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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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NOTICES 18 October 2020

How shall we praise you, Lord, our God?

How in the midst of this pandemic, shall we praise you?

How, like Thomas, shall we not see yet believe
that your son is raised among us?

How shall we praise you?

And how are we to find the answer
when we do not even know the question?

Are you still the same loving God,
coming to us in our sufferings
and opening up the way to new life in Jesus?

Lord, we will try to praise you.

We will try to remember that you have created all things.

We will try to keep ourselves and others safe.

We will work to pray for them
and seek to help in whatever way we can.

Lord, when we cannot pray or worship
help us be aware of all your people
and your saints and angels
hovering around us,
lifting us up.

When we feel alone,
let us feel you near us,
even if only for a moment that enables us to go on.

Let us hear you say
“Peace be with you”.

Lord, we will praise you.
Let all the peoples praise you.

(Adapted from “A psalm of lament & praise in a time of coronavirus
by Rev’d Ken Howcroft. The full version can be found at
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/prayers-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/a-psalm-of-lament-and-praise-in-a-time-of-coronavirus/>)

CHURCH NEWS

The Shoebox Appeal. Thank you for gifts of money and some wrapped boxes already received. Our Shoebox Appeal is different because of Covid but presents will still be sent to Bulgaria and Eastern Europe and if anybody is able to fill & wrap a box Rick Parsons will be pleased to collect them. We have until November 15th to shop and the following are things suggested to provide: Clothes - gloves, hats, scarves; Stationery - colouring books, colouring pencils, notebooks, pens; Sweets; Toiletries - disposable razors, facecloths, toothpaste, shaving gel, soap; Toys - small dolls, teddies, small vehicles. Please put items in a bag or box and phone or email me or Scilla & Griff Fellows and we will arrange to collect them from you. Any cheques or cash in an envelope please. Cheques made payable to FSCI(UK) or donate on line to www.fscinet.org/christmas-donate. Thank you as always for your generosity. We understand shopping is difficult but we hope next year to be filling shoeboxes again.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for walking round my garden paths, even though the distance was only a puny quarter of a mile at a time. I have now clocked up thirty miles since the beginning of April, and you've donated an unbelievable £500. Thank you very much. *Margaret Langsford*

The **October Edition** of **Sharing the Faith** is now available on line, or call the Office if you'd like a copy posted to you

Trinity Triangle:

The deadline for the November edition is **TODAY**.

Please send all contributions to **both** Val Dalby (vadalby17@gmail.com) **and** Cynthia Bartlett (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) or via the Office

Thank you

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday 18 October is Anti-Slavery Day providing an important opportunity to remember the many victims of modern slavery and join the fight against it. More than 200 years after the abolition of the slave trade there are still an estimated 40.3 million men, women and children trapped in modern slavery, and up to 136,000 potential victims in the UK alone.

The Clewer Initiative enables church networks to raise awareness of modern slavery, identify victims and to help provide victim support and care.

Abingdon Artists' Autumn Art Exhibition: Tuesday 27 – Saturday 31 October, Christchurch Barn, Northcourt Rd. Open Daily: 10am-4:30pm, Saturday close at 4pm. Free entrance. New and original work by local artists, including sculpture, cards and unframed items. Covid 19 Secure. Please check [website](#) for latest opening information.

Finally... the long awaited, eagerly sought **Covid Girls Charity Calendar 2021** in aid of The Abingdon Bridge and Abingdon Foodbank. This unique and (soon to be) highly collectable purveyor of dates is available NOW from participating shops in the town centre, or contact Diane Livesley at All Saints (Miss August) on 07798877882

Makes the ideal 'support your local charities' Christmas gift for £9.99 (100% of all sale proceeds go directly to these charities)

WORSHIP

Online:

Keith leads an on-line Zoom service on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. Moving forward these services will be Zoomed from Wantage Methodist Church. This will mean that the format of the Zoom service will need to change slightly and that there will no longer be break-out groups afterwards, but it will mean that we can keep our pledge to provide a Zoom service without it being an additional burden on already stretched resources. Like all things, it is better to start simply and build on from there, so please bear with us as we enter this new phase of Zooming and do let us know your thoughts and reflections.

Helpful and constructive feedback is always welcome.

If you would like to join in or know more about this, please contact Keith directly - keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk.

Occasional reflections and thoughts for the day are made available on the [Circuit website](#) and the [Circuit YouTube Channel](#).

The [Methodist website](#) has links to many other live streamed services and resources for worship and reflection at home.

Free phone line for prayers and news from the Methodist Church:

Prayer: 0808 281 2541

News: 0808 281 2478

Content updated Thursday afternoon

This week's rhyme

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed in the ground
And also mix with unmasked folk
And spread the Covid round.
So, when the harvest's gathered in
We pray for wholesome grain to thrive,
And not the dreaded virus germ
So total lockdown will not arrive.

Margaret Langsford

