



Journeying with God

**Forming
Community**

**Celebrating
Faith**

**Deepening
Discipleship**

Dear Friends,

Christ challenges us to let the light of Christ that is in us shine out - not be hidden away. In the wider context of the Sermon on the Mount - Jesus is saying if you live your life the way I challenge you, people will see me through you - because how you live will point to God.

If you've ever been to the manse, you may know that our lounge is quite long and narrow. For some reason, the ceiling light, which includes 5 bulbs, is not central - and is about two thirds of the way down the room, which means the top end of the room, where we have a north facing window that gets no sun - can be a much gloomier space - especially on a dull or rainy day. Those 5 bulbs would be much more effective at lighting the room if they were more spread out.

In Matthew 5:14-16, within Jesus' epic sermon on the ethics of a Jesus focused life, Jesus says: *"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

This summer we have a great opportunity to spread the light of Christ among us - to get out and about and let the light of Christ within us shine in our streets and neighbourhoods. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee is going to be an extra-long weekend of celebrations and parties where the community will be out and about.

The Jubilee gives us - Jesus disciples - an extra-long weekend of opportunities to let the light of Christ in us shine in our communities by getting involved with what is going on around us. Maybe you could help organise a local street party or be an encouragement to those people who are already planning events. You could invite a neighbour over for a simple afternoon tea. And of course, turning up to local events to be a Christian presence will share the love and light of Christ in our streets and neighbourhoods.

Let your light shine in our communities, so that people may see goodness and grace, and be pointed to the glory of God.

In Christ our light, Rev Dan

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Huge thanks to you all, as we have sent £496.20 to All We Can for the Ukraine appeal.

Anita Hayward

DIARY DATES

MAY 2022			
Day	Date	Event	
Wed	4 th	Church Council Meeting	7.30pm
Sun	8 th	Sunday Worship, with General Church Council, Followed by Thank You event Bring & share Cakes!	10.30am Onwards
Sunday	15 th	Testimony Service for Rev Ian Couchman, Offington Park	3.00pm
Saturday	28 th	BRMC Gift Day	10.00-12 noon

JUNE 2022			
Day	Date	Event	
Thursday	9 th	Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting, Rustington	7.30pm
Thursday	16 th	Circuit Meeting, Goring	7.30pm

Ever present God,
We thank you that as we gather at every one of
the above events, you will be there.
We ask you to be in our worship,
our discussions,
our decision making,
our giving
& our celebrations.
Amen.

SUNDAY 8TH MAY

Sunday Worship with General Church meeting followed by a Thank You Event with Bring & Share Cakes

On Sunday 8th May our 10:30am worship will also include a General Church Meeting, with conversation on the work of God among us, and oversight of the life and ministry of BRMC.

This will be followed by a Thank You Event in the hall, celebrating and giving thanks for all the people who have helped us at BRMC to keep going throughout the last 2 years of Pandemic. We would love you to bring a cake to share with others. Lots of tea & coffee will be provided.

The General Church Meeting parts of our worship will come in 2 parts:

1. Conversation on the work of God among us.

I'll invite conversations and sharing about the highlights of the past months, and where God may be leading us in the future. Please come ready to share your reflections in groups or with the whole congregation.

2. Oversight of the life and ministry of BRMC

As part of the meeting we will receive reports from various areas of the life of the church, and there will be opportunity to make comments on them and ask questions relating to them. We'll also be appointing representatives of the General Church Meeting to the church council, and appointing church stewards.

If you would be like to explore standing for one of these roles, there are role outlines and nomination forms available from the back of the church.

An Important letter about Finance at BRMC from Rev Dan

Dear Friends,

I write to you on behalf of the Church Council as we struggle to find ways of addressing the significant financial needs of BRMC. Please consider the following points and think prayerfully about any ways you might be able to respond. On various occasions over the last 2-3 years, I have written to you to highlight the financial needs of BRMC. The challenge we face continues to be that our expenditure is much higher than our income. In the face of the current cost of living crisis we anticipate expenditure to increase yet further, and all in the context of a pandemic that has led to a reduction of income from lettings and other activities.

