

Derby City Mission Food Bank

On Thursday 30th April Colin took the first consignment of food to Derby City Mission's Food Bank, following the setting up of the collection point at the manse, primarily for those from the Borrowwash area to drop items off. In under a week over 50 tins, packets of biscuits, pasta and pasta sauce had been placed in the box. At the time of writing something has been placed in the box everyday.

It is a great big **thank you** and a  to all who have contributed to this collection, which will be continuing for as long as we are unable to use our church buildings.

We have now established two more collection points, in Draycott and Spondon. For Draycott, the collection point will be at Breny Leeds' house, 10a Derby Road. There will be a box in her front garden for donations.

For Spondon, Jenn and John Cox, are providing the collection point. It will be in the courtyard, behind the old chemist shop, and will be the **brown bin** with the **orange lid**.

Please remember those who are worse off than yourself when you do your shopping and give something to help the Food Bank continue to meet the increased need at this time.

Also remember to keep yourself safe and not make unnecessary journeys.

A list of the items needed can be found on DCM's website at www.derbycitymission.org.uk/foodbank. If you don't have access to the internet Colin and Judith are able to

Closing Thoughts

Looking through the content of this edition of the Bulletin it is evident that theme running through it is giving. Giving money to the church, helping to raise funds to get a young girl to America, providing food for those in the city who are finding times tough, promoting Christian Aid Week that the worlds' poorest would know our love and concern for them.

Giving is at the very heart of what it means to be part of the Jesus community; to be Christian. It is an expression of our love for our brothers and sisters, but it is also an expression of our love for God. James, in his letter reminds us that having faith, love of God, is of no worth unless it is accompanied by works,

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? ... If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2:14-17).

As James goes on to explain, our faith, or lack of it, is demonstrated in the help and service we provide to the world. As the 'thank you's' in this Bulletin show, we are stepping up to the plate, we are showing our love to God and expressing our faith, at this time through our giving to the organisations mentioned here and undoubtedly to many other good causes.

It strikes me that giving is always a natural expression of our love. We give to those we love at Christmas and birthdays and anniversaries. At other times we give signs of affection—trinkets, flowers, meals. And for those we love, we are happy to give time and in the words of the wedding service we give our 'heart, body, mind; comfort and companionship; enrichment and encouragement; tenderness and trust.'

In John's gospel, we see that even for God, his love and works are linked,

God so loved the world that he gave his only son. (John 3:16)

And for Jesus his love for his Father and us led to him giving all that he had to offer, even his life on the cross.

Eternal Father, I thank you that in your love for me you gave that which was most dear to you. May I, your child, follow the example of Jesus, and give of myself, my time, my talents and my possessions as an expression of my love for you. In his precious name I pray. Amen.



Borrowwash, Draycott and Spondon

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Dear Friends

The view from Little Eaton

One of the most challenging things for me at this time is the fact that I'm several miles away from the section. I'm sure that if we lived in one of the villages I would be much fitter and would be able to justify that extra piece of toast at breakfast knowing that I would walk it off later!

Things have inevitably changed over the past few weeks. My garden is looking much better and I have a very clean kitchen floor. We've had interesting chats over the garden fence with our neighbours on both sides and a lot of waving to others.

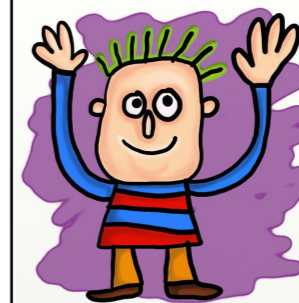
When I started this job my husband, Keith, took on a new role of PA. He faithfully wrote down messages for me. The only issue with this is that Keith was a doctor and has the totally illegible writing to go with it. This might help to explain why some of you have received confused return phone calls from me. Now the roles are reversed with me being his PA as he briefs the world's press. Having a tame epidemiologist at home is very interesting.

Although I might be several miles away I can say that I still feel part of the section. Sometimes when you are outside of a situation you can see things differently. You may be feeling that things are disjointed* and of course they are difficult. However, looking from here I can see strong bonds, lots of care and a deep rooted love of God. You seem to be keeping each other entertained and are freely sharing words of faith.

One day I will get into my car and battle through the ridiculous traffic to come back to the section when we will all be able to meet up again to share our lock down stories and to once again worship together the God who never leaves us.

Judith

* Editor: Is this a deliberate typo or a pun?



*Hello
Friends*

We have received this message from Peter and Shirley Dawson

Peter and Shirley want to thank all their friends for their prayers when Peter collapsed with a massive chest infection some weeks ago. That has now at last been dealt with. But his troubles are not over. He is now in the hands of a cheerfully formidable physio who will stand no nonsense!

Since receiving this Peter has been taken ill once more and at the time of writing is in hospital.

Recording Service

Since we started our online services we have been putting an audio copy onto the Spondon Methodist Church website, spondonmethodist.org.uk/services, which enables those who were not able to join the service 'live' to catch up later.

We recognise that there are those who are unable to join us or access the website because they do not have internet access. For these people we are now able to record the service to a CD and send it out so that it can be played on a standard CD player.

If you are someone who would like to have a CD copy of our service, or know someone who would like a CD copy please contact Jon Shepherd on 07717 288827 and he will arrange to provide it and post it out each week.

Whilst we are not charging for this service, we ask that those who are able consider making a donation to cover costs of £2 per CD.

Please also remember that you can dial up the Sunday service and listen to it live on the phone by using the numbers shown elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Went to my first social distancing Christening last Sunday



Sunday Worship 10:30 am.

