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Dear Congregation

Thank you so much for the food donations for the Food Bank received in April. We really appreciate your support and your heart to help the needy in Derby. Little did we realise how vital those donations would be as we now face unprecedented call on our support for those in dire need due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We are so grateful that you continue to collect and support us.

Our Food Bank continues to supply food for clients through our much busier Jubilee Project which continues to give advice and care by phone as well as delivering food parcels. They have seen a tripling of the number of calls they would normally receive.

In addition the Food Bank is also part of the city response to the Covid-19 emergency response in the city and responds to council referrals by providing food parcels to those who are self-isolating or in need of food for other reasons. Your donations will help us replenish stocks of the most needed items in our food parcels. Our staff continue to rise to the challenge and meet the needs as they arise.

So thank you again for your much-needed generous support.

Alison Pawlowycz

Food bank Coordinator

### Closing Thoughts

Between Ascension and Pentecost we took part in the international initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Now we move into a different phase in the Christian liturgical calendar which is called 'ordinary time.' I'm sure most of us would wish that we were in an ordinary time. What then is ordinary time?

The word ordinary in English usually means something that's not special or distinctive. Many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Church that are unimportant, but Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year. The fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major festivals reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Last Sunday was Trinity Sunday and we heard Christ commission his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. This is not an ordinary commandment, it is special and vital. We as Christ's followers are called to bring his message into his world, even when that world has changed around us. At the end of Matthew's Gospel Jesus says 'Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

As we continue to come to terms with such a different world and wonder what our place is in it, we can be assured that Jesus keeps his promise to be with us through everything as he helps us to fulfil his commission to make disciples of all nations.

***Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
For you have called us to know you  
To love you and to serve you.  
We rejoice in your presence***

We have received this letter thanking the three churches for their contributions to the Derby City Mission Food Bank. While it is addressed to Borrowwash it is for the efforts of all three churches.

Since we started the collection scheme with the three drop off points (see the bottom of Page 3), Colin has taken three significant loads and has another sat at home to be taken next week.

Please keep caring and giving.



# Borrowwash, Draycott and Spondon

## Bulletin 7

## 14th June 2020

### Dear Friends

It has been interesting over the last couple to hear how people are finding lockdown. I have spoken to people who are enjoying it, because it has taken away obligations and has allowed them to concentrate on what they want to do. I have spoken with people who are fed up with the whole thing and are desperate to get back to normal. I know people who are anxiously furloughed and people working from home, who want to be doing their normal role and people who are working harder than ever. I received an email from one such person this week that read, *things have been a bit fraught at work over last few weeks and when not working I needed proper downtime*. I know people who are sailing through lockdown and others whose mental health is really suffering.

We will all be on the lines between enjoying and hating the experience, between having nothing to do and having too much to do, between coping emotionally and mentally and not coping at all. The place where we are on the lines varies from day to day, dependent upon factors like the weather, (can I get out in the garden or for a walk), the news, who you have spoken with, anniversaries—both happy and sad.

Please look out for one another. Keep in contact with each other on a regular basis. Listen to one another, not just the words but the tones of voice, tiredness, stress, upset. Listen and pray with one another.

If you are feeling any of these things then don't keep them to yourselves. When asked 'How are you?' be honest. I asked that question of a person who replied, 'Fine!' 'And in reality,' I asked. 'Knackered!'

Remember, Judith and I are here and we both love to listen and to chat.

Your wellbeing matters to God, it matters to us and it should matter to you.

Colin



During the period between Ascension and Pentecost many of us joined in with this world wide initiative. The idea was to use these ten days to pray for God's kingdom to come here on earth. We did this by using the prayer journal booklets which encouraged us to pray for five people and by offering a short time of reflective worship each evening.

There are about there are about 170 people in our three churches. That means there could have been 850 people being prayed for in our section alone.

The reflective services followed the pattern of the Novena that accompanied the *Thy Kingdom Come* initiative. Each short services consisted of a Bible reading, a hymn and then a time to listen to God and think about what God was prompting us to do.

Through testimonies shared in the Pentecost Sunday service we learnt that some people had already started to see the work of the Holy Spirit in the people they had been praying for. Other testimonies have been shared since then.

We completed our series on the evening of Pentecost Sunday when we came together again to pray and to light a candle each. The candles represented the light of Christ in the world as well as being a representation of the Holy Spirit. We placed them in a window to show the light of Christ in our local communities.

Although *Thy Kingdom Come* only runs for ten days our call to pray does not stop. We are encouraged to continue to pray for our five people to know the love of God. We pray with you that they come to find the light of Christ in their life.

Please share with us any stories that have arisen out of *Thy Kingdom Come*.

**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 #**

## When will the church be reopened?

Not surprisingly, this is the question Judith and I are being asked on a regular basis. One of the church stewards from our three chapels related to me a phone call she had made where she was asked that very question several times in the course of the conversation. Of course, the reasons for the question are obvious, we want to get back to normality, we want to spend time with our friends, we want to sing hymns and do all the things that are familiar to us. How I wish it could be so.

At 10.30pm on Saturday, 6th June the government made an announcement (Why would anyone announce something when everyone is settling down to a good night's sleep?) The announcement said that churches could reopen for private prayer on Monday, 15th June. "What a good idea, how wonderful!" we thought, until we realised what it would mean; a twenty page risk assessment, one way systems, two or three stewards, continuous cleaning, only allowing a handful of people in at a time, as a small example. People would have to bring their own Bibles and prayer books, we couldn't provide them in case the virus was passed via one person and then another sharing the same book. All this to do something we can do in the

comfort of our own home, pray privately. We are even sharing opportunities online to pray together for those who want to (speak to Colin or Judith for details). And we all prayed together, albeit privately during the *Thy Kingdom Come* event between Ascension and Pentecost.

