

Salisbury Park United Reformed Church

Newsletter

April and May 2018





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A warm welcome to everyone



A word from our minister

Dear everyone,

I wrote about Easter in the last newsletter and I repeat my greeting that you all experience Easter blessings.

I write this on a special occasion, my 70th birthday. I enjoyed being 60 as I had my teachers' pension, my bus pass and senior railcard. Since then I have passed 65 and received my state pension but 70 is the famous three score and ten but in the words of a Trinity member some years ago, 'it's all downhill after.'

I was very amused by the greeting on the one card which stated that I was 70 but pointed out that was in Fahrenheit and so I am only 21 in Celsius or centigrade as we always called it. That cheered me up and made me feel younger for a while. Someone else pointed out that people were living longer and 70 is the new 60. It was nice of people to try and cheer me up but the stark reality is that I have reached the three score and ten. I was born in 1948 and nothing can alter that fact. It is a good dose of reality.

We do not always like to face up to the truth about ourselves, we put on 'layers' to project ourselves so that others will see us as we want them to see us but that is no good. Underneath it all is the true you. We have just been through Lent, the season when we examine ourselves and remember that we were made from dust and return to dust, a sobering thought indeed. Jesus Himself went through this experience, tempted or tested to be something other than His true self but He resisted.

We are who we are and we rejoice in God for that.

Blessings to you all,

Brian.

Sunday Morning Worship

April 1st 2018

Leading Worship – Joint Easter Service at Trinity

Duty Elder – Easter

Morning Tea – Easter

Flowers – Easter

Door Steward – Easter

OT Reading – Acts 10 34-43 **Trinity and Salisbury Park**

NT Reading – John 20 1-18 **Trinity and Salisbury Park**

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 15 1-11

Psalm – 118 1-2, 14-24

April 8th 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Brian Matthews (Communion)

Duty Elder – Yvonne Owen

Morning Tea – Glenys and Merfyn

Flowers – Miss Sharon Langford


Door Steward – Thelma

OT Reading – Acts 4 32-35 **Shirley Devaney**

NT Reading – John 20 19-31 **Yvonne Owen**

Epistle – 1 John 1 1-2.2

Psalm – Psalm 133



April 15th 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Chris Howard

Duty Elder – Yvonne Owen

Morning Tea – Barbara and Sheila

Flowers – Mrs Carole Blackwell

Door Steward – Thelma

OT Reading – Acts 3 12-19 **Judith Dolben**

NT Reading – Luke 24 36b-48 **Barbara Jones**

Epistle – 1 John 3 1-7

Psalm – Psalm 4

April 22nd 2018

Leading Worship – Rev David Salisbury

Duty Elder – Yvonne Owen

Morning Tea – Sharon and Terry

Flowers – Mrs Shirley Devaney


Door Steward – Thelma

OT Reading – Acts 4 5-12 **Gordon Burgess**

NT Reading – John 10 11-18 **Corbin Winter**

Epistle – 1 John 3 16-24

Psalm – Psalm 23



April 29th 2018

Leading Worship – Mrs Judith Dolben

Duty Elder – Yvonne Owen

Morning Tea – Susan Rowlands

Flowers – Mr and Mrs Derek Jarvis

Door Steward – Thelma

OT Reading – Acts 8 26-40 **Michelle Berry**

NT Reading – John 15 1-8 **Christine Anderson**

Epistle – 1 John 4 7-21

Psalm – Psalm 22 25-31

May 6th 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Chris Howard

Duty Elder – Shirley Devaney

Morning Tea – Mark and Collette

Flowers – Mrs Glenys Jones


Door Steward – Gordon

OT Reading – Acts 10 44-48 **Paul Fewings**

NT Reading – John 15 9-17 **Mark Rodgers**

Epistle – 1 John 5 1-6

Psalm – Psalm 98



May 13th 2018

Leading Worship – Rev Brian Matthews (Communion)