Back in November 2021 I wrote to you and shared that at the time we were predicting a deficit for the current financial year (Sept 2021-August 2022) of between £10,000 and £20,000. I'm pleased to say that at this stage the deficit is closer to the lower, rather than higher end of that scale – but BRMC is still in a significant deficit – around £10,000 for this financial year.

Running at a deficit has been a trend at BRMC for the last few years, and we have got through the pandemic by drawing on our reserves. However, we are now coming to the point where BRMC has expended the majority of its financial reserves. While our reserves can get us through the rest of this financial year, given the scale of deficit we are seeing, as well as predicted increasing expenditure due to the global financial situation, **we do not currently foresee BRMC having reserves we would need to get us through another year without a significant increase in annual income.**

Our trustees, on behalf of the whole BRMC community, face the serious situation that our financial resources are not currently sufficient to sustain the fellowship and ministry of BRMC as it is currently formed. The BRMC building is a significant draw on our financial resources. Due to the age of the building, its structure and design, it is expensive to heat and to maintain. There are improvements the church council would like to make, such as upgrading our toilet facilities, but of course it would be irresponsible for the council to embark on such capital projects when we are already running on a deficit budget.

After a conversation at our last Church Council meeting, trustees asked the newly formed Finance and Property committee to explore possible actions that could be taken, and they have begun to develop a deficit recovery plan. **After all, we are a community of faith, and so as we journey onwards we do so seeking to be guided and led by our God, a faithful God who is with us and will guide us into the future.**

The first phase of this plan is based around exploring ways of increasing our income levels through:

1. Increasing our lettings.
2. Encouraging our congregation to consider whether they can increase their regular giving to the Church.
3. To encourage all who pay tax to sign up to gift aid their donations.
4. To hold a Gift Day on 28th May.
5. To develop a 'sponsor a job' scheme for members to fund specific work or activities – *more details later in the summer.*

I therefore invite you to consider 2 things:

1. Could you increase your regular giving to the life of the Church? We enclose a new 'giving leaflet' which gives you details about the various ways you can give.
2. Could you make a one-off gift at our Gift Day on 28th May? The church will be open from 10am – 12 noon to allow a special opportunity for you to donate, with refreshments available for those able to come along. All funds given will be used to help rebuild the financial stability of the Church after the pandemic. In readiness for this our worship on 22nd May with Rev Dan will also focus on the spirituality of giving.

Please also pray for the Church Council, and our Finance and Property committee as they work together to oversee these actions to reduce this deficit. We seek God's guidance about the future shape of His kingdom work among us and our community. If you have any questions about matters raised in this letter, please do get in touch with me.

In Christ,

Rev Dan

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Join our WhatsApp Prayer Group

Sharing prayer needs and Praying together day by day. Join the group by sending a message saying 'Join Prayer' to 07858 139672.

Submitting a Prayer Request

Prayer Requests can be sent by text or WhatsApp message to: 07858 139672, or you can phone or email Dan:

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Where possible please have permission from those who request prayers.

Greetings from Janet Tapping

This time, my contribution will be like a letter from me to you, the reader. Firstly, I want to thank all the helpers and attenders on Tuesday 1st March, Pancake day. A steady stream of friends, and a few unknown guests, enjoyed the pancakes and coffee and bought some items from the sales table. With some donations added, I banked £100.23 for Mission in Britain. Many thanks!

