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'Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.' Bil Keane, cartoonist.

Come along to our next Poetry Please on Friday 5th June at 10.30am, when our theme will be 'Time.'

Everyone's welcome!



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Our **June Church Meeting** takes place on Sunday 28th starting after coffee time and ending with a shared lunch for those who wish to stay on.

While only church members can vote, all are welcome to attend and contribute to the meeting.

Not a church member? Ask Remco if you are interested.

To celebrate Workaid's 40th anniversary, an Open Day is planned for Saturday 20th June from 10am at the Old Boot Factory, 71 Townend Road, Chesham HP5 2AA.

All welcome to find out how Workaid operates and visit the shop which sells tools and craft materials.



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AN IMPORTANT BIBLE VERSE

Why is Matthew chapter 5 verse 17 such an important verse? Jesus, teaching the crowds, made this statement:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have

not come to abolish them but to fulfil them."

Because his teaching was so revolutionary, perhaps some thought, 'This means we don't now have to

obey the laws handed down from Moses' (which are now known as the Ten Commandments).

Jesus puts them right. 'I'm not getting rid of them. I am making them come true.' And his way of life and his teaching show us that he did so.

Our new ten-part series on Sunday mornings will look at

each of the Ten Commandments, starting at the end and working backwards so that we can see how Jesus lived in the spirit of the law - and how by following his example we can keep the law in the Jesus way.



This means finding new, loving and generous ways to live out those old commandments! This is how Jesus lived.

Being generous instead of simply taking care not to steal, for instance.

Using our time wisely and with enjoyment instead of keeping rules about how to spend Sundays.

Perhaps you might like to read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5 to 7) to get you thinking about this subject.

WORKAID IS 40!

Mission Prayers for June

The 1980s saw one of the worst humanitarian disasters of the twentieth century. In 1984, the famine in Ethiopia left over one million people dead and a further eight million at risk of starvation (source BBC).

As governments and individuals were focused on emergency relief, a group of friends from Buckinghamshire were determined to provide long-term practical assistance. They began a ground



-breaking project to help the people of East Africa escape the cycle of poverty and rebuild their lives. Ken Nunn, a local solicitor, called a meeting which was attended by 30 people from churches and the local community. A committee was formed and Workaid's first workshop opened in Little Chalfont in April 1986.

Every year since, Workaid staff and volunteers pack and ship containers filled with tools and equipment to projects in Zambia, Tanzania, and Uganda. These tools are distributed

to secondary schools, vocational training centres, self-help groups, and correctional facilities—helping to transform the lives of young people. By gaining practical skills, they are better equipped to find meaningful employment and build a pathway out of poverty.

This year, to celebrate our 40th anniversary, a competition was launched to name a container. (Volunteers are usually invited to do this.). The winning name is:

May Contain Nuts (and bolts)!

A prayer for Workaid:

Compassionate God, we give thanks for the courage and insight of the pioneers of Workaid. Continue to guide those who work and plan to serve the project forty years later. May many young people be helped through Workaid and its partners that they may be free to experience your love and purpose in their lives. Amen.

What's on in June?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Weds 3rd, 17th & 31st 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

Weds 3rd, 17th & 31st 7.15pm **Home Group**

Thurs 4th 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

Fri 5th 10.30-12 noon **Poetry Please**

Thurs 11th & 25th 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

Sun 14th **Messy Church**

Sat 20th 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**

Sun 21st 10.45 **Messy Morning**

Tues 23rd 12.30pm **Community Lunch**

Sun 28th **Church Meeting** after Morning Worship

Every Sunday 10.45am **Morning Worship**

Every Tuesday 10-12 noon **Coffee Drop-in**

Every Friday 7.30pm **Table Tennis**

CHURCH FLOWERS

We all appreciate the flowers in church and we're grateful to those who provide them. Maybe you could help with that!

Marylou Chisholm would love to hear from anyone who would be able to provide flowers or occasionally arrange them. If you have a garden, could you provide greenery or flowers sometimes? Marylou is looking for ideas and to get others involved. Please speak to her if you are interested.

