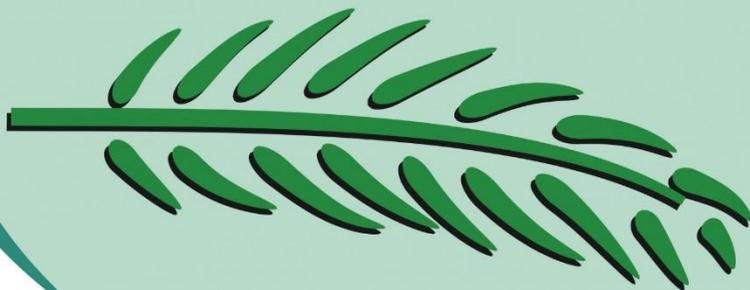


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Minister – Rev Dr Calvin Samuel

Palm Sunday Service on Zoom



Our Palm Sunday Service is at 11:15am on Sunday 28th March. Pam Smith will lead it and here are the joining details

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84878104059?pwd=Wm1mY1JCQTE2THY4eHNidGtkZmlBdz09>

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Prayers

Loving and gracious God, we know that you hear all of our prayers, whether spoken or unspoken, for you know all that is on our hearts and minds.

We pray this day for the world, for the distribution of the vaccine, for people affected by war or natural disaster.

We pray this day for our nation, as we reflect on this last year.... for the NHS and all who work hard to care for people within it, for our leaders and advisors, for all the people as we find new ways to live in community with one another.



We pray this day for our church, that we might shine with the light of Christ in the world, that others will come to know him through our actions. Help us to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We remember those in our church family who mourn loved ones recently lost, those frail and living alone or in care, those who feel lonely and isolated and for all of us living with the hope of being able to meet face to face with our families and to meet again to worship you.

From the Worship Team

Church Council have decided not to open the Church for worship until after 17th May, as the current Government roadmap stands.

At the Annual Church Meeting, the office holders were all re-elected, so the Worship Team has not changed.

As you will no doubt have already assumed, there will be no Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza again this year, although chocolate eggs will feature in All Age Worship. Holy Week will also have a different look. Elsewhere in the magazine are details of a daily meditation, led by Teresa Rutterford, and these are instead of other services, including the Maundy Thursday Section service.

On Easter Day, Sunday 4th April at 11.15am, there will be All Age Zoom Worship and Communion, led by Rev Calvin Samuel. Please look out for further detail in your inbox early in the week and have something to eat and drink ready. Families with children and young people need to register their interest with Nicola so that they can be provided with a bag of “essentials” (which might include chocolate!).

Services for the rest of April are as follows:

11th April at 11. 15am - Zoom worship led by Anne Sains

18th April at 11. 15am - Zoom Worship led by Jane Fulford

25th April at 11. 15am - Zoom Worship led by Rev Peter Moorhouse.

Calvin and his wife Ramona are looking to take some time off in April, so there is no section YouTube service during April.

Thanks again to everybody for so willingly taking part in services and being interactive when asked.

Muriel (on behalf of the Worship Team)

Church Council

The Church Council met on Zoom on 9th March 2021 and this is a brief summary of the meeting:



- It was agreed that the premises will remain closed until the 17th May in line with step 3 of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown, although the situation will be regularly reviewed.
- The Church Council will develop a Mission Plan (a process similar to our recent 5 Year Plans)
- Although the Circuit has offered all Churches a 50% discount in relation to the Circuit Assessment we will decline the discount as we are in a relatively good financial position.

Annual Church Meeting



The Annual Church Meeting on 13th March also took place on Zoom

- Kay was given a presentation book "Flowers" in recognition of her 50 years arranging the flowers in Church for services, weddings, funerals, baptisms and special events
- The reports of all the Church groups were reviewed and Calvin thanked everybody for their contributions and pointed out how, over the last year, we have grown in ways we could not have imagined, learnt to do things differently and adjusted in various ways
- Calvin also explained as we looked forward to the prospect of re-opening we need to work on our next 5 year plan and that keeping some online activity will be important.
- June P and Shirley J were asked to remain as Church representatives on the Church Council, Anne, Gill, Kay, Michael and Muriel agreed to continue as Stewards. Carolyn stepped down as a Church Steward but remains Pastoral Secretary. Kay stepped down from the Outreach Church Steward for a year and Stan is to remain as Treasurer.



Holy Week Meditations

Rev Teresa Rutterford is offering some short daily meditations via Zoom during holy week. They will be 30 minutes in duration each day starting at 12.30 allowing for the possibility for those who are working to join in during their lunch break. At the end of the meditation there will be a further 15 minutes for those who wish it to talk to one another and share their own responses to the daily reflection.