The same week we celebrated World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March. The planned rehearsal was cancelled due to storm Eunice, but nevertheless the service went without a hitch. It was special to us this year as it had been prepared by Christians from England, Wales and N. Ireland (Scotland prepared their own service). The accompanying 'Together in Prayer' publication featured photographs and descriptions of our country. If anyone would like to see it, I will happily loan my copy. The Order of Service as many commented was beautifully compiled and featured the problems and challenges faced in this country, and so many others. It was a joy to have Rev. Dan and his wife Louise taking part in our ecumenical day. When we hold that service annually it is an amazing thought to me that the same OoS is being used in so many different languages all around the world. I thank everyone who helped or attended, not least the valiant team who coped with the copious amounts of coffee & biscuits served after the service!

As I write, Easter approaches and we will no doubt experience the sorrow, followed by the joy of Easter Sunday. We have all had lessons lately of how unwise it can be to take things for granted. In the happiness of Easter day, may we feel reminded of God's many blessings to us. May compassion and comfort be given to the people of the Ukraine, who are living (and dying) through such horrendous times.



BOGNOR REGIS FOODBANK

A message from Bognor Foodbank:

Thank you all for your generosity!! As you know, we totally rely on the generosity of our donors in order to continue supporting local people who are in real need in Bognor. We are seeing an increase in demand for our services and this is resulting in our stock becoming very low each week, particularly essential items which are included in each food parcel that we distribute.

If you are able, please buy:

an extra tin of vegetables/fruit/meat/fish

or extra packet of pasta/rice

or an item of toiletries

and place them in the blue box at the back of the Church.

If you could spare 1 toilet roll from your bathroom to go in the blue box, it would be hugely appreciated.
Together we can make a difference!!

MANY THANKS.

If you need a food parcel, contact Rev Dan who can confidentially give you a food voucher.

The “New Order”

Now that a “New Order” is being established in our Church, I think it’s appropriate to say thank you to many people.

Firstly, thank you to C.O.G.’s for the hard work they undertook to put our church in a much more secure financial position. They also opened up the church to many more people from the community. Many of the new faces became firm friends with people in the church and started supporting the events. It is worth noting that some of this support came from as far afield as Porchester Methodist Church. It is true to say that we have made many ‘friends for life’.

Secondly, thank you to the Property Committee members who were always there to help with planning and organisation.

Thirdly, thank you to the ‘day release prisoners from Ford Prison’. The first person who came was Trevor who painted most of the inside of the building. Another person who made a real contribution was Alan. Between them Alan and Tony designed and built the John Wesley room which has been a great success as the room is well used today. I am not sure where the idea came from to build the John Wesley room but it was inspirational. (We only had one disappointment out of the 5 prisoners who came to us).

From the comments that were made when they left I would like to think that their time with us was worthwhile and I know that apart from the one the rest finished their sentence and returned to society changed people.

We know that 'things' can't go back, but since the pandemic some things are starting. Tony is starting a shorter version of his Quiz nights - now in the afternoon, and we are hoping to get an afternoon Film Club going - all with just light refreshments - not the banquets we used to have.

Finally on a personal note I'm glad to say goodbye to the bi-annual kitchen inspections.

Val Poland

Bookings

Please notify me if you are planning any events in the Church/Hall etc. This is because I am getting enquires and I don't want to find that parts of the building have been booked without my knowledge i.e. double booking.

Just to remind you my email address is drspock@sky.com and my phone number is 07590550964.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tony Poland
Booking Secretary

ALTERNATIVE LORD'S PRAYER.....

I'm sure many of you will have read in one of Dan's Tues News last month about his visit to one of our local schools to lead their assemblies. Dan spoke to the children about the Lord's Prayer & together they thought about the prayer as a 'recipe for prayer'. They thought that sometimes the words as they are, are just what we need and at other times, we can use the prayer as a recipe for creating other prayers. And this is what they came up with:

***God you are amazing and holy
we want earth to be like heaven.
We know we can depend on you –
that you give us everything we need.
We're sorry when we mess up
and we're going to work hard to mend what's broken.
Help us to do what is right and good,
because we think you are the best!***

Amen

This is an Orchid called Peristeria Elata, commonly referred to as ***Flower of the Holy Spirit***. When it's closed it looks like little men praying, when it opens it looks like a dove flying! I think it's so beautiful. (I hope it comes out ok – won't know until it's printed). Debbie Dean.



WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

May 1st

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

After 3 years following Jesus, in the midst of uncertainty and grief, Peter decides it is time for some TLC and goes to fish - a pastime that he knew well. As they fish - (or should we say, as they don't fish - for they haven't caught anything), a figure appears on the shore and says 'throw your nets on the other side'. They do, and the nets are soon full. It is only then that Peter realises this figure on the shore 'is the Lord'.

We don't always know Jesus is speaking to us through something or someone else. Are you ready to hear Jesus' voice today?

May 8th

Gospel reading: John 10:22-30

A crowd of Jews gather around Jesus and want him to be straight with them - are you the Messiah? But Jesus isn't straight with them! I've already told you but you haven't listened. You don't believe, he responds. My sheep hear my voice'.

The opposite of believe is not doubt, but certainty. I think Jesus' questioners were wanting certainty, but Jesus was saying to them if you want to belong to me, you have to choose to believe in me despite the uncertainty. How easy do you find it to live with the uncertainties of faith?

May 15th

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

Love one another. 3 simple words that roll off the tongue. But boy oh boy can they be hard to live by. When someone says something flippant that hurts us; when someone forgets to invite us to something we'd like to have been invited to; when we're feeling disappointed or struggling with something in our own lives; it can be hard to love.

Jesus knew it can be hard to love. That's why he talked about it so much. Loving one another is at the core of our Christian faith. At the core of being a Christian community. How can you love one another today?

May 22nd

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29.

Jesus is speaking to His disciples. Preparing them for His coming death and departure from their lives. He knows the grief and loneliness they will feel and so promises them a comforter, advocate, stand-by, the very presence of God. God's Holy Spirit. Jesus may not be physically with us in bodily form, but we can know his presence by the power of God's Spirit among us.

Pray today that you would know God's Spirit with you afresh, in power and with peace.

May 29th

Gospel reading: John 17:20-26

For John's gospel, this is the climax of Christ's prayer in the garden of Gethsemane.

Praying that Christ's followers would be one - united and in mutual relationship with God and one another. Of course, Jesus knew how difficult that was - Judas had gone off to betray him, the rest of Jesus' disciples were furious.

The history of the church has left a lot to be desired - for we are far from being one! We have so many different churches and denominations - often caused by disagreements over interpretations of scripture - and while some of those disagreements may be fundamental and important, there are many divisions we should lament.

Take some time to pray for the unity of Christ's church - and ask God to reveal to you how you can contribute to our being one.

June 5th

Gospel Reading: John 14: 8-17

"Show us the Father". Says Phillip. I wonder if you've said similar to God before? "Please reveal yourself Lord". "Show me more God". "God, just prove you're with me." "Please, give me a sign God".

In an echo back to our reflection on May 8th - Jesus again challenges us to channel our uncertainty not into seeking certainty, but to believing. To choosing faith. In choosing faith in Jesus, in travelling with Jesus day by day, we get to know him more, and through knowing him more we are more about to recognise him with us day by day. Because Jesus is already with us - abiding with us by the presence of God's Spirit.

June 12th

Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

John's Gospel is full of teaching, full of stories which reveal to us the truth of who Jesus is. The Son of God who came to save us and all the world. The one who bore all our sin and brokenness. The one who, by arms stretched out on the cross, reaches out to each of us in love and says there is space for you in my family.

But John's gospel does not say everything. Does not teach everything. There is still more to learn & discover, always more opportunity to grow. The Spirit of God is among us to help us to discover more, to grow, to be challenged. To see more of God's glory.

Spend time with God today seeking more of God's Spirit, and ask God to help you be open to grow, to be challenged, and to see more of God's glory.

