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St Paul's Newsletter *14-21 Nov 2021*

Dear Friends,

How frustrating it is to sit in traffic going nowhere. We have all been there, we have somewhere we should be, we have left in plenty of time, but somehow the consequences of other people's actions are impacting on our life, be it road works, heavy traffic or an accident.

The interesting thing is how we react to such events; we can stew getting more and more frustrated even angry if the place we need to be is time sensitive. In other words our being late will now impact on the time line of other people.

Some have the gift seemingly of the patience of a saint and are content just to wait patiently seemingly oblivious to time and season and have the ability to somehow live in the moment, totally at ease with a concept that there are never any wasted moments in life.

Then there are those who either fluctuate between the two points of view expressed above or have a middle ground approach to both.

If I am not careful, I live according to the upcoming events in my diary, always planning for the next event, the next speaking engagement, the next committee meeting, the next appointment. Like many of us there is a constant 'to do' list on my desk that never seems to get any shorter I am trying to learn the or at least grasp hold of a discipline of living in the moment, rather than for a moment, in order that I don't miss out on a moment.

Jesus lived a life when there was always pressure of time, of others' expectations and demands, and I am reminded how often he stopped on the way, took a detour or dwelt in a place in order to make the most of every moment.

I am reminded of the immortal words of A.A. Milne:

"Said Pooh to Piglet *"What day is it?"*

"It's today," squeaked Piglet "

"My favourite day," said Pooh "

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Every blessing, *Melvyn Cooke*

What's on at St Paul's

Sun 14 Nov	10:30am	Remembrance Sunday and church parade. Worship led by Rev Melvyn Cooke
Wed 17 Nov	11am	Wednesday Fellowship. Bring your music, words and pictures celebrating Autumn
Sun 21 Nov	10:30am	Worship with Mrs Helen Greaves
Wed 24 Nov	11am	Wednesday Fellowship. Share and chat
Sun 28 Nov	10:30am	Worship with Deacon Jenny Parnell

For kids and young people

YPSG (Young People's Singing Groups) meet on Friday evenings in term time
Children aged 6-11, school year 2-6, from 6.30-7.00
Children at secondary school from 7.00-7.45
All children in these age groups are welcome.

In your prayers

Hayley Mumby has given us the sad news that her mother-in-law Lyn died on Tuesday after a long period of illness following surgery. Please remember Hayley, Conrad, Autumn, Fuschia and all the family in your prayers.

On this Remembrance Sunday pray for those who have lost loved ones in wars and conflicts past and recent. Pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones through illness, accident or any other cause. Ask God to comfort all whose lives have become empty and lonely and who struggle to come to terms with loss.

Pray for Geoff Manning who is unwell in East Surrey Hospital.

Continue to pray for all you know who are in any need of our prayers.

Please send prayer requests to ask.stpauls@gmail.com and remember to obtain the permission of the person to be named

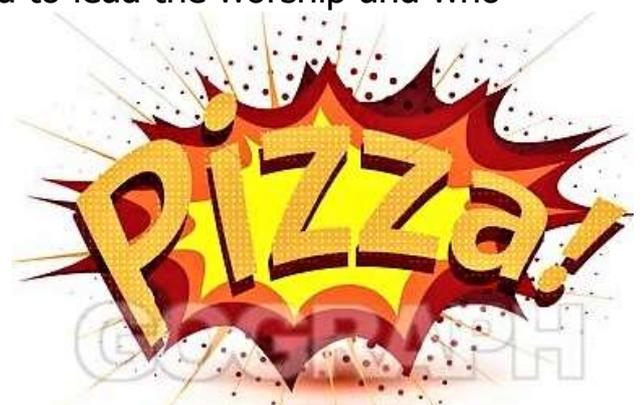
Tea services are back!

Last Sunday, 7th November we held the first tea service following the lockdowns. Thank you to everyone who came along to make it such a memorable occasion. Worship was followed by tea and cakes – thanks to Dena for making a cake, to Ness for sourcing the drinks and cakes and Lyn and Richard for serving and clearing away afterwards.

