

Methodist and United Reformed Church News in Darwen”

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Dear Friends,

As I am sat here thinking about this newsletter, rapidly approaching the third anniversary of my induction to serve East Lancashire Missional Partnership, I am amazed at how things have changed in the last few years. Lent is a good time to reflect on things, spending time in the wilderness of this season spending time in the silence listening to God's plans for the future. I wonder how you are choosing to use this Lent time? How may God be guiding you for the future both as an individual and as a congregation and missional partnership?

For me of course I am thinking about getting married next year, starting a new life with a new family and all that means. I am excited to see how my new family will be part of my life and ministry and how I will fit into theirs. As a missional partnership we have seen Ministers, Elders, Members arriving and going in the few years I have been here and seen how that has changed the shape of our mission and ministry. We have seen one congregation close and we are praying with another two as they journey to merge on the 1st April '24. Through this period of Lent let's pray with Revidge Fold URC and Trinity Brownhill URC as they become North Blackburn URC.

These two churches are looking at their Vision and Mission as they move forward together. As a missional partnership we continue to look at how we can work together. As things change we adapt the plans; I for one am really excited to see how Rev. Gilbert makes his mark on our partnership as he seeks to serve alongside us all.

As we approach Easter we remember the verses from John 14:6 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me". At the missional partnership bible study we have been looking at the Holy Habits of Jesus as exploring what it means to mirror the holy habits of Jesus. Jesus is not just for Easter or Christmas but a life-giving gift for the whole of life. As we move forward into new and different things, let's remember the one true way, the right path and how we walk that path with and through Christ.

I pray every blessing over us all as we celebrate the message of Easter this year.

God Bless,

Your Minister, Adam

Hello and Happy Easter

I recently visited Blackburn Cathedral, where they were displaying the work of Jacqui Parkinson called, Threads through Creation. The work was amazing to see; the amount of detail and meaning behind every stitch had been carefully thought through, not just in the individual pieces but as a bigger picture. The longer you took it in, the more there was to be seen of the stories of creation and of faith. The intricate details on each of the screens reminded me of the amount of detail there is in our own world. A collection of stitches made up a shape; just as a collection of cells can create an organism. So much time, effort and love had been given just to portray a story. Looking at those pieces caused me to reflect on how much time, effort and love God puts into our story.

Throughout the season of Lent, we were able to marvel and wonder at Jesus the healer, the miracle worker and the Messiah. Now as we celebrate the 50 days of Easter, we are reminded that things did not stop at the cross or the grave and we, like the disciples, are learning about our relationship with God through the resurrected Christ.

One of my favourite services at this time of year follows the Via Lucis, The Stations of the Resurrection. It is often held in an evening, with the sun just starting to set and after each station a candle is lit, until the worship space is filled with light. The service remembers the appearances of Jesus after the resurrection. In the service there is a repeated phrase, '...by the Wood of the Cross and the Light of the Resurrection...'; similarly to the Threads of Creation, it speaks of the hard work that goes into expressing faith and following God. But also, it reminds me of the challenge to step into the light and be seen expressing my belief in God through action.

In May this year, we will remember how the disciples watched Jesus ascend into heaven and a week later feel the gift of the Holy Spirit upon them. Together as believers they took the faith that had started to develop within them out to flourish in the world. They themselves became story tellers, everything that they said and did helped to weave the story of God.

As we celebrate this Easter season, may we remember that by the wood of the cross and the light of the resurrection, we have strength and power from God to meet the challenges that we face, to live our lives as people of the resurrection.

God Bless
Elizabeth

CENTRAL

Over the last couple of months at Central there have been preachers who really spoke to us in memorable ways. One such was Kath Hodkinson, who reminded us of the story of Rosa Parks, such a brave woman. The message was that just one person can make a difference. George Grime showed us a way of remembering the ten commandments on our fingers – I especially liked the one for ‘Do not murder’! Recently, Rev Adam preached a sermon at Central in which he asked us to think of the phrase ‘God so loved the world,’ and to substitute the word ‘me’ for ‘the world’. It does make a ‘world’ of difference. Thank you to all these preachers for their insightful words.