June 19th

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

What would you do if you were walking along the sea front and a naked man came wandering out from under the pier? I think most of us would turn and run - but Jesus - he speaks to the man, and the demons we are told reside within, and Jesus heals the man, delivers him from the demons within.

Jesus cares for us, our health and our wellbeing. Are there areas of your life in need of healing and wholeness today? Spend some time in prayer today, seeking Jesus' healing, wholeness, and peace.

June 26th

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

James and John see that people have refused to receive Jesus into the village community. 'Should we command their destruction' James and John ask? But Jesus rebukes them and walks on.

It reminds me of the last chapter of Jonah, who expected the destruction of Nineveh - and complains that God is so gracious and merciful. Both stories remind us that there is always hope for people to receive God's grace. That we should never want people's destruction, but keep holding out for God's grace to enter in.

Pray today for people you know in need of discovering the truth of God's grace.

I SPEAK TO YOU CONTINUALLY. My nature is to communicate, though not always in words. I fling glorious sunsets across the sky, day after day after day. I speak in the faces and voices of loved ones. I caress you with a gentle breeze that refreshes and delights you. I speak softly in the depths of your spirit, where I have taken up residence.....

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PREACHING ROTA

MAY

DATE	PREACHER	10.30am
1 st	Mrs Katherine Suttie	Morning Worship
8 th	Rev Dan Balsdon	Morning Worship General Church Meeting
15 th	Mrs Lynne James	Morning Worship
22 nd	Rev Dan Balsdon	Holy Communion
29 th	Mr David Parr	Morning Worship

JUNE

DATE	PREACHER	10.30am
5 th	Rev Dan Balsdon	Holy Communion
12 th	TBC	
19 th	TBC	
26 th	Brian Scully – Open Doors + Worship Leaders	Morning Worship Refugee week

Loving Father,

We are so thankful & grateful for the
Ministers & Preachers who bring us your word
and lead our weekly worship.

We enjoy such variety as these men and women allow
you to speak through them, enriching our worship
together and our lives.

We ask you to continue to inspire them by your Holy
Spirit and to bless them and their families.

Amen.

**A Prayer For Father's Day
Sunday 19th June**

We pray today for Fathers:

For new dads and granddads and stepdads and
adoptive dads and solo dads

For baldy ones and beardy ones, skinny ones and cuddly ones

For dads who tell terrible jokes and dads who dance to YMCA

For dads who know how to fix things, and dads who just pretend
they know how to fix things

Father to the fatherless:

We pray for those for whom this day is sadder than it is happy

Those who feel they have failed

Those who are grieving children they never had

Those missing their dads, or their kids, even more than usual

Father God:

At a time of so much pain, when so many dads are distant,
absent or even abusive, we lean into your ever-present love and
healing. You are faithful and kind, especially for those of us
orphaned, abandoned and hurt. For, "Even if my father abandons
me," as the Psalmist writes, "the LORD will hold me close."

Ps. 27:10

Father of Mercy:

Heal our many hurts, and restore the dignity, integrity and
centrality of fatherhood in our families, in our communities and
in our nations. As the Apostle Paul says, "I kneel before the
Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives
its name. And I pray that you may know love." Eph 3:14

Amen.

'The Old Kitchen'

We are going to have to think about clearing the old kitchen. Before the lock down the big tables were not stored there and although the New Day Church were paying for it as part of their hiring, they have never complained.

I now think that we must go back to keeping the big tables in the base of the Tower and the other tables in the hall.

This means that the Tower must be kept clean and tidy with everything else being put away.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tony Poland
Property Steward

.....You can find me in each moment, when you have eyes that see and ears that hear. Ask my Spirit to sharpen your spiritual eyesight and hearing. I rejoice each time you discover my presence. Practice looking and listening for me during quiet intervals. Gradually you will find me in more and more of your moments. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me above all else.

Psalm 8:1-4; Psalm 19: 1-2; 1 Cor 6:19; Jer 29:13

No-one's perfect.....

