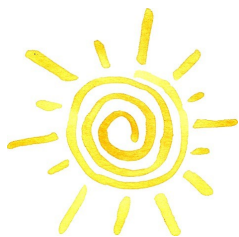


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'One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter,'

Henry David Thoreau.

Wherever your poems take you, come along to Poetry Please on Friday 4th July at 10.30am, when our theme will be 'Holidays'. Drinks, biscuits and a warm welcome await you!

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THE WORLD'S MOST EXCITING BOOK!

In our final session on Saturday 12th July, we'll be reviewing our 'homework' to see what our looking at our own choice of Bible passage has revealed!.

We'll also be considering ways in which the Bible can speak to us, take time to explore a story together and find ways to solve those problem passages. There will also be a chance to ask any questions the series has raised. We will close with worship.



BBQ & Quiz Evening

Save the date for our church BBQ and Quiz evening on 16th August. Sign up soon! The BBQ will start at 5pm and the Quiz will start at 7pm.

You can attend either or both parts of the evening. If you attend both the cost will be £15, £5 for the BBQ only and £10 for the Quiz only. Money raised for charity **Alcohol Change**.

<https://alcoholchange.org.uk/>

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WHAT IS ECO CHURCH?

Churches have become more aware in recent years of our responsibility as stewards of God's creation to care for the beautiful planet that the Creator has given us and we are challenged to know how to respond. This is where Eco Church comes in!

Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes open to all denominations. It provides a framework to support churches to take practical action on caring for God's earth, through the Eco-Church survey. The survey covers five key areas of church life:

- Worship and teaching
- Buildings and energy
- Land and nature
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

A Rocha UK is a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. As a member of Churches Together in England (CTE) *A Rocha UK* welcomes any church to join the Eco Church scheme.

Our church is already looking at the survey to see how we might make progress to become a more eco-friendly and sustainable community. We should hear more about that soon. In the meantime, make a date for our Mission Supper on Friday 21st November when our speaker from *A Rocha* will enthuse us about Eco-Church!

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What's on in July?

In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Weds 2nd, 16th & 30th 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**
Thurs 3rd 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**
Friday 4th 10.30am **Poetry Please**
Sat 12th 10am-2pm **The World's Most Exciting Book!**
Sun 13th 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**
Thurs 10th & 31st 2-4pm **Board Game Café**
Sun 20th 10.45am **Messy Morning**
Sat 19th 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**
Sun 27th 10.45am **Shared Lunch after Coffee**
Tues 22nd 11-3pm **Crafternoon & Lunch**
Tues 29th 11-3pm **Crafternoon** (bring your own lunch)

Every Sunday 10.45am **Morning Worship**
Every Monday 5pm **Centring Prayer** at 26 Manor Rd
Every Tuesday 10-12 noon **Coffee Drop-in**
Every Wednesday 7.30pm **Home Group**, 21 Manor Rd
Every Friday 7.30pm **Table Tennis**

SCARECROW BUILDING WORKSHOP



If you would like to take part in the Florence Nightingale Hospice scarecrow trail fundraiser, but are not sure how to begin, you may wish to bring family or neighbours to the Christian Centre on Thursdays 31st July or 7th, 14th & 21st August, from 10-12 noon.

Learn the basics of making a scarecrow and use your creativity to personalise it on any of the four weeks above. This activity is organised by the Florence Nightingale Hospice. There will be a small charge for materials.

MISSION PRAYERS FOR JULY

As we tend our own gardens this summer, it's good to remember that in some countries growing food is vital to survival.

Operation Agri, a development charity, helps some of the world's most disadvantaged people improve their lives. A variety of overseas projects is supported – agriculture, water, women's empowerment, skills training, and basic health clinics. The love of Jesus is shown in action, supporting needy communities to attack the basic causes of poverty, regardless of their religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

This year's focus is **Trees Bees and Seeds**.

Operation Agri supports the *Imarika* project in Tanzania with partner Emmanuel International (a charity we also support). *Imarika* helps village churches to bring their community together to save money, and restore their environment. They learn to grow and plant trees, nurturing the seedlings so that fruit can be harvested



for extra nutrition. and to improve the soil, without using expensive fertilisers, for better crops. They can also learn bee-keeping and other ways to earn money and lift families out of poverty.

Prayer:

We give thanks, generous God, for the miracle of growth at this time of year.

We pray for Operation Agri workers in Tanzania and the people with whom they work. Give them wisdom as work the land, as they cooperate and learn from each other. May many more people have the joy of a good harvest and food security for their families. Amen.