

THE COTTERIDGE CHURCH

Sunday 30th July Proper 12

10.30 Morning Worship

Roger Collins

Lord God,
 your Son left the riches of heaven
 and became poor for our sake
 when we prosper save us from pride,
 when we are needy save us from despair,
 that we may trust in you alone;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns 398 HP 476 615 408

Readings 1 Kings 3 5-12 Matthew 13 31-33 44-52

Readers Pam W Rachel H

Music John T

Sound Jane S

Activity Bags for young children are available from the stewards

We pray for our pastoral links

Monica T: with Lorna B., Gill B., John Co., Doreen H., Rachel H., Stephanie R., and Linda and Norman M.,

Those in long term need

Gill S, Chris M, Beryl H, Jennifer M, Mary and Keith K,

We pray for those who are ill or are in need

Megan, Vinnie H, Mark T, Robin, Shirley, Jenny F, Marion and David W, Norman and Philomena, Ken F Lauren D, Geoff W, Keith, Lyn, FriedL Sue S, Maurice and Fiona W

Prayer Cards

Louisa W, Naomi F, Ruth R, Shenna C and family Gill and Sid C Christopher F Louis, Sarah W

We pray for those who have died

Katie

Coffee Bar



Monday to Friday 8.30 to 1.30

Saturday 10-12..00



The calling of The Cotteridge Church to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.



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Calendar

Tuesday 1st August

10.00 Holy Communion Mike Claridge

Wednesday 2nd August

7.00 Zoom Worship

Saturday 5th August

10.00 Coffee Bar

Sunday 6th August PROPER 13

10.30 Morning Worship
Mike Claridge

Notices

Flowers

The flowers this week celebrate the volunteers who do such an amazing job at The Cotteridge Church. They have been donated by a volunteer, Doris Collins who is a volunteer herself. Thank you Doris.

A big thank you too for signing up on the flower list. There are still some spaces left so sign up if you can.

Thank you Sandra W

Churches Together in Birmingham 30

The minutes of the last meeting are now on the notice board

Worship

Joint Church Council have approved

- The congregation should be informed of the services in the garden on the previous Sunday.
- From August on the second Sunday of the month the wine in the communion glasses will be alcoholic
- This is returning to the pattern before covid. Communion elements will continue to be brought to the congregation in their seats.
- From September Evening services will restart on 1st Sunday of the month alternating between Communion and Evening Prayer. Jane S

BOOKCENTRE

We are Fair Trade Ltd have launched these biscuits from Tobermory Bakery



VERY MOORISH THEY ARE

Who gives a crap



GrandDaughter to Grandmother
"where did you get those from?"
Grandmother replied "The Church Bookcentre"
"Wow!"

The Bookcentre has also in stock



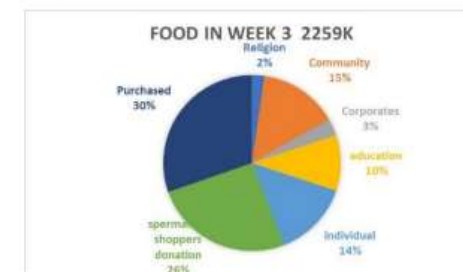
Jams

new in stock

Papaya and lemon and pineapple

B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank

We received in 2259k and gave out 2338 feeding 250 people on 130 vouchers



Andy and Carol Bishop Challoner Road
Ben and Luan Featherstone Road

Urgently needed

Sweet biscuits



(not multi-packs, as they often have no ingredients listed), pasta sauce, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, tinned soup, jam/honey, chocolate bars, tinned/carton ready-made custard, small jars of instant coffee (not decaffeinated), liquid/bar soap, gender neutral shower gel and shampoo

Bible reading Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Wait and see

THIS WEEK WE EXPLORE WAITING AND TRUSTING.

This week we explore how to slow down and open our eyes to notice the small signs of the treasures of God's reign already around us. Jesus offers us images of God's reign to help us recognise its presence like an unstoppable weed that can grow from tiny beginnings of love if we wait and trust.



Find a small basic cardboard box (e.g. an empty shoebox). Decorate the box with whatever you like. When it is done, all the paint and glue dry, etc., add little treasures to the box. These can, of course, be anything that is treasure or precious to you in the normal worldly sense; but try also to add reminders – actual things or words/images on small slips of paper or card – of treasures in God's kingdom



Plant

You will need: a plant pot, compost and seed(s). Prepare a pot and plant one or more seeds. What will you need to do to care for the seedling as it grows? Make a plan – after taking advice as necessary – and nurture the plant over the coming days and weeks. As you do so, look carefully at when and how it grows. At the same time, think about where you are or could be noticing God's kingdom growing around – or even within – you.



Listen to track 'While I Wait', Lincoln Brewster, on *God Of The Impossible*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKBj457ILUo>

Fold an A5 card in half, greetings-card style. Design a cover for the card around the theme of 'trust' – whatever comes to mind. In the middle of the card write five simple sentences about trust – especially trusting in God's time – each beginning with one of the letters T R U S T. If you prefer, write the sentences first, and use them to inspire your cover design.

Bible notes



How can Jesus' disciples make sense of the kingdom of heaven? This week's reading offers five pictures that challenge hearers to see the details of ordinary life in a kingdom perspective.

The mustard seed (vv.31-32) is tiny and easy to miss. Even when someone does venture to plant it, it will take time to grow into a tree, big enough to be a home for birds – yet it is still there, growing at its own pace; do not underestimate the small things! The yeast takes us into the world of baking: the amount of yeast is tiny, and it disappears into the flour, the dough takes time to rise – yet the baker can be confident that she will have bread to share. The parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl focus on the value of the kingdom of heaven and the cost of gaining it. The workman – perhaps a hired day-labourer – risks all he has to profit from his life-changing discovery. The parable of the merchant may depend on a comparison from less to greater; if a merchant, focused on profit, behaves like this, how much more should those who long for the kingdom commit to pursuing it! And the final parable suggests that the kingdom is a 'catch-all' net, where good and bad coexist – a reflection of the disciples' lived experience, then as now. It points to a future time when the kingdom will come fully and evil will be wiped out.

First impressions

- How does it feel to be waiting and trusting?
- What everyday examples might you use to describe the kingdom of heaven?
- What is your part in making it a reality?



A prayer of thanksgiving

God, we thank you for teaching us the things that matter, the things of true value. We praise you that the treasures of your kingdom are hidden beneath the mundanity, and sometimes the drama, of everyday life; and that they are often there in small ways that, if nurtured, grow in abundance. Thank you for your pearls of wisdom and your seeds of faith. Let your kingdom grow among us. **Amen.**



For this body prayer, sit comfortably, feet on the floor, hands in your lap, and with the instructions you when you can see them easily. Feel a sense of your body. (*wiggle your bottom*)

Your feet on the floor. (*tap your toes gently*)

Become aware of your breathing. (*listen to your breath*)

As you breathe in, imagine it is God breathing life into you.

Hold that breath and remember who you are – a child of God.

As you breathe out, imagine it is God's love flowing from you to everyone around you.

Remember your hands, feet and love are useful to God.

Say, 'Amen'.