August should be available from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Please let me know if you would like something included. Heather