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Good News Bad News

On Palm Sunday as Jesus rode into Jerusalem the Good News was that the Messiah had come and the people cheered. The Bad News was that they wanted someone else. They wanted a conquering hero, someone who would banish the Romans, a military leader. Instead they got a peacemaker, riding on a donkey, on the way to the cross.

Our expectations can often distort our vision. We see what we want and that is not always what is there. In recent times we have seen those we put on pedestals, and gave celebrity status to, reveal the underlying unhappiness that was really their life. In these turbulent times celebrity status has really taken a back seat and the heroes of today are the people whose lives would not have made the front page of magazines and newspapers, appeared on television, or attracted followers on Facebook or Instagram. They are the everyday workers in the NHS, the staff in the supermarket, the Council workers; they are each and every person who goes out of his or her way to help others. They shop for others, collect prescriptions, nurse, contact people to cheer them up and check that all is well. They are a whole army of people living out the Gospel message to 'love our neighbour as ourselves'.

One of the best ways to help ourselves get through these difficult times is to help someone else. You can perform all sorts of helpful tasks but if these are not possible for you, then just pick up the phone and make someone smile. The Good News is, helping others will cheer them up. The even better news is that it will work for both of you.

God bless

Heather, Andrew and Donald

Keeping in touch:

We now have a much greater email address list than before so thank you to everyone for that. We will keep in touch with this weekly Newsletter. If anyone you know of hasn't got email but would like a phone call please let the team know.

Things to do this week:

- Make a cross. Use a variety of objects, or just look around you and see how many shapes are cross shapes. Pray for God's world when you see each one.
- Pray for NHS staff and all those covering our needs and working in difficult circumstances that they may get the necessary protective equipment they need.

This scheme works – we've tried it

PRAYER

Lord, I trust you to be with me on this journey, the way unfamiliar and unknown, the path steep, the outcome uncertain. I will take refuge under the shadow of your wings until this storm has passed. I will trust you because you have travelled before me, you alone know the way ahead. You are before me, above me and within me. So, as we walk together in the light of Jesus, may we know your blessing for each step, towards the best, yet to be!

Yvonne Birchmore



For COVID-19 council advice or requests for volunteer support:
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For your local Councillors, call 0113 3788557 or email first_name.last_name@leeds.gov.uk

HAREWOOD WARD

Samuel Firth
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WETHERBY WARD

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We are supporting our Council's scheme which ensures the safety of both volunteers and those receiving support

How do you spend your day?

Anyone taking up a new hobby?

Walking – the Highfields saw deer near Kirk Deighton

Stephanie's going to spring clean the car

Gardening is high on the list of favourite occupations

Lots of you are cleaning out kitchen cupboards

SAD NEWS

Charles Shaw

Charles died in Berwick Grange Nursing Home on 30 March. Please remember Carol and the family in your prayers

Godfrey Wilson

Godfrey died in Berwick Grange Nursing Home on 1 April. Please remember Joan and the family in your prayers

The thoughts and prayers of all of us go out to Carol and Joan at this time. Please find your own special time to pray for them and their families.

10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out
4. You just tried No 3
6. When you did No 3 you realised that it is possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling right now because you were fooled.
8. You skipped No 5
9. You just checked there is No 5
10. Share this with a friend

Keep smiling



Answers to last week's quiz

1. A grocer's shop
2. The goat
3. Gnomon
4. Costa Rica
5. The Surrealists
6. Butterfly
7. Peanut or groundnut
8. Glasgow
9. The ear
10. Perseus
11. Hen
12. Yul Brynner
13. Denmark
14. River Seine
15. 1995
16. Sancho Panza
17. Cleves
18. Twenty
19. Lily of the Valley
20. Jezebel

NOTICES

Silver Line – a free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Phone 0800 470 8090

Spring Harvest Home – is launching on YouTube from 13 – 17 April. Content is for all ages. The theme is "Unleashed – The Acts Church Today" The link is below:
https://youtu.be/bw_t1J2734g