An elderly woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.' The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.' For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them. SO, to all of my *cracked pot* friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path! God Bless You all!!!

UNKNOWN

Subject: Squirrels..... a religious perspective!

The **Presbyterian church** called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the **Baptist church**, the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistry. The deacons met and decided to put a waterslide on the baptistry and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The **Lutheran church** decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later, the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the waterslide.

The **Episcopalians** tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do!

But the **Catholic church** came up with a more creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the **Jewish synagogue**. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.

*Billy Graham, in the book **Day by Day with Billy Graham**, tells us*

There are certain laws of evidence which hold in the establishment of any historical event.

There must be documentation of the event in question, made by reliable contemporary witnesses.

There is more evidence that Jesus rose from the dead than there is that Julius Caesar ever lived or that Alexander the Great died at the age of 33. It is strange that historians will accept thousands of facts for which they can produce only shreds of evidence . But in the overwhelming evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, they cast a sceptical eye and hold intellectual doubts.

The trouble with many people is that they do not *want* to believe. They are so completely prejudiced that they cannot accept the glorious fact of the resurrection of Christ on Bible testimony alone.

There is hope that there will come some day a new heaven and a new earth and that the Kingdom of God will reign and triumph. Our hope is not in our own ability, or in our goodness, or in our physical strength .

Our hope is instilled in us by the resurrection of Christ.

PONDER ANEW

By Jenny Sargent

Lord, I want to step out in faith
To try something new
But I need you to show me
What you would have me do.

Teach me to listen
And then to obey
The voice of your spirit
Lord have your way.

This waiting game is hard
I've become restless, it's true
As I ponder my future
And wait now for you.

I need clear direction
Which way do I go
Or do I take a leap of faith
Blindly into the unknown?

So many questions
I harbour, it's true
But deep within my spirit
I want to walk Lord, with you.

I don't want to fail you
By losing my way
So lead me and guide me
This prayer Lord, I pray. **AMEN**

LET'S PRAY.....EVERY DAY

MAY 2022

		A week of prayer of thanksgiving
Sun	1 st	We thank God for His gift of Easter to us and for the walk we have just taken with His son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Mon	2 nd	Give thanks for the fresh air along the promenade and the smell of the sea and sand.
Tues	3 rd	Give thanks for the food you ate today and for any time you had to sit in a moment of peace.
Wed	4 th	Thank God for someone you know who is really special to you.
Thurs	5 th	Give thanks for trees and plants that bring us pleasure & are essential to us & the world's wildlife.
Fri	6 th	Give thanks for good neighbours, precious family members & close friends.
Sat	7 th	Thank God for walking with you during this week.

		A week of prayer for our world
Sun- Sat	8 th – 14 th	<p>Precious Father God, we come to you every day this week, as one, with this prayer & pray for our world:</p> <p><i>Listening, Gracious God, we know that prayer is a crucial way for us to support our brothers & sisters around the world, and so we bring them to you now. We pray for all who are fleeing their homes to get away from war & persecution, fleeing from fear and, we pray, running towards peace. May they find peace in your arms (through the arms of those willing to help, giving money/food/clothing, or to open their homes and give up a spare room). We pray for all leaders who are condoning war; those persecuting others.....touch their hearts Father God, melt their hard hearts. We lift to you, the hungry, the frightened, children, pregnant mums, the poor. May your love touch every needy heart. Amen.</i></p>

		A week of prayer for ourselves
Sun	15 th	For our homegroups & Church Fellowship Groups, and opportunities for Bible study.
Mon	16 th	For all who are sick, at home or in hospital.
Tues	17 th	For all struggling financially, with bills/without work.
Wed	18 th	For all with medical appointments/treatments coming up.
Thurs	19 th	For those who feel overwhelmed with anxiety.
Fri	20 th	For God's hand on all our families, friends & neighbours, locally and around the world.
Sat	21 st	For all we know who are yet to know Jesus.

