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Wednesday 27th May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As many of us are able to enjoy such marvellous weather, we are reminded of God's hand in creation and this week the opening prayer in the Common Worship Morning Prayer speaks into that:

> Blessed are you, creator God, to you be praise and glory for ever. As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters bringing light and life to your creation, pour out your Spirit on us today that we may walk as children of light and by your grace reveal your presence. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THY KINGDOM COME



The virtual Prayer Room on ZOOM continues day and night and on SATURDAY MORNING we are going to be hosting the hour between 9:00 and 10:00 and very much hope you might join us as we pray for God's Kingdom to Come. There is no obligation to pray aloud, but it is powerful when we gather together in God's presence!

The **ZOOM meeting ID** : 247 241 0247

Password: HisKingdom

I would strongly commend the TKC app, even though you might think it is too late!

It is really helpful and there is a dedicated FAMILY Podcast each day.

It can be downloaded on the PLAY store or APPLE store for smartphones and tablets.



PENTECOST

Lena has put together a reminder for all those with young families in the Church about the Pentecost Packs that have been sent out:

Nature Inspired Art

Do not forget!!

As part of our Pentecost weekend, all our church children have been invited to enter a competition by collecting leaves and wild flowers on their daily exercise, looking particularly for fire colours -reds, oranges, yellow and pinks. Using their imagination to do a piece of art which shows the Holy Spirit acting through them!



COMPETITION Post your pictures on our Church Facebook site and enter the competition. Show us your ideas of the holy spirit working through you!

We have a bar of chocolate to give away to 3 lucky winners!!!



Lee Bray, from Christians In torbay has sent this through today:

This Sunday is Pentecost - a time to celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church! For most of us the day will be spent largely or wholly at home as the C-19 lockdown continues, but we can still celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness. Here are some ideas to consider:

- CTT would like to particularly encourage you to display flame coloured flowers for all to see and to pray that the gifts and fruit of the Spirit be known and shared in our community.
- As well as putting flowers in the window you might also choose to dress in red - the colour of Pentecost.
- How about flying a kite? Catch the wind and pray that the Spirit will move in all of us.
- Or you could bake a cake to mark the Church's birthday!

Pentecost is also a good time to research or remind yourself of the history and origins of your own church. It was great to be able to read the history of my own church (Upton Vale) when David Scott's book was published last year. Has anybody recorded the history of your church? There are sure to be hundreds of stories to be told.

Pentecost is being marked by a special event across the South West of England this year. Plans have changed because of the lockdown, but a wave of prayer will be happening across the peninsula at 8pm on Sunday. Why not join in? See **South West Awake** below.

CTT Prayer Breakfast

Be sure to make a date join us on **Saturday 6th June at 8am** for our next prayer breakfast. Our local MP, **Kevin Foster**, will be joining us and will give a parliamentary update to help guide our prayers. Nigel Pearce is kindly hosting the meeting for us on Zoom - details below - and he'll be waiting a bit early to let everybody in. He also offers to help out if anyone is unsure how to access the meeting - just give him a call on 07590 559701 on the previous day.

Topic: Christians Together in Torquay

Time: Jun 6, 2020 08:00 Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88429225460?pwd=VmZ5Y3liL0F1UXJQMVpMKzJ2MURUUT09

Meeting ID: 884 2922 5460 Password: 153634

Looking forward to seeing you. Bring your own hot drink!

Pray at all times

There is a wonderful momentum building as more and more people turn to prayer. Here are a couple more prayer initiatives for you to join in with. Let's pray together!

On Friday - Unite 714 - Uniting people across the globe

You're invited to join UNITE 714 on **Friday at 4pm**, to pray with other churches, pastors, leaders and individuals across the globe, for a miraculous healing of our lands from the Coronavirus and spiritual awakening among the nations. Click <u>here</u> for more details.

On Sunday - South West Awake - South West Prays

You're invited to join SOUTH WEST PRAYS on Pentecost **Sunday at 8pm**, an historic prayer event with thousands of Christians all over the region tuning in to seek the face of God.

<u>*PS*</u> You could colour in the attached sheet and display that in your window next to the rainbow!



<u>CAKE</u>

Finally, you may want to get cooking – or at least gathering supplies – for a BIRTHDAY CAKE on Sunday as we celebrate Pentecost in the afternoon!

The links for ZOOM coffee and tea are:

Coffee on Zoom @ 10.30am

Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74077097424?pwd=M1Z5cjhEenIFSEtpMWFZa0txaExOZz09</u> **Meeting ID:** 740 7709 7424 **Password:** Coffee

Tea and cake on Zoom @ 4:00 pm

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74094801861?pwd=UTBtTjRIRzJEWWJvK2laUDJFczhlZz09 Meeting ID: 740 9480 1861 Password: Party Bring a cake to celebrate!

A reminder of the **Community Helpline:**



Staff at Torbay Community Development Trust (TCDT), Ageing Well Torbay (AWT) and Brixham Does Care are working with voluntary groups across the Bay and have set up a phone line for people in need of help because of illness or isolation and also for those that are prepared to offer help.

It is wonderful to be able to let you know that the Helpline also offers the opportunity to request PRAYER SUPPORT.

Covering Torquay and Paignton the number to call is <u>01803 446022</u>.

FINALLY

Love is an action word

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 1 John 3.16-18

Until we meet in person, be blessed and keep safe.

Paul