Exploring Matthew chapters 26 and 27.
Monday 29th March to Saturday 3rd April at 12.30–13.00 daily.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95293859788?pwd=czJCYitWM3loUGtFendqM2RyRmJHUT09>

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There will be no Section Maundy Service.



Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering Service

The video-recording of this year's Easter Offering Service, 'Into all the world', is now available on the new Methodist Women in Britain YouTube channel and lasts around 45 minutes. The text of the service is on screen, and the recordings of hymns and songs to join in with make the video ideal for smaller groups (if able to meet) and for individuals to watch at home.

At the end of the service you will find the following information about payment of donations to the Easter Offering. However you make your donation, you need to reference it "Easter Offering 2021". Any offerings made via the EO service are wholly donated to the World Mission Fund.

If you would like to donate directly, via the Just Giving page, please visit www.justgiving.com/mcfworldmission/donate and reference your donation with EO Service 2021. You can also access this page via the Methodist Church website (www.methodist.org.uk) when you search for World Mission Fund.

If you would like to make an offering in the traditional way, please contact Stan.

The link to the YouTube video is:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qg9uuQq_6qM&t=2s

Another video! WE'RE STILL HERE!

By the time you read this the latest video from Hairy Plin Movies will have been released and (technical hitches permitting) you can watch it on the Church website at

<https://www.hockleyhawkwellmethodist.org.uk/video/>.

There are messages from Calvin, Big Ted at Brightstars, The Puppets and more, plus music from The Band and Peter Bennett. There's even a song from Elvis!



A “Thank you” from Kay

Thank you so much for the magnificent book of flowers, so unexpectedly received last Saturday. As you can imagine I have to spend a lot more time sitting down at home than I used to so I'm keeping the book on my trolley where I can easily dip into it. When I look into it I'm very much reminded of Hymn 92 - 'Think of a World without any Flowers'.



While I've been convalescing I've been looking at the many spring flowers now blooming in the garden as well as those kind friends and family have given to me for the home. I'm very grateful for them all and thankful I live in a world full of flowers.

Can I just say thank you to you as well for all you've done to keep the church going through this exceptional year. We've all had to cope in different ways with the pandemic and it's much to your credit that we are well placed to resume normal service when the time comes.

My thanks and love to you all.....

Kay

A Message from Keith



Thank you on behalf of my wife Kathy for the spring plant delivered to us for Mother's Day. She was so pleased seeing it, so nicely prepared. On the day, we joined in with our daughter's family and extended family who live in a large bubble on the property. This year we had a mainly Romanian barbecue with Romanian wine, bottled beer and their version of tequila. Although we live in a back

lane of a country road, we keep quiet and safe. At present we have 4 adult dogs and 4 fast growing puppies. They make great guard dogs as the mastiff breeds like to bark at strangers, but ours are very gentle and affectionate. We are all still clear of the virus and getting our jabs when invited. I am so looking forward to coming into church again, hopefully, at the end of the month.

Keith

Calvin's Pastoral Letter

On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph with crowds shouting in adulation and throwing palm branches at his feet as he fulfilled the prophecy demonstrating he was indeed the long-awaited Messiah. By Friday of that same week Jesus had been betrayed and arrested and another crowd shouted, 'Crucify him!' Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week in the earthly life and ministry of Jesus before his crucifixion. Holy Week offers us opportunity to prepare for Easter, to retrace and remember Jesus' journey from adulation to betrayal, to arrest and trial, to crucifixion.

This year, Palm Sunday carries additional reasons to remember a tumultuous journey. The final Sunday of March 2020 marked the moment when many churches across the United Kingdom began offering online Sunday Worship in response to the first lockdown. The milestone of a second Palm Sunday under lockdown conditions, with many churches still worshipping online, is a reminder of how long and hard the road to recovery from Covid 19 has been for us all.

The final day of Holy Week is, of course, Holy Saturday, falling between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, a day that we Protestant Christians often overlook in our rush to move from Good Friday into Easter.

Holy Saturday raises an interesting question. If Good Friday is primarily concerned with dying of God in Christ and Easter Sunday with his rising, then with what is Holy Saturday primarily concerned? The Gospels are almost completely silent about Holy Saturday.

There is an ancient Christian tradition of the harrowing of hell. Harrowing means to plunder or to distress. There are a number of scriptures such as Ephesian 4.9 or 1 Peter 3.19 which depict to Jesus descending below the earth. In the apostles' creed, one of our early affirmations of faith, we not only affirm our belief that Jesus ascended into heaven but also that he descended to the dead.