So what about Sunday services? When will they restart? Firstly, we have to wait for the government to give permission for churches to be opened for public worship and then we have to see who would be allowed in to such settings - it is possible that the most susceptible to Covid-19 will be encouraged to stay away. The indications are that places of worship will not be allowed to reopen before at least 5th July. Again, before any of our chapels can open a full risk assessment will have to be undertaken and all precautions will have to be put in place.

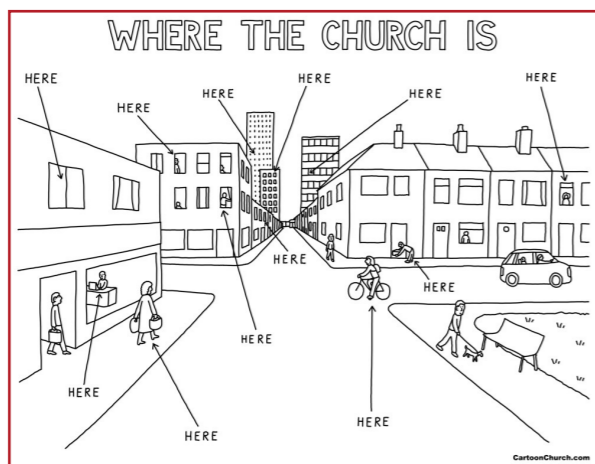
To totally misquote Dr Spock on the TV series *Star Trek* when we go back "it will be church, captain, but not as we know it." Whenever we are given permission and decide

to reopen our buildings our worship will not be what we are used to. The things that people tell me they are missing about church still will not exist. People have told us that they want to meet up with friends, but this will be difficult, especially if social distancing is still in place, along with the possible need to wear masks and, of course, there will be no coffee after the service. People have told us that they want to return so that they can sing with other people, but watching other countries we will not be singing—one optimistic person has suggested that the first things we will be singing will be Christmas Carols. Even communion will have to be given in a different manner and congregations will by necessity be smaller.

Who will make the decision to reopen church? In the first instance the government. However, the Methodist Church will issue guidance as to what is and is not appropriate. The Church Stewards will be responsible for ensuring that we comply and will draw up a protocol which they will then present to the Church Council. It is the Church Council that has the ultimate responsibility for agreeing to open church. It is quite possible that the three churches will not all open on the same date, depending on the local circumstances.

As your minister, I am asking you to be patient. I know that it is frustrating to be denied the opportunity to do something that has been intrinsic part of one's life. However, we need to keep each other and ourselves safe. We can worship God in our own homes and I know that many of us are doing this in different ways; listening to the radio, watching Songs of Praise of the BBC service, joining in Zoom, Facebook and YouTube gatherings. The details for our service can be found on Page 1 of this *Bulletin*. For those who wish to participate with our Zoom service by using their phone we are able to send out the hymns in advance. After the service a recording is placed on Spondon Methodist Church's website and for those who would like to hear the service but have no access to the internet we are able to send CDs of the worship out.

Remember, as the cartoon above reminds us, the Church is not the building, but the people (us) as we go about our daily life.



Our prayers this week are with

The family of Charles Bristow – his wife Jean and daughter Caroline. (Borrowwash)

The family of Anne Catlow from Spondon whose funeral was on 11th June.

Janet Horobin's daughter Andrea following surgery.

Ellie and Louis who should have got married at the end of May. Also Ellie and the Hill family as they wait for Ellie's test results

June and Colin Dorman as Colin finds it more difficult to walk.

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.

Rev Raymond Lunt as he mourns the death of his wife Gwen.

The family of Beryl Law, from Spondon, whose funeral is on 22nd June.

The Family of Roy Watkinson, from Borrowwash, who has been called home.

Joan Shallcross of Draycott who is getting weaker day by day and Ray and family as they care for her.

Methodist Homes for the Aged on this MHA Sunday.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

### Old News!

Many of you will know that Carol Emerson works at Arboretum School. On the 8th June the *Derby Telegraph* ran an article about the fact that the school had six cases of Coronavirus, ten days after the school had been closed!

Carol would like to thank everyone who has been asking her health as a result of that report.



Come on let's celebrate!

Jean Griffiths  
90th Birthday

Andrew and Helen  
Alexander  
Ruby Wedding

Congratulations



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.

Mary Murden would like to thank you for the donations you have made to Christian Aid via the website and for the £211 she received in cash and cheques

### Virtual Choirs

Since lockdown a number of virtual choirs have sprung up. This is where people gather together via Zoom and practice their parts with a Musical Director explaining what it should sound like. It is not possible to sing as a group because of time delays which produce something less than a beautiful noise. After the rehearsal, each person downloads a 'backing track' and then records themselves singing to it. They then upload their recording and some clever people combine and edit the tracks to produce some wonderful music. These choirs are often international in nature.

Kevin Palmer has sent links for two he has seen on YouTube and enjoyed - *You'll never walk alone*, youtube.com/watch?v=6gpoJNv5dlQ and *Christ the Lord is risen today*, www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pr54po5s0nQ. With a quick search you will find others including the National Methodist Choir of Great Britain singing *10,000 Reasons* (If you look carefully you might see a face you recognise).

Coffee Lounge 10:00 am.

Tuesday, Borrowwash / Wednesday, Spondon / Thursday, Draycott

Zoom Meeting ID: 850-4611-3985

Food Bank Collection Points

Borrowwash, 2a Nursery Close / Draycott, 10a Derby Road / Spondon, 20 Chapel Street