The very good news is that Sunday School has now restarted. Many thanks to the leaders who are working hard to make it a success, never easy with a variable number of children attending each week. The fruits of their labours could be seen after the Palm Sunday service when a display of the crucifixion scene they had coloured in was put in church ready for Easter Sunday.

Speaking of Easter, from my house I am fortunate enough to have a good view of Darwen Tower and this week as I look at the hill I can see the cross standing bravely near it, carried up by the more active Christians of Darwen! It will stand there for the whole of Holy Week, reminding all who see it what Easter is all about.

In January we said goodbye to Negin and family who moved to a new home and new life in Chester. They will be missed, but we hope that now they can finally feel settled.

Recently we were greatly shocked and saddened at the news of the sudden death of Ken Fish. Ken and his parents had been associated with Central for very many years. In more recent times Ken had chosen to attend Quaker meetings, but always came to the special services at Central and kept in close touch. His funeral was packed out, with more chairs needing to be brought in, as he had touched the lives of so many people in the area. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.

We also learned of the death of Marion Brown. Marion and her late husband Bill were regular attenders at Central before Bill’s untimely death. Marion moved away, but still donated flowers every year in memory of Bill. Her funeral was very moving – it was easy to see how much she was loved by her family and friends. Again, they are all in our prayers.

Each week in Family Time we pray for those who are unable to attend church because of illness. Even though we may not see them, they are always in our thoughts and prayers.

We are all very sorry to hear the news that John Atkinson from Trinity, Lower Darwen died on Sunday 24th March. We send our condolences, love and prayers from everyone at Central to Judith and her family.

Sadly, we also have to report the death of Eileen, a lovely lady, who attended our church every week, and was a dear friend to Rosemary. Our prayers are with her family at this sad time.

Janet Goodship

Birthday Celebrations: Doreen Goodship, Margaret Burns, Tommy Laditan, Nancy’s grandson, Karen’s daughter Kerry, Doris Hamer’s daughter, Beryl Slater’s great granddaughter Aida (4) Beryl Shaw’s granddaughter’s Zoe and Eve (21), John and Nancy’s daughter (50), Rekshana Hadassah (2), Kevin, Bill Chynoweth,

Wedding Anniversaries: Margaret and John, Anne and Mike, Karen and Len, Geeta & Dinesh.

Prayers - Each week in church we continue to mention people by name in need of our prayers.

Congratulations

Alizon's daughter Rachel is a Specialty Doctor in Emergency Medicine (A and E!). This is a senior Medical role in the SAS (Specialty and Associate Specialist) group of doctors within the NHS.

In the recent NHS England North East SAS Excellence Awards she has been voted SAS Star of the Year 2024. Rachel was thrilled with this award and Beth, Toby and Lucy were very impressed by Mummy's shiny glass trophy which is now sitting in their kitchen window!

Coffee Bar Rota

April 7th	Barbara Duxbury, Karen Narramore
April 14th	Margaret East, Liz Staffa
April 21 st	Beryl Shaw, Pauline Henson
April 28th	Janice Cowell, Elsa Peacock

May 5th	Dorothy Yates, Margaret Burns
May 12th	Margaret East, Liz Staffa
May 19th	Barbara Duxbury, Karen Narramore
May 26th	Beryl Shaw Pauline Henson

Central Fellowship 2 pm

11th April Guide Dogs for the Blind in the hall 2 o'clock

Bible Study – 10 am – 18th April and 16th May

Flower Rota

April 7th	Flower Fund
April 14th	Dennis and Margaret Oldham
April 21 st	'In memory of absent friends and family' Jo-Anna Stanley
April 28th	'In memory of Harold and Enid Yates' the family

May 5th	Bert Bannister
May 12th	David and Jean Yates
May 19th	'In memory of mum' the Aspinall family
May 26th	'In loving memory of Eric and Bobby Wainwright ' the family

