

Dear Church Family

What a month we have all just come through. Or ever expected to.

Cut off from the water supply, we now know how important water is to us all, if we didn't know before. It sort of focusses the mind on those who live like that as normal.

Then the extreme heat more than just uncomfortable, searing and debilitating for those of us who are not used to it. Shops closing, businesses unable to open, transport network finding themselves in great difficulty, with melting roads and tracks.

Then the grass fires that we are used to seeing on our television screens in other countries. We have to ask what is happening.

It is that word change, that brings about such fear. Our world around us is changing. Climate change is altering our environment our weather patterns and endangering our lives and the lives of creatures in the world. We need collectively to do something.

Covid has changed our attitudes to one another, an enforced time secluded and away from others seems to have made humanity less tolerant, more suspicious, and for once I am saying we need to get back to where we were in loving and fellowship having learned the lessons that lie in that period of isolation.

I recently read an article about Pope Francis, I never thought I would quote from a Pope. But what he said hit my heart hard.

'Whoever approaches the Church must find open doors and not fairs of Faith' – I agree!

'We need modern saints, twenty first century saints with a spirituality embedded in our time' – that too!!

'We need social saints, open and normal, friends, cheerful companions. We need saints who are in the world and who can taste the pure and good things of the world, but without being worldly.' – Oh Yes!!

Just a few snippets of what he said in an article that was ground changing for the Roman Catholic Church – perhaps for the Church as a whole. Someday I will share the whole article with you.!!

It has been agreed right across the board that the Church, in all areas, is being challenged. God wants us to do something new. Are we listening?

I am both excited and also reassured that in this turmoil we have HOPE.

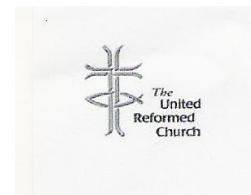
God says 'See I am making all things new' Rev 21:5 and in Isaiah 43:19 'See I am doing a new thing.'

Friends let us hold hands together, standing firm in the storm, holding on to Our Lord, when the storm is over there will be Fresh cool air and an inviting path before us. Of this I am sure.



God Bless Lynne

The Church in Hope Street LEP



CHURCH NOTICES

AUGUST 2022



*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight."*

Proverbs 3 5-6

Mission Statement

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

Tuesday 2nd August
Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am
Alec Stride Hall

Sunday 7th August
"Thanksgiving for Life"
Morning Service 10:30am
Joe Gregory

Tuesday 9th August
Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am
Alec Stride Hall

Friday 12th August
Please check with Lynne that this is still on before leaving home
Sewcially Crafternoon Tea 1:30pm-3:30pm
Coffee Shop

Sunday 14th August
Sea Sunday
Morning Service 10:30am
Communion Service
Lynne Le Masonry

Tuesday 16th August
Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am
Alec Stride Hall

Sunday 21st August
Morning Service 10:30am
Fred + Heather Neaves

Tuesday 23rd August
Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am
Alec Stride Hall

Sunday 28th August
Morning Service 10:30am
Rose Casell

Tuesday 30th August
Coffee Morning 10:00am-11:30am
Alec Stride Hall

BIRTHDAYS

2 nd August	Lynda (Bourne)	24 th August	Doris (German)
4 th August	Alice	31 st August	Joan (Norris)
22 nd August	Julie	5 th September	Mary
22 nd August	Lynda (Lucas)		

MESSAGES

Hilary and Heather N would like to thank everyone for the lovely birthday cards and kind messages sent for their birthdays.

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 1st, 3rd and any 5th 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 Strawberry Tea
held at the home of Ann Wagstaff on 2nd July raised £313

Thank you to everyone who supported this event

The next event planned is a Beetle Drive in August
Look out for posters nearer the time



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 30th September in the Alec Stride Hall
9:30am - 11:00am ALL WELCOME

RAFFLE - CAKES -BRIC-A-BRAC-INSTANT DRAW-BOTTLE STALL



Blytheswood Shoebbox Appeal

Hopefully, we will be able to send filled shoeboxes again this year.
There are some spare shoeboxes under the Prayer Table
if anyone would like one.

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

Thank you for helping with this

Notices for September should be available from Sunday 28th August

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