Holy Saturday is not therefore a day of inactivity, but a day of a different kind of activity. Christ's work on the cross is complete but his work of blessing and hallowing, i.e., making holy, continues. Holy Saturday is also a point of hiddenness and mystery. Unlike Good Friday and Easter Sunday there are no eyewitness accounts. There are no accounts of the disciples asking Jesus what it was like in the period between his death and resurrection. It remains mystery.

Like a seed that is planted in the earth which appears to be inactive but then sprouts to life in due course Holy Saturday is a reminder of a God whose work is often remains hidden and mysterious. But that is not to say that God is not at work, blessing and hallowing and preparing to burst forth in glorious day.

The past year has been, I think, in some ways like a long Holy Saturday. We've been forced to abstain from our normal pattern of activity and creativity. It's been a time of a loss of hope and clarity of purpose. A time of constraint and restriction. Externally it looks as though very little has been accomplished. But under the surface, quietly hidden in the dark, God is doing a different work, and is preparing to burst forth in glorious day. Amen.

*True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. **Amen.***

All God's Blessings.

Radio 4 listeners might like to note I'll be leading the Sunday Service for Palm Sunday, 28th March 2021 on BBC Radio 4 at 08.10 GMT. Or catch it later on BBC Sounds here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000tm91>

Calvin Samuel

A LINK TO THE PAST

This week's submission goes back to The Link dated December 2011/ January 2012 as we continue Ian's epic cycle ride from Lands End to John O' Groats.

Tuesday 24th May 2011 - Haworth to Dufton - 88 miles

After a good breakfast and adjusting my bike's brakes, I took the main road, A629, it was easier going than the day before but was a bit windy.

I decided to try and ride 50 miles or more before dinner. I carried on cycling, stopping in the village of Barton at the village pub for dinner. I chatted to a charming couple, a 90 year old out for lunch with his girlfriend! The meal was very good and I was en route again after about one hour, the road up to Sedberg was familiar to me from racing along it in April. I was soon on a little lane type road, the B6257, and the A685; it climbed very steeply under the M6, where I had to stop under the motorway bridge to put on my rain jacket. By the time I had reached the outskirts of the village of Tebay the weather had improved and it was down hill, I had to stop to allow the local farmer to herd his cattle along the road.

Feeling hungry I stopped at a pub advertising cream teas, I was not pleased when they informed me that they had run out of scones but had not bothered to take the sign in. I had to make do with biscuits and crisps instead. Refreshed, I set off again along the B6260 to Appleby, this was good fun as it involved lots of fast descending making up for all my climbing efforts earlier.

After Appleby I took a lanes route to Dufton, this involved several really hard climbs on a very poor surface, but I was soon at Dufton and at the Hostel which I had last visited when walking the Pennine Way. I enjoyed a really good meal at the Hostel and then went for a little walk using the GPO call box to ring Viv and then retired to bed at a reasonable hour.

Wednesday 25th May 2011 – Dufton to Moffat – 85 miles

My route from Dufton was through the lanes to Knook, Milburn and Blencarp to Skinwith where I joined the A686, then the B6412 and

B6413 to Brampton. This was fairly hilly and I had underestimated the distance so it took longer than expected. I cannot remember now where I stopped for dinner , I think it was just outside Annan but the route took me across to Longtown and Gretna green on the A6071. Then it was the B721 and B723 via Lockerbie and B7076 to Dinwoodie where I tried to get some refreshment to keep me going but nothing was available. The last part of the route was on very nice easy going lanes, just as well as I was running on empty.

The B&B in Moffat was the best one I stayed at, the lady provided tea and cakes on arrival and the bedroom I was given was absolutely enormous, as was the bathroom. In the evening I had a good meal in a local pub, phoned Viv again and retired to bed.

Thursday 26th May 2011 - Moffat to Sterling - 81 miles

After an excellent breakfast I set out along the A701 (it was raining again) , through the mountains, past the Devils Beef Tub and up towards Radham Mill, turning left onto the B7016 to Biggar where I stopped for lunch at a nice little café.

After leaving Radham I climbed up to Carnwath, following the same road until reaching Whitburn. Then on the B8084 and A801 to Falkirk. Unfortunately here the route I had intended to follow was no longer available so after getting advice from a local resident I took the A905 around the coast via Skinflats, Airth and Throsk into the outskirts of Stirling, it seemed to take forever and I was glad to see the town sign appear.