Thanks to the Young People, who helped to lead the worship and who brought along friends and family. Thanks to everyone, particularly Eddie and Peter, who helped clear away at the end of the service.

We hope you enjoyed the afternoon. If you did, why not bring a friend along to the next one on 12th December?

The **pizzas** are on us!!
Carol & Laura



Methodist Global Declaration calls for Climate Justice

Leaders from the Methodist Churches in Italy, the Pacific Islands, Zambia, Britain and Uruguay join leaders from six other countries and regions, and leaders from the European Methodist Council, World Methodist Council and United Methodist Church have signed a joint statement calling on world leaders to act at COP26 to achieve climate justice.

In the statement, the church leaders identify their Methodist and Uniting Church heritage as a quality which brings them together. They also highlight their identity as climate activists, saying that "the climate crisis is the greatest threat to life on earth and must be tackled".

They also recognise the leadership on climate issues offered to their churches by young people, before they turn to call on world leaders at COP26 to take action for Climate Justice.

The statement reads: *"We believe that COP26 must be a turning point in the movement towards climate justice.*

We believe that the nations of the world should work together at COP26 to meaningfully and urgently reduce their emissions, and to strive for fair agreements, where the highest emitters take the most action.

We believe that COP26 should agree and commit to resources for vulnerable nations to be equipped with the financial support they need to adapt to the challenges posed by climate change, to mitigate their own emissions, and to rebuild from climate related loss and damage."

The Methodist leaders go on to call on world leaders at COP26 to *"ensure that everyone's voice is heard, and that brave and committed action is taken."* The statement was coordinated by Climate Justice For All, a joint initiative supported by the Methodist Church in Britain which has brought together six young leaders from five countries to lead Methodist Churches worldwide in climate action ahead of COP26. The group have been represented as official delegates at COP26 in Glasgow, as well as hosting events in the city whilst the conference took place.

Camilla Ferreiro, the Climate Justice For All team member from Uruguay, said: *"COP26 is our last best hope for genuine commitments to be made to tackle the climate crisis. We cannot let this moment pass us by without doing everything within our power to ensure climate justice can be achieved. As young people, we are deeply aware of the impact the climate crisis will have on our lives, and on future generations.*

We're pleased to see Methodist leaders from around the world using their position to influence action at COP26. As people of faith, we know that we have a moral and spiritual duty to use our resources and influence to seek the good of all creation. In this second week of COP26, the time has really come to focus on achieving all we can before time is up. We pray that COP26 may be an historical moment where we see real change for climate justice."

Good news from Clive about *Taketime*



We are very happy to share the news that *Taketime* meditations can now be listened to on Patreon. The move to Patreon provides far greater functionality for users. You can now search for meditations, receive notifications and choose from a range of options, including daily audio, weekly audio and a weekly video.

Patreon also allows people to become *Taketime* patrons which will enable us to move from being grant-funded to self-funded. To view our subscription options, go to www.patreon.com/taketime All our 5-minute meditations remain free.

Our fundraising was very successful but to ensure the long-term future of *Taketime* we need to meet our targets for the number of people taking out subscriptions, training as *Taketime* Practitioners and buying licences to use *Taketime* in their Churches, Schools, Prisons etc.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. *Clive McKie*

Baptisms coming up

Deacon Jenny will be conducting the first two baptisms at St Paul's since Covid struck on Sunday 28th November. One will be during the 10:30am service in the usual way. Due to timing complications, the second one will be at 11:20am and will be a short service of around 25 minutes.

It would be really nice if a few St Paul's people would be willing to stay for this short service to welcome the family and their guests and make the promises on behalf of the congregation.

The next newsletter will go out for Sunday 28th November. I would welcome contributions from any of you please; recipes, book reviews, news of birthdays and other celebrations and even some deep thinking! Just get them to me by Thursday 25th November. *Joyce*

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