Zoom Meeting ID : 771 4334 5903

or by Phone: 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5240 then Meeting ID followed by # then #

christian aid week

Christian Aid was founded in 1945 following the Second World War when British and Irish churches came together to help refugees. They raised more than £80,000 (equivalent than more than £3 million pounds today) for emergency supplies in mainland Europe, where they 'equipped and enabled partner churches there to meet the needs of their people. The work of **Christian Aid** has continued over the last seventy-five years since its inception at the end of World War 2.

The first **Christian Aid Week** was held in 1957, in order to raise extra funds. In that first campaign £26,000 was raised 316 towns and communities across the British Isles. Indeed, **Christian Aid Week** is the longest fundraising week in the United Kingdom! And while envelopes are not given out in the same numbers, or with the same enthusiasm as they used to be, (I recall as a young teenager in 1970's having my own round to distribute and collect) there are still enough envelopes distributed that if they were laid end to end they would stretch from Lands End to John O'Groats. Between 10% and 20% of households in the UK still get an envelope thanks to the army of volunteers (57,000 in 2018!) that give up their time. In Borrowwash and Draycott we have amended the traditional system in recent years; distributing envelopes in the two villages and encouraging people to take their filled envelope to collection points in the neighbourhood. In 2018, the total raised by **Christian Aid** through all its fund raising campaigns amounted to £8 million.

So what do **Christian Aid** do with the money they receive? **Christian Aid** is probably best known for its humanitarian work—helping refugees across the globe from post war Europe, to Palestine and since 2017 the Rhoingya people who fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh; intervening in aftermath of natural disasters—The Ethiopian Famine, the South Asian Tsunami and the Ebola outbreak. In 2017 **Christian Aid's** 'partners to delivered 150 humanitarian projects in 26 countries, reaching 1 million people in need.'

However, **Christian Aid** do more than offer humanitarian support. They are concerned about the every day lives of the world's poorest people, aiming to get all people out of poverty. This work was probably best highlighted at the turn of the millennium with **The Jubilee Debt Campaign** which culminated in the largest lobby of parliament and the relief of some of the poorest countries' debt. But it is not just state debt that **Christian Aid** is interested in:

- they work with communities to create business models that work for the poorest farmers and women.
- they 'strive for a more inclusive world where identity - **gender ethnicity, caste, religion, class, sexual orientation, disability, age** - is no longer a barrier to equal treatment.'
- their health work includes nutrition, malaria, HIV and maternal and child health as 'they aim to secure people's rights to services essential for healthy lives'
- they are involved in reducing the impact of climate change and seeking sustainable models for farmers in the face of changing weather patterns.

Every pound we donate to **Christian Aid** helps to transform the life of a brother or sister. This year **Christian Aid** are encouraging us to send an **e-Envelope** to encourage us and our friends to donate during this Locked Down **Christian Aid Week**. For further details of **Christian Aid's** work and to make a donation go to www.christianaid.org.uk.

If you want to make a donation, but haven't access to the internet, please contact Mary Murden, Draycott who will be happy to receive your cheques. Mary can be contacted on 01332 873388 or by email at davidmarymurden@aol.com.

**Love never fails.
Donate now and
save lives.**

caweek.org



Coffee Lounge 10:00 am.

Tuesday, Borrowwash / Wednesday, Spondon / Thursday, Draycott

Zoom Meeting ID: 850-4611-3985



Our prayers this week are with

The Reverend Martin Knight, The Haven, giving thanks that he is now home from hospital and is recovering well.

Pat Dixon, Spondon, who has been unwell and is having to walk half-an hour a day at the behest of her doctor.

Sheila Knowles, Draycott, who has got shingles.

Peter Dawson, who is currently in hospital undergoing tests, and for Shirley as she continues to care for and about him.

Dale Schnoor, Spondon, giving thanks that he has now started his treatment for cancer, that he has the strength to endure it and that it would be successful.

The family and friends of Elsie Geddie, Spondon, who has died, giving thanks for her faith and those who have cared for her.

Those who work for Rolls Royce and concerned about the their future, following the announcement this week of potentially 8,000 job losses, remembering those of the Derby works, especially those in own congregations who are employed by Rolls Royce.

All our MHA homes Homes and staff, especially we have been asked to pray for Willersley House, the Methodist Home in Hull, where they have several cases of Coronavirus.

Christian Aid, giving thanks for the work they do among the World's poorest people.



Colin Dorman, Jon Shepherd and John Hill our three treasurers would like to thank the church members for being so generous and helpful at this time.

(Editor's note: Please continue supporting our churches so that we continue to pay our way at this time, either by regular standing order or by cheques. Contact the treasurer or Colin Emerson for more information).



Come on let's celebrate!

**Barbara and George
Cheshire, Draycott
who have just
celebrated their 65th
Wedding Anniversary**

Congratulations



Thy Kingdom Come is a prayer imitative that was established a few years ago by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. It is now a worldwide ecumenical event that takes place each year between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday.

This year we are taking part! The next **Bulletin** will be a **Thy Kingdom Come** special explaining what the event is and how you can be involved without even leaving home.

Katie's Twisted Tale

Katie is an 11 year old girl from Spondon, she has been diagnosed with Severe idiopathic scoliosis, (an abnormal curvature of the spine).

Her parents, family and friends are raising funds, for her to have an operation, in Philadelphia, U.S. The operation is currently not available on the NHS. but this would give the best outcome for a pain free good quality of life with maximum mobility. The operation would be free of charge but will incur costs of travel, accommodation etc.

Katie has visited the hospital for assessment and has been accepted for the operation, which should have taken place in early May, it has now been postponed until travel is possible.

Spondon Methodist Church have, along with many other people in the area, contributed to the fund, to help to get Katie to America. Following a recent retiring collection we were able to pass on another donation of £113 in support of Katie and her family. Katie's mum, Kelly' has asked us to pass on a thank you for your donations.