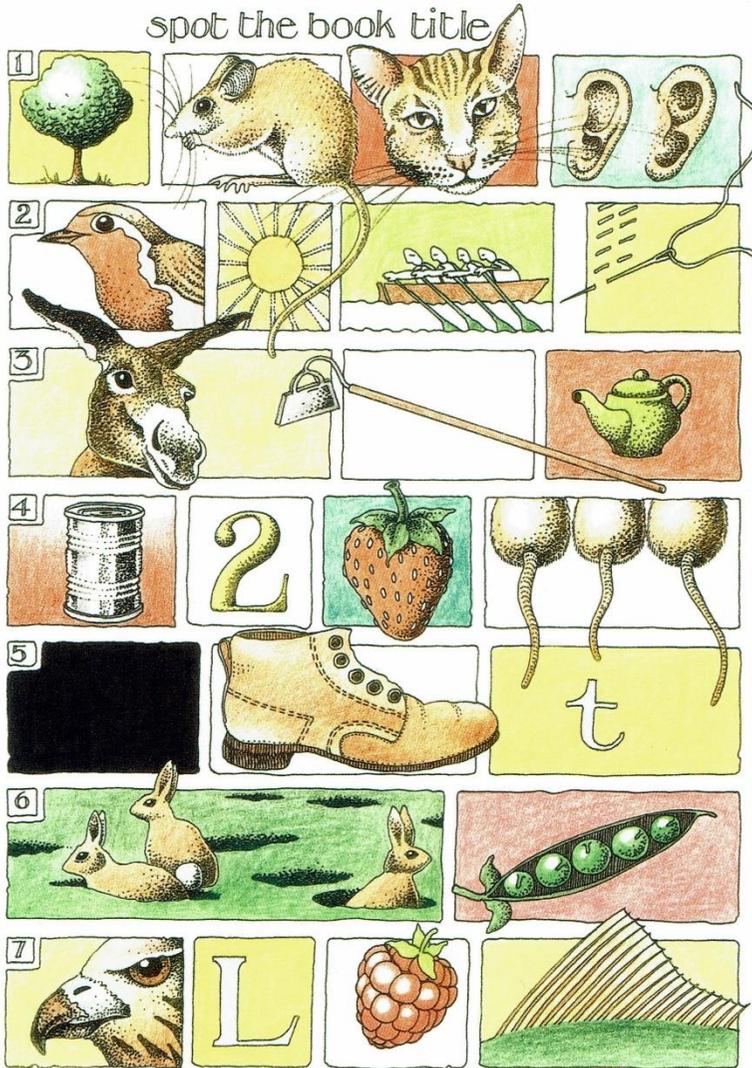
It was a bit difficult to find the B&B but after asking several people I arrived at the B&B about 6 pm. The digs had an arrangement with the nearest pub that did meals, which gave me a 10% discount and they also booked me a table. It was only a short walk and was an old farmhouse building, quite fascinating inside. I enjoyed an excellent meal and took some photographs of it. The usual call was made to home and then I watched some television before retiring to bed.

Ian Mackenzie

Ray Williams

Simon Drew's "Spot The .." Postcards

These Catchphrase-like games are available on postcards with a whole range of subjects. See how you get on - answers in the next 21Link.



The answers to the last puzzle, "Spot the Mammal" are:

- 1 Giant Panda
- 2 Hippopotamus
- 3 Rhinoceros
- 4 Bottle Nose Dolphin
- 5 Porcupine
- 6 Chimpanzee
- 7 Elephant

Ray's Quizzoom 43 on 19th March 2021

ROUND ONE - KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY

Each question is about famous families and is in two parts. Half a point for each.

Q. 1 The youngest of the Queen's children is the Duke of Wessex. Name this child. A) Charles b) Anne c) Edward d) Andrew Secondly who is the Duke of Wessex's youngest child. a) Beatrice b) Eugenie c) James d) Louise

Q. 2 This singer/actress starred in The Wizard Of Oz as a child in 1939. Secondly name her daughter who starred as Sally Bowles in the 1972 film Cabaret.

Q. 3 Firstly, name the father of Pebbles, who was a cartoon figure living in the fictional Bedrock, next door to neighbours The Rubbles. Secondly, name the mother of Pebbles. The surname is also needed in each case.

Q. 4 This musician was born in Liverpool in 1942 and in his teens played in the group, The Quarrymen, before hitting the big time. Secondly, name his daughter, born in 1971, who is a very popular fashion designer.