Communion Rota – 2nd Sunday in the month

April Margaret Oldham (bread), Liz Rutherford

May Nancy Briggs (bread), Elsa Peacock

DARE

On Friday the 15th of March 2024, despite the early showers of blessing, some members of the Darwen Asylum and Refugee Enterprise (DARE) assembled at the Central United Reformed Church Darwen to embark on a trip to Yorkshire Dales National Park for an environmental action of tree planting. "What is it with Lancashire and Yorkshire planting trees every time, everywhere?" was a question that shocked us from someone who saw us embarking on our trip. It was shocking because the environmental crisis is a much-talked issue worldwide with governments and civil society organisations trying to implement actions to protect the environment. At DARE, we come from various parts of the world, and we understand that throughout history, from our diverse cultures, trees have played a significant role, providing essential

resources such as sustenance, fuel, shelter, clothing, barriers, weaponry, and a wide array of everyday objects. The UK has been a meeting point of diverse cultures for decades now, with each contributing some unique perspectives and beliefs about the importance of trees. A minibus with sixteen persons from countries like: Botswana, Iran, Pakistan, Afghan, Egypt, Cameroon, South Africa, and the Netherlands could quickly explain the joy and wealth of knowledge for this trip to plant trees at the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The day and activity coincided with the birthday of one of the members in the team, Reverend Gilbert who serves as URC minister with the Lancashire East Missional Partnership. Gilbert felt it was an important day in his life and has thus come to understand the complexity of life. He said: "this tree being planted on my birthday is so symbolic for me because I know the one who plants trees knowing that he/she will never sit in their shade has at least started to understand the meaning of life" This symbolic action of tree planting by members of DARE clearly shows the importance that trees can still hold within public imagination. At DARE, our conviction is that trees represent connectedness, beauty, nature, and purifying cleanliness. It is therefore important that we keep such values by continuing to plant trees which we believe will one day become landscape icons wherever they are planted. We planted a little over fifty trees. We were also happy to see that the trees planted in the previous year were doing well. After the tree planting exercise, our guide took us for a walk around the park and to the Malham Cliff. We later retired to the village hall where we had a mix of delicious soup and a birthday cake shared.

We remain grateful first to God who made it possible, and then to Judy, Rosie, Nick, Marjan, and Daleen. By God's grace, we are hoping to have another trip as part of our activities geared at protecting the environment.



TRINITY FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Following roof and stone work outside over the last year or two to make us watertight again, we have recently repainted the inside of our lovely old church. It has made such a difference and we feel blessed that we have been able to complete this work. There are just one or two small areas that need a little attention and we hope to complete these ourselves over the next few weeks.



Looking after the fabric of our building and our extensive grounds is a never-ending task. One of our next jobs is to improve the footpath by the side of the church up to the organ loft that soon becomes overgrown with grass and weeds. We hope to lay some crazy paving flagstones making less room for the weeds! For this we are asking for your help. If anyone has any unwanted flagstones, any shape or size, instead of taking them to the recycling centre we'd be happy to repurpose them. Please phone or text me on 07931 509 141.

We continue with our Muddy Church events and hope to welcome 30 or so youngsters to our Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday (30th March) We have booked good weather for that morning and hopefully the children will have booked their places! Phone me to book a place!

We pray for all our church community especially for the family of Margaret Baron whose funeral was held on 11th March. Also, for Judith Atkinson, Rachel and Emily as they mourn the untimely loss of John on 24th March.

The funeral of John Atkinson is taking place at Trinity Lower Darwen on Monday 8th April at 1.45 pm.

Janet Grime

Appreciation

On behalf of my family I would like to thank everyone in the churches for their prayers, cards & flowers received during our time of sadness on the loss of Mum, Elsie Nicholson. We are very grateful to Rev Elizabeth & all who attended the lovely service. A special thank you to all at Spring Vale for their love & kindness shown to Mum over many years.
God Bless You All
Susan Blezard

TOCKHOLES URC (Kathleen & Marion)

January and February have been very difficult months for Chapel. Just before Christmas we were informed that our financial situation at Tockholes was not very good and we had to make some hard decisions as to what action we could take to ensure its future. The thought of closing was not an option we could contemplate, so we put out our appeal. We are pleased to say that many have responded to our call and we thank everyone who has donated to our cause. It has been uplifting for us to know that many people have the welfare of our Chapel at heart.

