

Glenfield Methodist Church



Sunday 2 August 2020

Today's Lectionary Bible readings

Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9,14-21; Romans 9.1-5; **Matthew 14.13-21**

(In a dramatically political atmosphere, Jesus organises a meal for a multitude in the wilderness as a sign of compassion, and a lesson to the disciples that they need to look around them, see the need and meet it)

Please pray for Carol Thomson who would have been leading worship today. For **Donna and Andy Jobling** as they celebrate 30 years of marriage on 4 August. For our new minister, **Rev Helen Bell and her husband Fred** as they prepare to say goodbye to friends in Ripon and the Lower Dales. For all those working on our building as our 20-20 Vision Project progresses. For all those many thousands of people who are being made redundant or losing their jobs. For those anxious about how to pay the next bill or to provide food for their family. For those in our country facing further restrictions to movement, and for all the families and friends of people who have lost their lives this week. For those being racially attacked or verbally abused. For people living in fear of violence in Nigeria, the Sudan, the Yemen.

Thank you, **Dave Almey and your team of helpers** for working so hard to prepare the manse for Helen and Fred

Girls' Brigade is our charity of the month. Nationally, Girls' Brigade Ministries (GBM) is the operating name of the charity Girls' Brigade England & Wales (GBEW) – a Christian mission movement working, primarily, with girls and young women. Their vision and purpose is for lives and communities to be transformed and enriched as generations seek, serve and follow Jesus Christ. Our own GB gives to the national movement, but this collection is for their work here in Glenfield. If you would like to donate to this month's charity, there are 3 options:

- i) please put your cheque or cash in a plain envelope marked 'August charity' (with your name and address on if you can gift-aid it) and keep it safe until we return to church.
- ii) Go online at cafonline.org (Charities Aid Foundation), select 'donate to a charity' and put 'Glenfield Methodist Church' in the 'find a charity' box. Most card options are available – please enter as a reference 'August charity' thank you.
- iii) You could contact Geoff (see below) to get the church bank details to make either a one-off donation or even a standing order for each month. Please enter as a reference 'August charity'.

ALPHA

Friends, you can now register for your free place on our online ALPHA course. But we are called also to be "labourers in the harvest," (Matt.9:37)... 'The Lord has no mouths but ours to speak to the many who need to hear the Good News of His saving love'. Tell them there is here a chance to discuss life, faith and meaning in a Christian context and to hear afresh the ideas of Jesus Christ, and a few of his present day admirers who follow his way. Tell them it is a course that has been run for many years all over the world and is still transforming lives daily. Tell them that they can listen to experts each week and discuss freely. It is for those in particular who would not call themselves Christian. This is a big opportunity for us to enlarge the Kingdom of God in our midst. The course is now open to the whole circuit and guests are registering to join us via the Alpha link on our church website. Look at the Alpha website or ask someone who has done the course, or contact me for more information. We start on **Wednesday 12 August in the evening.**

Tom Limb, Discipleship Enabler

Holy Spirit, come, and reveal to us those who need to hear about you.

Help us to see who we can share you with. Give us courage to share your good news...

And bring us together as one in our communities. Amen.

(Roots on the Web)

Teach us, O Lord, to attempt what we fear we cannot attain, to strive for what we fear we cannot reach and to speak of what we fear we cannot utter. Adoring a love which we cannot comprehend may we celebrate a faith we cannot prove; for your own love's sake. Amen.

(Hilary of Poitiers (c.315-367))

Prayer for ALPHA volunteers needed - volunteers are needed to join the prayer team to pray regularly individually and/or with a prayer partner for the team and the guests. Prayer ideas/themes will be given. For further information, please contact Alison Blane: 0116 2870454 Email: alisonblane61@gmail.com

20-20 News

Our architect informs us that work progresses apace on the hall – due to the Covid-19 restrictions no one from our Steering Group has gone into the building as yet, but Peter is being kept informed about the work being undertaken, and Trevor is working hard to organise the electrical installation with Western Power. Please pray for all those who have responsibility for this project.

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