Duty Elder – Shirley Devaney

Morning Tea – Gordon and Thelma

Flowers – Mrs Shirley Devaney

Door Steward – Gordon

OT Reading – Acts 1 15-17, 21-26 **Carole Blackwell**

NT Reading – John 17 6-19 **Sharon Langford**

Epistle – 1 John 5 9-13

Psalm – Psalm 1

May 20th 2018

Leading Worship – Pentecost. Joint service at Salisbury Park

Duty Elder – Shirley Devaney

Morning Tea – Michelle and Christine

Flowers – Mrs Michelle Berry


Door Steward – Gordon

OT Reading – Acts 2 1-21 **Merfyn Jones**

NT Reading – John 15 26-27; 16 4b-15 **Glenys Jones**

Epistle – Romans 8 22-27

Psalm – Psalm 104 24-34, 35b



May 27th 2018

Leading Worship – Mrs Barbara Jones

Duty Elder – Shirley Devaney

Morning Tea – Shirley and Thelma

Flowers – Mrs Susan Rowlands

Door Steward – Gordon

OT Reading – Isaiah 6 1-8 **Hannah Rodgers**

NT Reading – John 3 1-17 **Lydia Rodgers**

Epistle – Romans 8 12-17

Psalm – Psalm 29

Congratulations!!

Pat and Peter Taylor recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and our Minister Brian Matthews celebrated his 70th Birthday. Our congratulations and best wishes are given and we hope you enjoyed your special day

Michelle

Thursday 19th April 2018
7.30pm
At Salisbury Park URC

**BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND!**

The Trinity Handbell Ringers



Join us for a special evening of entertainment as the Trinity Handbell Ringers play a selection of well known tunes to raise money for our nominated charities of 2018

There is also
a quiz!

Donations Welcome



Words of wisdom

What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to our children as a gift?

What if we used it when we travelled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

Unlike our mobile, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because of an unpaid bill. Jesus already paid the bill. In full!

And just think – no dropped calls. God hears them all!

Carole

The Lord is my Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible – Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task – but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Rick was so nervous.

When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd, and that's all I need to know".

Carole

Sugar Free, Fruit Loaf

A recipe Collette has found and adapted for her own taste buds

Ingredients

350g of dried fruit
200ml of brewed tea, fresh from the pot
50ml of maple syrup
250g of wholemeal spelt flour
2tsp of baking powder
1tsp of mixed spice
2 eggs

Method

- Soak dried fruit in a bowl with the tea and maple syrup for minimum 3 hours. Preferably over night
- Preheat oven to Gas Mark 4 / 180° or 160° fan. Line 1kg loaf tin with baking parchment
- Sieve flour into bowl. Add baking powder and mixed spice. Stir. Add fruit and unabsorbed liquid and eggs. Mix thoroughly, then put into tin.
- Bake for about an hour. Once done leave out of oven in tin for 10 minutes, then turn out and place on cooling rack
- Cut to required thickness and slather in butter!!



Judith's Tavelogue

All serene from Soton and across Biscay, but passenger injured and taken off at Vigo, an unscheduled call for the trip. Went to Guggenheim Museum on Monday, very interesting building but personal taste did not appreciate the interior art works, my own painting is better than before and I think better than some 'modern' exhibits... no bias there!

Met up with many fellow cruisers from previous times, especially Cruise Director Jo Boase who introduced David and me in 2008. She has a lot to answer for!

Judith

Been very busy at sea since last blog... visited Malaga for Picasso museum and house waited 25 minutes in torrential rain as they wouldn't open for us to shelter ! Enjoyed tapas at end of tour and wine....

In Barcelona walked Ramblas and found hotel stayed at in 1962, now apartments!

Visited Lyceum theatre and heard fantastic soprano soloist in Hall of Mirrors- incredible amount of space backstage and it still retains aura of private gentleman 's club in the surrounding rooms, almost cigar smoke scented!

At Palamos visited Dali World exhibition, excellent guide who showed the surreal paintings, postcards purchased, not enough time to see everything but the Marilyn Monroe exhibit was intriguing! Some very strange items around the car courtyard beyond my understanding!

Sete was the starting place to visit Arles Roman amphitheatre and the necropolis- a long trek there but worth it, even in the rain! The meal at hotel Jules Cesar was delicious even if the menu made little sense, some Provençal expressions or terminology used. Seeing Van Goghs painting of the courtyard actually in situ was interesting, only the trees have matured over time...as they have at the Necropolis, too.

Today was visit to Cassis, precipitous drive round hairpin bends and steep drop to sea, area like Norwegian fiords, vegetation mainly herbs or pines and olives. Harbour full of expensive vessels and boutiques with sky high prices.

The Toulon markets were varied, stark contrast to Cassis, but I did find some Pineau de Charentes which I enjoy and haven't had for ages!

Each evening we have danced before the show time and hopefully managed to keep our clothes fitting, as the food has been very good- French afternoon tea today, usually stay away but occasionally indulge....

Three ports of call still to visit and hopefully a chance to update the blog comments

A bientot

Judith x



Judith's Tavelogue

Currently in Palma de Mallorca, pleasantly sunny, enjoyed Jhalfrezi lunch having watched chefs work!