		A week of prayer for our communities
Sun	22 nd	For all the agencies helping the homeless, those who cook meals, those who run charity shops to raise funding.
Mon	23 rd	For victims of violence & injustice in our communities.
Tues	24 th	For Lifeboat and Coastguard services that keep our seas safe.
Wed	25 th	For all who look after our health, from head to toe.

Thurs 26 th	Ascension Day: Thank you for sending Jesus into the world so that we may be saved. Thank you for the fulfillment of your word by the resurrection of Jesus and His ascension into Heaven. We glorify your name and thank you that you sent your son, that we may also be with you in Heaven. Blessed be your name. Amen.	
Fri	27 th	For our shops struggling financially.
Sat	28 th	For the Foodbank, My Sister's House, Grandad's Front Room, Stone Pillow, The Hub, Eco Shop, Jeneses, Bognorphenia.
Sun- Tues	29 th - 31 st	For all the Churches in Bognor Regis; for Ministers, Priests, Reverends, lay people & all who contribute to keeping our churches alive.

LET'S PRAY.....EVERY DAY

JUNE 2022

		A week of prayer of praise
Wed	1 st	Praise God from who <i>ALL</i> blessings flow....look around you and praise God for everything you see.....from right where you are.
Thurs	2 nd	Praise God for the love & companionship of pets; for birdsong, for all creatures great & small.
Fri	3 rd	Praise God for our Churches, for those who lead worship & bring us God's word.
Sat	4 th	Praise God for His gift of love, which we see in those who love us.
Sun	5 th	Breath of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday , we ask that you breathe on us once again. Make our hearts tender to Your touch and may we hunger for the life-changing power that Your Holy Spirit brings. Amen.
Mon	6 th	Praise God for His constant presence in our lives.
Tues	7 th	Praise God for the peace & freedom we enjoy in this country, to live & to worship.

		A week of prayer for our world
Wed	8 th	For the places where there is war: for the leaders – may God open their eyes to truth & love. May God's peace reign once again.
Thurs	9 th	Pray about all the extreme changes taking place in our world and ask God what we can do to help.
Fri	10 th	For all who flee from their homes, that they may have a safe journey & find peace & love elsewhere.
Sat	11 th	Pray about those animals in danger, in our seas, forests, woodlands, etc.
Sun	12 th	For all who are hungry & thirsty.
Mon	13 th	Pray for all the world's leaders who are still talking about the future of our planet.
Tues	14 th	For those in the world who face poor health without medicines.

		A week of prayer for healing
Wed	15 th	For those living in pain.
Thurs	16 th	For those living with cancer and other serious illnesses.
Fri	17 th	For all who are living with anxiety & worry.
Sat	18 th	For those living with asthma, emphysema & other chest complaints.
Sun	19 th	For people in the world without basic human rights.
Mon	20 th	For all who are grieving, that they will find God's love & peace.
Tues	21 st	For all getting Covid and it's ongoing symptoms.

		A week of prayer for our families and young people
Wed	22 nd	For all young people in the final 2 months of term, particularly those going on to work or further education, or changing schools.
Thurs	23 rd	Young people with learning difficulties, physical or mental disabilities.
Fri	24 th	For Youth Workers in clubs and organisations helping young people find purpose and direction in life.
Sat	25 th	For those whose families have suffered separation of parents, or seen domestic violence & for those suffering abuse.
Sun	26 th	Children across the world who are sick and undergoing treatment - for healing & peace & for children who have emotional psychological problems and are waiting for help.
Mon	27 th	For God to reveal His purpose to our young people as they make their way into adulthood.
Tues	28 th	For all children & young people fearful & worried about what's happening in the world.

		Prayer for hope
Wed 29 th Thur 30 th	God of all hope , we bring you all our prayers from these past weeks and lift them to you once again, in the knowledge that you hear every word we think & say. In Jesus' name, Amen.	