We are very thankful for the amount raised so far and it is much appreciated as it is so relieving to have the burden of troubling finances lifted considerably. However, we do still need more people to join us for Worship. If you are in Tockholes on a Sunday afternoon 2pm you will be made very welcome and have the opportunity to have cups of tea, biscuits and a chat.

On the 11th February we had our Chapel full to the rafters to witness the Baptism of Eric Smith aged 6. He said his vows in front of the whole Congregation. The atmosphere of admiration and joy was felt by all who were gathered there. Following on from the baptism we had all the children joining Eric to enjoy the fountain of bubbles. It was wonderful to see them all trying to catch them. With the sermon on bringing light into our world I am sure that everyone went out feeling very light hearted and happy. Thank you so much to Mrs Doreen Goodship for leading us in Worship and her lovely service.

Writing this nearing the end of March we are at last beginning to see some sunshine, an omen for brighter days ahead. Spring is here and summer on its way and we are slowly making progress.

We wish everyone Easter Blessings.

Coffee Morning at Tockholes Village Hall
Saturday 18th May 11 am to 1 pm
Proceeds to Chapel Funds
All welcome

Flower Rota

April

7th	Christine Smith In memory of Mother
14th	Ruth and Marcus in memory of Kenneth
21st	Judith and Andrew in memory
28th	Vacant

May

5th	Emma, Holly and Daisy
12th	Mr and Mrs A. Robins - 'In memory'
19th	Mr and Mrs J. Knowles – 'Birthday memories'
26th	Mr and Mrs B Isherwood

NEWS FROM SPRING VALE METHODIST CHURCH

We wish all our church family and friends a wonderful Easter time.

As always it's been a busy few weeks at Springvale with lots of activities and services.

In recent weeks we have been actively reviewing and discussing our future as Methodists in Darwin. A number of suggestions have been put forward to our congregations. These have included various options of how we can develop over the coming years. It's still in the early stages and will require much thought and prayers....but we're moving forward. More details to follow in the near future. So watch this space!

All our usual activities and groups are taking place (but may be closed over the Easter holidays so please checkout our website for further details) including:

- the fellowship group on our regular Monday evenings (at Bright Street)
- stay and play on Tuesday mornings
- the community craft (and chat) group on Tuesday afternoons
- Sparkles (our toddler group) on Wednesday morning
- our uniformed organizations
- Choir group Friday evenings

During the coming weeks we also have some special Easter services and activities planned and we extend a warm welcome to everyone if you are able to join us:

We are sad to announce the passing of one of our dear members Elsie Nicholson (Susan Blezard's mother). Whilst Elsie had been poorly for a while she continued to join in as many of the church services as she could in recent times. She will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with all Elsie's family and friends.

We continue to extend our prayers to everyone who is feeling unwell, anxious, bereaved or sad at this time.

Please contact one of our stewards if you would appreciate a pastoral visit to your home, or you need other support.

Please checkout our Facebook page and website for all the regular activities and additional services taking place over the coming weeks <https://www.darwenmethodists.co.uk/diary/> for more details).

Julie Claux

NEWS FROM DARWEN METHODIST CHURCH @ BRIGHT STREET

Winter seems to have lasted for ever, but Spring is in the air at last. It's so lovely to see daffodils dancing in the breeze and signs of new life everywhere.

After a quiet couple of months, we are certainly looking forward to celebrating Easter. Our Maundy Thursday meal with Holy Communion is fully booked (well, overbooked actually) but I expect we'll cope. Easter Sunday breakfast with Communion at 8.30 also looks like being well attended. This will be followed by a joint service at 10.30 led by stewards and worship leaders from both churches.