Q. 5 This motor racing driver won the Formula One World Driver's Championship in 1996. Name him. Secondly, name his father who bettered this by winning twice in 1962 and 1968.

ROUND TWO - CIRCUS

Q. 6 In which 2017 film did Hugh Jackman star as P. T. Barnum and was about the opening of a circus in America.

Q. 7 What is a funambulist.

a) A clown b) A lion tamer c) A tightrope walker d) A trapeze artist

Q. 8 What is the name of the main tent where the acts perform.

Q. 9 "Send in the clowns" is a song from which Stephen Sondheim musical.

Q. 10 The contemporary circus, Cirque Du Soleil is world famous, being founded in 1984 and has been performed in cities all around the world. In which country was it formed.

ROUND THREE - SOUTH AMERICA

Q. 11 What is the capital city of Colombia.

Q. 12 What is South America's largest country.

Q. 13 The highest capital city is in South America. Which of these capital cities is it. a) Brasilia b) La Paz c) Lima d) Santiago

Q. 14 What is the name of South America's largest mountain range.

Q. 15 What is the only English speaking country in South America.

ROUND FOUR - WAR FILMS

Q. 16 "Reach for the sky" was a 1956 film starring Kenneth More. Which Second World War, RAF hero, did he portray.

Q. 17 Star Wars is a series of sci fi films that have proved immensely successful. This diminutive actor starred as EWOK WICKET in a number of these films. He also comperes a popular ITV game show.

Q. 18 "Good Morning Vietnam" was a 1987 American film set in Saigon during the Vietnam War. The main character was a radio Di named Adrian Cronauer. Who played this role.

Q. 19 The 1960 film, "The Alamo" depicted the war between The Texans and the Mexicans. The film was produced and directed by John Wayne. He also had an acting role, but which character did he play.

a) Jim Bowie b) Davy Crockett c) General Sam Houston d) William B Travis

Q. 20 "The Eagle Has Landed" was a 1976 war film starring Michael Caine, Donald Sutherland and Robert Duvall. The film is about a fictional plot to assassinate which Second World War figure.

ROUND FIVE - GIRLS IN SONG

Initials will be given of a song which you need to identify. Within the song title will be a girl's name. To help you, the name of the artist and the year of release will be given.

Q. 21 Neil Diamond - 1971 = S C

Q. 22 Little Richard - 1957 = I T S

Q. 23 Johnny Cash – 1969 = A B N S

Q. 24 Shirley Bassey – 195 8= K M H H KM

Q. 25 Mark Wynter - 1962 = V I B a) Vera in black jacket b) Veronica is being jolly c) Victoria in brown jodhpurs d) Venus in blue jeans

ANSWERS TO QUIZZOOM 39, 19th February

ROUND ONE - LOVING POETRY - (A 1 - AS

A. 1 B) TO CELIA

A. 2 MORE TEMPERATE

A.3 MAUD

A.4 IN JUNE

A.5 FIVE POUND NOTE

ROUND TWO - STREETS OF LONDON - (A 6 - A 10)

- A. 6 HARLEY STREET
- A. 7 CARNABY STREET
- A.8 DOWNING STREET
- A. 9 KINGS ROAD
- A. 10 ABBEY ROAD

ROUND THREE - THE 1960'S - (All - A 15)

- A. 11 MONOPOLY
- A. 12 WINKLE - PICKERS
- A. 13 RADIO CAROLINE
- A.14 G.P.O. TOWER
- A. 15 THE NAKED APE

ROUND FOUR - THE ROMANS - (A 16 - A 20)

- A. 16 JULIUS CAESAR
- A. 17 SPARTACUS
- A. 18 MOUNT VESUVIUS
- A.19 THE 1920'S (1929)
- A. 20 HADRIAN

ROUND FIVE - WHO AM I - (A21 - A25)

- A. 21 HAROLD THE SECOND
- A. 22 SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN
- A.23 VLADIMIR ILYICH LENIN
- A. 24 MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR
- A. 25 EDWARD ELGAR



Just seen a couple of dodgy blokes down Peckham Market selling Covid vaccinations, £2 each or 3 for a Pfizer

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Thank you, once again, to everybody who's contributed and a reminder that the Sunday Notices and the 21 Link Magazine are both on a monthly cycle, so there's one or the other every 2 weeks with The Link issued at the end of the month. Please send any items for the 21 Link to hmethslink@gmail.com by the Wednesday before publication. Anything you think should be included in the Notices needs to be sent to Nicola at hmmc1883@gmail.com by the Wednesday morning prior to their issue.

Muriel & Mike

28th March 2021

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