

PRAYER

We hold those in prayer who are sick, recovering from surgery or awaiting results or more treatment: we pray that they will know God's peace and healing. Pray for all who are lonely and isolated, and those facing difficulties and persecution. Help us to support them however we can.

“Save us, Jesus, from hurrying away, because we do not wish to help, because we do not know how to help, because we dare not. Inspire us to use our lives serving one another.”

from A New Zealand Prayer Book

Golden Wedding Congratulations

to Maureen and Marcus Thompson

on 8th August

May God richly bless you with
love, happiness and peace.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jane (3rd) Nick G. (6th) Patrik (8th) Catherine C. (20th) Harold J. (21st) Derek (25th) Jeremy (?)

ASYLUM WELCOME

Donations are still very much needed. Please speak to Marcus Thompson on 01865 881808.

EYNSHAM COMMUNITY LARDER

Anyone who is finding it difficult to buy the food they need can request help, either a regular or a one-off food parcel. If you, or anyone you know, needs help, call Bob Thiele on 07738 063083 or email your number to eynshamhelp@gmail.com and ask for further information. Collection points for donations in the Co-op, Spar and The Market Garden.

RESTING

Shared by Denise

SCBA REFLECTION (Southern Counties Baptist Association)

'**Stop**' by Joth Hunt https://youtu.be/6Za_58H5k70

Shared by Lin

This is part of a longer reflection from Baptist Union.

"The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no time even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Mark 6:30-32

It had been a busy time. The disciples had been on the go day after day, from dawn till dusk, preaching, driving out demons, anointing people with oil and seeing God doing amazing things. They had so much to tell Jesus when they got back, and even then there was no let-up – not even time to grab a quick meal. So Jesus says, 'Come on, then. Time for a rest'.

Doing is important. Following Jesus' instructions to take the good news to the nearby villages was important work. But doing was not the only important thing. So too was spending time with Jesus, being fed and getting rest. We can only run on empty for so long. Without times for our souls to be restored, our service for God soon starts to seem like a joyless chore. When we ignore the 'one thing that is needed', we end up getting 'worried and upset about many things' (Luke 10:38-42), driven by our agenda and not God's (Isaiah 55:8).

We now find ourselves in a lonely place. Admittedly, it feels like a place we have been forced into unwillingly by this current pandemic and our government's regulations, but that does not mean that it cannot also be a place to which Jesus has led us to do us good. That this might be the very place we need to be just at this moment for nourishment and rest. Somewhere away from all the busyness where we learn to sit at his feet, listen to his voice and enjoy his nearness, and as a result are refreshed. A quiet place where we find our lives being reordered according to God's agenda, where our wills become more in tune with his, and where our minds are opened to new understanding of his purposes."

Cycling Holidays in Holland - and beyond

Part 2

Off we go again in 1986: every other year we did it. I missed one year when I fell out of the loft getting my suitcase and broke my arm, just below the ball and socket. Jean Alder missed one trip when she had appendicitis. But the best of it is that most of us are still very close friends: alas, we lost two.

I said last week we had nice warm weather, but we also had a lot of rain at times. And when you've got a puncture you 're not a very happy chappy!



As you can see, we all had jobs to take turns in ... money, language, punctures, map reader. This was great and an hilarious time none of us will ever forget.

Our last trip was to Austria, cycling along the side of the Danube: fantastic. And entering Salzburg we sang one of

the songs from 'The Sound of Music'. Then Jean was so tired she fell asleep in the beautiful square there!

Chris Ward

THIS BEAUTIFUL HYMN WILL BE USED DURING OUR ZOOM SERVICE SO YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE WORDS TO HAND.

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me;
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin;
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace;
One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

*Charitie Lees Bancroft
(1841 - 1923)*

The modern tune we sing was written in 1997 by Vikki Cook recorded by
Sovereign Grace Worship with Kristyn Getty.

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