We have recently been considering the future of the Methodist church in Darwen and consequently, on the 3rd March, we had a very well attended joint congregational meeting with Places for Hope, looking at various options as a way forward. It was a very amiable and productive meeting and we look forward to continuing our conversations with Places of Hope very shortly. Exciting times ahead – watch this space.

Our Stay and Play and Time well-being groups continue to flourish. If you fancy joining us on Fridays at 1 pm for the Time group meetings you will be very welcome.

Sadly, as many of you will already be aware, Richard Woodburn recently passed away. Richard was a true gentleman and a much-valued member of our congregation until more recently when he was unable to attend on a regular basis. We continue to remember Richard's family in our prayers.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter from all at Bright Street.

Take care and God bless

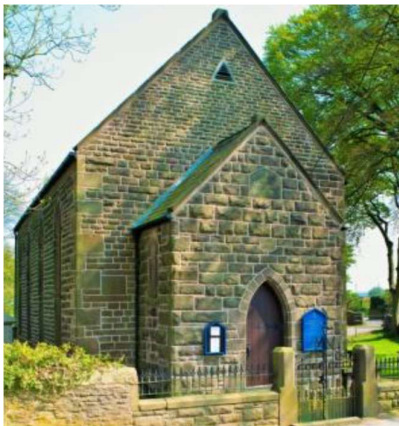
Karen Rowley

DEADLINE DATES FOR CHURCH MAGAZINE 2024/2025

June/July	Sunday 19 th May
August/September	Sunday 21 st July
October/November	Sunday 22 nd September
December/January	Sunday 17 th November

URC CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL AND MAY 2024

Date	Central	Trinity
7 th April	Mal Breeze	Doreen Goodship
14 th April	Rev Terry Young	George Grime
21 st April	John East	George Grime
28 th April	Doreen Goodship	David Foster
5 th May	Barbara Duxbury	Rev Terry Young
12 th May	Elders (Christian Aid Service)	Partnership Service at Clitheroe
19 th May	Rev Gilbert Esambe	Doreen Goodship
26 th May	Barbara Duxbury	John East



TOCKHOLES URC CHURCH

7 th April	George Grime
14 th April	Catherine Young
21 st April	John East
28 th April	George Grime
5 th May	Catherine Young
12 th May	Barbara Duxbury
19 th May	Barbara Duxbury
26 th May	John East

CHURCH GROUPS

CENTRAL URC

Day	Time	Name of Group and Room
Monday	9:30-Noon	DARE (Hall and Lounge)
	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Ballroom/sequence dancing (Hall)
Tuesday	10am to 11:00 am	Yoga (Hall)
	11.30 am to 12.30 pm	Dance Fit Exercise Group (Hall)
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Active Lives (Hall)
	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Ballroom/sequence Dancing (Hall)
Wednesday	10.00 am to 1 pm	DARE (Hall and Lounge)
	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Ashleigh Singers (Hall)
	5.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Line Dancing (7pm-8pm)/ Ballroom (Hall)
Thursday	9.00 am to 12.00 noon	P.R.O.B.U.S. alternate weeks (Hall and Lounge)
	10.00 am to 11.30 am	Bible Study once a month (Lounge)
	2.15 pm to 4.00 pm	Church Fellowship (once a month (Hall/Lounge)
Friday	8.00 am to 10.00 am	Slimming World (Hall)
	11.00 am to 12 noon	Yoga (Hall)
Saturday	7.30 am to 9.30 am	Slimming World (Hall)
Sunday	5.00 pm to 8.00 pm	Jam Factory band as required (Hall)

TRINITY URC

Day	Time	Name of group
Monday	6 pm to 8 pm	Slimming World
Tuesday	6.15 pm to 8.15 pm	Yoga
Wednesday	4 pm to 9 pm	Ferris Dance Company
Thursday	9.30 am to 11.30 am	Spinning Tops toddler group
Saturday	9 am to 12 noon	Ferris Dance Company

