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I found this week two handmade bookmarks that have the following questions:

1. If you could snap your fingers and know that you wouldn't fail, what would you do for others?
2. What do you repeatedly see that burdens your heart, annoys or angers you, which if changed, would be more glorifying to God?

Perhaps you can ponder the questions and share your thoughts with others as we go into a new week.

Blessings

Sharon

Fair Trade fortnight prayer:

Pray for fairness and justice in our trading system globally, for fair prices for producers, and an understanding by consumers in the impact of our choices when shopping. Give thanks for the Fairtrade Movement, and local initiatives which highlight Fairtrade products and raise debate about economic justice for all.

Walk the Easter story (Holy Week)

Do you usually attend the bigger services and miss out on the whole of the Easter story? join us this year as we walk through Holy week:

Palm Sunday (25th March, 10.30am St John's),

Maundy Thursday - a reminder of the the Last Supper (agape meal 7.30pm St Peter's)

Good Friday - the crucifixion and death of Jesus at Calvary (7.30pm at St John's)

Easter or Resurrection Sunday (St John's 10.30am)

Reports

Barry needs your report that is to be included in the annual report, as soon as possible. Thank you

Good Friday Walk of Witness - from Oasis Christian Centre

Join with others in the Town at 9.45am for a short Communion service, as we remember the best day in history, or come along at 10.30am and join in the Walk of Witness through Redditch Town Centre. We'll be singing, reading the bible, focussing on God and giving out hot cross buns and contact cards to everyone we see! meet at: Oasis Christian Centre, Plymouth Road, Redditch Town Centre.

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The team will be going into Woodrow First school for 5 weeks starting Tuesday weather permitting! We will be looking at Jesus' Life through to his death and resurrection.

Please pray for the team, as they will be working with Key Stage one children, that the families will want to take this further and get involved with a local church.

Support Groups

Church Support Groups help congregations grow together in our Christian life. We are delighted that Richard and Ian will be hosting groups on Monday and Thursday evenings.

If you are unsure about what is involved have a chat to Richard or Garth, Sharon, Barry or Ann. Please be thinking of which day might suit you better and if a daytime group is preferred, please let Sharon or Barry know.

Simon's 50th Birthday

Simon Forrest will be 50 on 16th March, you are all most welcome to help celebrate with a birthday tea 5.30pm-7.30pm

Easter Fun at Woodrow Centre

The Woodrow Community Group are running a Fun event on Maundy Thursday between 3:30 - 5pm. If anyone would like to help out please let me know.

We would also like to run a bran tub, so if you have any items which would be suitable, please forward them to Rosie.

Woodrow Community Meetings

The next meeting is on Monday 5th March at 6pm in Woodrow Library. Please pray for the role of Christians in these meetings, and for the events to make a difference to lives of those living on Woodrow.

Services

Lent 3

10:30am Worship for Everyone with Vicki Quarton
John 17:1-26 'Jesus Prays'

6:30pm Holy Communion with Richard Harding
John 3:1-18 'Hungry for God'

Next Sunday - Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

10:30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton & Garth Nathaniel

6:30pm Evening Worship with Mike Palfreyman

Diary dates

Tues 12 - 1:30pm Lent Course - Huband Room, St. Peter's

Thurs 9:30am Holy Communion - St. John's, followed by coffee morning.

Thurs 7pm Lent Course - Huband Room, St. Peter's

Sat 10th March 10 - 12noon Messy Church, Woodrow meeting rooms

Sun 11th March Mothering Sunday

Tues 17th April 7:30pm St. John's AGM - St. John's Church

Thurs 10th May 7:30pm Joint Ascension Day Service - St. Peter's

Lectionary Readings - Lent 3

Mon 2 Kgs 5.1-15; Ps 42.1-2, Ps 43.1-4; Lk 4.24-30

Tues Song of the Three 2, 11-20 or Dan 2.20-23; Ps 25.3-10; Mt 18.21-end

Wed Deut 4.1, 5-9; Ps 147.13-end; Mt 5.17-19

Thurs Jer 7.23-28; Ps 95.1-2, 6-end; Lk 11.14-23

Fri Hos 14; Ps 81.6-10, 13, 16; Mk 12.28-34

Sat Hos 5.15-6.6; Ps 51.1-2, 17-end; Lk 18.9-14

Data Protection

New regulations about data protection come into force in May this year. To help us ensure we comply, the DCC need to know about any personal data on paper or computer in connection with church activities. If you have any, please speak to Barry Humphrey.

Collect for the week

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went up not to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

Call Ann Donovan (for prayer chain) in the first instance on 01527 527789.

Please pray for:

- ❖ Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy.
- ❖ Licensed Lay Ministers – Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.
- ❖ Wardens – Barry Humphrey and Sharon Forrest.
- ❖ Garth as he returns to work.
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ Alex Hospital: Staff, patients & chaplaincy team serving the community.
- ❖ Graeme and Jackie Russell - Community Missioner in Christ Church.
- ❖ Those recovering from surgery.
- ❖ Chris Tilley who is ill.
- ❖ Staff affected by the closing of M&S in Redditch, especially those with long service.
- ❖ Chaplains of the Kingfisher Centre visiting and supporting shop workers.
- ❖ For our MP Rachel Maclean & the Government involved in Brexit negotiations, for our security services working to keep us safe.
- ❖ Parish Prayers: Barford Close Matchborough, Dursley Close Winyates Green, Astley Close Woodrow, Leysters Close Winyates.

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