

Dates for Diary

May

Saturday 11th Prayer & Pastries 9.45am

Wednesday 15th WMSS 7.45pm

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Providence Newsletter Sunday 21st April 2024

10.20am Call to Worship

10.30am J Club

10.45am Martin Filsak

Door Steward Linda

Last week's Collection £246.77

This Week

Monday Fellowship 10.30am Claire Biggs
(My role in the church). B & B orange

Sunday 28th April

10.20am Call to Worship

10.30am J Club

10.45am Keith Colley

Door Steward Wayne

Thank you to all who supported the table top yesterday. Special thanks to those who helped in any way.

Monday Fellowship in the morning 10.30. Why not come and join us. Our speaker will be Claire Biggs. Bring and buy for church funds, is orange. Best wishes to you all. Judith

At Prayer and Pastries on 13th April Jules led with some thoughts on the theme that she had introduced on Good Friday: Wait, Trust, Hope. We believe that this is what the Lord is saying to Providence at this moment. One of the Hebrew words translated “wait” carries with it ideas of making a strong rope out of several strands woven together. As we wait upon the Lord with expectation, our bond with him is strengthened and we become stronger ourselves.

We listened to a Matt Redman song “You never let go”, then prayed for the needs of the church.

Other thoughts were shared:

A strong rope of relationship with God binds us together as members of the Providence community.

That rope is something that we can throw (through our prayers and expressions of love) to others on the edge of or outside of our fellowship. We also had the imagery of holding onto rope attached to a helium balloon, as a picture of God lifting us up when we are connected to him. The meeting closed with the song “Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord”.

You are warmly invited to come to the next Prayer and Pastries on Saturday 11th May.

God can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

Prayer to see God in all things

God of mystery and imagination,

help us to see you in both the unexpected and the familiar, for surely you are present in all things.

The stranger who, from nowhere, stops to help; the beloved friend who speaks a word of comfort; the stone when lifted reveals the life beneath; the child who marvels at such a world of tiny beings, unnoticed and essential – all these display the wonders of your love, ever present if not always known.

In these times of uncertainty and doubt, enable us to lift our eyes to heaven.

Remembering the stars are always there but that it takes the darkness to reveal them. Amen.

Sheryl Anderson, District Chair, Liverpool District Methodist website

Remembering all our family and friends, who are looking for the stars as they go through some dark times.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”