TIME WELLBEING GROUP - SPRING PROGRAMME 1-3 pm at Bright Street

12 th April	Speaker – Rev Elizabeth Kirova
16 th April	Trip to Albert Docks, Liverpool
19 th April	Sing-along with Allan
26 th April	Family Fortunes
3 rd May	Speaker – Care Network (to be confirmed)
10 th May	Summer Quiz
17 th May	Speaker – Norman Pearson – Cathedrals in Britain
24 th May	Games Day – how much do you know?
31 st May	Lets Party – Francy Dress

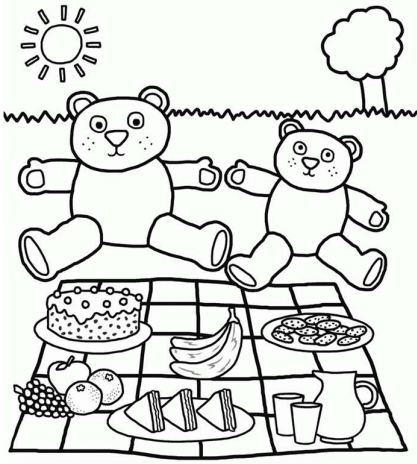
SPRING VALE

Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday Service & Junior Church 2 nd Sunday of the month – All age worship
Monday	am	Baby Sign
Monday	4.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Dancing – Rothwell Arts
Tuesday	10.30 am to 12.00 noon	Stay and Play Toddler Group
Tuesday	2 pm to 4 pm	Craft Group
Tuesday	5.45 pm to 7.00 pm	Rainbows
Wednesday	10.30 am to 11.30 am	Sprinkles Toddler Group
Wednesday	10.45 am to 11.30 am	Baby Sign
Wednesday	6.00 pm to 7.30 pm	Brownies
Wednesday	7.30 pm to 9.00 pm	Guides
Thursday	4.15 pm to 9.15 pm	-Rothwell Arts
Friday	11.00 am to 12 noon	Chair Yoga
Friday	6 pm to 8 pm	Choir
Friday	7.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Walk this Way Choir
Saturday	9.00 am to 5 pm	Rothwell Arts

DARWEN METHODIST CHURCH AT BRIGHT STREET

Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday service – multi-media Contact Karen Rowley 07941 881833 Karenliz1947@gmail.com
Monday	9.45 to 1.30 pm	BwD various mum and children activities
	7 to 8.30 pm	Fellowship Group
Tuesday	10.30 to 11.30 am	Tai Chi
	1.30 pm	Drop in coffee, chat and prayers
	6 to 7 pm	Fit n Funky
Wednesday	6 to 7 pm	Yoga (for menopausal women)
	7.30 to 9 pm	Trefoil Guild (1st Wed of the month)
Thursday	10 am to 12 noon	Beading Group
	12 to 1.30 pm	Lunch (2nd Thursday of the month)
	1.30 to 3 pm	Memory Makers
Friday	9.30 to 11 am	Stay & Play Toddler Group
	1 to 3 pm	“Time” wellbeing Group
Saturday	9-10 am	WW
	11 am to 3 pm	Darwen Textile Group (2nd Sat of the month)

EVENTS AT CENTRAL URC – MAY 2024



Come and join our Teddy Bears/Cops Picnic at Central United Reformed Church Duckworth Street Darwen BB3 1AT for picnic and games

Saturday 11th May 2 – 4 pm



Quiz at Central URC – Saturday 18th May 7 pm
Tickets £5 or pay on the door
Supper not provided – just small snacks
Bring your own drinks

Please come and join us. All proceeds to Christian Aid



Bring and Buy Cake Stall at Central Sunday 19th May after the service

All proceeds to Christian Aid

LANCASHIRE EAST MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP



DAY TRIP

TO

SALTAIRE URC

"A beautiful church in the lovely model village of Saltaire, West Yorkshire"