Earlier today went into town on the shuttle bus as my watch needed a new battery-where to find such a thing? Tried various places and then Ina large department store asked and was directed to small Timpson style kiosk where woman removed and tested battery, declared it working, and made no charge! Delighted, I offered money but was declined, so we went on to Cathedral visit instead. Huge place, beautiful stained glass everywhere, made rainbow colours on the marble floor. Many side chapels to various saints, lots of gold decorations but no flowers anywhere, huge organ pipes visible but no music played.... outside itinerant pedlars and gypsies tried to sell tourist trinkets (tatt!) but to little effect, similarly old black clad women sat on steps holding pictures of saints and silently requesting monetary gifts, none made by us, I have to admit...

Back on ship chatted to artist who has painted sailing ship picture to be raffled for Saga charity, so will buy a raffle ticket that has more chance of meeting right purpose.

David busy on deck games, well sunscreened and then sail away at 5.30pm heading for Cadiz, our last port, haven't been there since about 2000, when Geoff and I got lost and only just made it back to the ship on time.... not something to be repeated!!

Can't believe how quickly time has flown by and we've missed a lot of bad weather!

Much love from Judith and David xx

We are now on penultimate day of cruise and David is busy packing....

Enjoyed formal night yesterday and delicious meal prior to the cruise show, which was its usual mixture of talents. An unusual item was the auction of art works produced by our onboard artists.... I did not bid as wall space is at a premium at home!

An ongoing saga has been the question of the captain 's uniform, he had to come on board unexpectedly, his wife was busy unpacking from Saga Pearl 2 when he had the call to report to Sapphire.... thus his uniform has been following him around the Med!

Finally it arrived in Cadiz in time for the last formal cocktail party, photos of Captain in lounge suit are most unusual on any Saga ship, it's always uniform....

Tonight we are in East to West restaurant and will not dance later as all but one pair of shoes are packed ...

have thoroughly enjoyed cruise and places visited and now look forward to the next one once I have dealt with three weeks post at home!

A J xx



**Tri Synod's
Developing Leadership
Skills Weekend.**

If you are between 15 and 25 and want to develop your leadership Skills, then come and join us.

This is a weekend of interactive training which will give you a basis to build on your leadership skills.

When :April 13th—15th 2018

Where: Pioneer Centre Kidderminster.

How much: £110.00

How do I get involved? - Just fill in the form and send it to Judy, Chris or Jane

BOOKING FORM

Applicant Name:

Address:

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Gender: Male / Female

Date of birth:

What church and Synod are you connected with

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Person with Parental Responsibility

Name:

Relationship to Applicant.

Address:

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West Midlands Synod



PROSPEROUS HOME

With Stephen Desilva

Bethel Church, Redding, California

Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Venue: The Community Church, Wrexham

Cost £45.00 or Early bird ticket £35 if booked before 31st March

Bookings via Eventbrite <http://prospromewrx.eventbrite.com>

Session Times

21st May Registration at 1pm
Session 1 starts at 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Session 2 starts at 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm
22nd May Session 3 starts at 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Session 4 starts at 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

The keys to living a healthy financial life with purpose are found in having a Prosperous Home.

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

1 Corinthians 4:1

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Prosperous Home is where the theoretical meets the practical. In this ministry and curriculum, Stephen takes you through the practical tools to develop your home into a Prosperous Home. Throughout this curriculum, Stephen masterfully weaves the practical financial tools through an understanding of what a biblical view on money is seeking to elevate your thinking into what true financial freedom is. Many financial courses teach you how to manage money and cut budgets. This will teach you how to dream and say yes!



Stephen K. De Silva Ministries first appeared in 2003 after 5 years of the Lord speaking to Stephen on how to teach and train the church from moving past the "tools" of how to manage money and move into having capacity to carry wealth. With a unique approach and witty personality, Stephen has sought to develop a spirit-filled, biblically based ministry that brings true financial healing. From this place of health and purpose, people can begin to live the prosperous life Jesus promised them when he said he came to give us life and life abundantly (John 10:10).

Resources will be available to buy at this conference.

Booking & Information:

- All bookings via Eventbrite :<http://prospromewrx.eventbrite.com>
- There are no organised children's activities on this day
- Tea & coffee will be available during break times, we have no catering facilities but there are local food outlets near by.
- Unfortunately we have limited disabled access, before booking please contact the office if you have any special requirements on 01978 291282.