Join us for an enjoyable day out by coach on

Friday 7th June 2024

Brief Itinerary for the day

- 09:30 – 10:00 There will be three pick-up points: Woodlands URC; Kingsway URC; and Revidge Fold URC, in that order. Please be aware these may change once we have a finalised list of attendees (please ensure to arrive in plenty of time at your pick-up point)
- 10:00 – 11:00 Travel by coach to Saltaire URC, Victoria Road, Saltaire, BD18 3LF
- 11:00 Meet and greet at Saltaire URC, the church will be opened especially for us to visit
- Free time to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saltaire village and Salts Mill with lots of interesting things to see and do, also restaurants and cafes to visit
- 15:30 Meet at pre-designated meeting point for return journey to your original pick-up point

Subsidised cost of **£12 per person** for the coach

To book your place on the coach, please contact Margaret Molloy, Kingsway URC, either by e-mail margaret.molloy1@hotmail.co.uk, mobile 07944 434209 or landline 01254 729376, no later than Sunday 26th May. All monies to be paid upon booking.



Places are on a first come first served basis so please book early to avoid disappointment!

"The cholera most forcibly teaches us our mutual connection. Nothing shows more powerfully the duty of every man to look after the needs of others" – Sir Titus Salt



Wordsearch – Road to Emmaus

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Approached, Asked, Bread, Broke, Burning, Christ, Companions, Discussed, Discussing, Downcast, Eleven, Emmaus, Enter, Evening, Everything, Explained, From, Glory, Happened, Hearts, Jesus, Kept, Miles, Moses, Opened, Powerful, Prophets, Redeem, Returned, Risen, Scriptures, Stay, Suffer, Talked, Thanks, Their, True, Village, Visitor, Walked

Answer to last Wordsearch – Transformation

BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 2024

- 1 Revelation 1.12-18
- 2 Luke 24.1-12
- 3 Matthew 28.16-20
- 4 1 Corinthians 15.20-28
- 5 Acts 3.11-16
- 6 John 11.17-44
- 7 John 20.19-31
- 8 Luke 1.26-38
- 9 Romans 1.1-7
- 10 Romans 1.16-25
- 11 Romans 2.1-11
- 12 Romans 3.21-30
- 13 Romans 4.1-8
- 14 Luke 24.36b-48
- 15 Romans 4.13-25
- 16 Romans 5.1-11
- 17 Romans 5.12-21
- 18 Romans 6.1-14
- 19 Romans 6.15-23
- 20 Romans 8.1-11
- 21 John 10.11-18
- 22 Romans 8.12-25
- 23 Romans 8.26-39
- 24 Romans 9.1-15
- 25 Mark 13.5-13
- 26 Romans 9.1-5
- 27 Romans 11.25-36
- 28 John 15.1-8
- 29 Romans 12.3-16
- 30 Romans 13.8-10

MAY 2024

- 1 John 14.1-14
- 2 Romans 14.7-12
- 3 Romans 15.14-21
- 4 Romans 16.3-27
- 5 John 15.9-17
- 6 Amos 1.1-15
- 7 Amos 2.1-16
- 8 Amos 3.1-15
- 9 Acts 2.1-18
- 10 Amos 4.1-13
- 11 Amos 5.1-17
- 12 John 17.6-19
- 13 Amos 5.18-24
- 14 Acts 1.15-26
- 15 Amos 6.1-14
- 16 Amos 7.1-17
- 17 Amos 8.1-14
- 18 Amos 9.1-15
- 19 Acts 2.1-21
- 20 Joel 2.21-32
- 21 John 7.37-39
- 22 2 Corinthians 3.4-18
- 23 Genesis 11.1-9
- 24 Galatians 4.1-7
- 25 Exodus 33.7-23
- 26 John 3.1-17
- 27 Genesis 1.1-2.4a
- 28 Isaiah 6.1-8
- 29 John 16.12-15
- 30 Matthew 28.16-20
- 31 Luke 1.39-49

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PARENT AND TODDLER GROUPS

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ENQUIRIES:

URC Churches – Central URC, Tockholes URC and Trinity URC/Methodist

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