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God's Love is Sufficient!

In the 'War Cry' recently, I read "How much love pets can give you". As a child we weren't allowed to have pets - Mother said her pets were her 7 children! Since then, I have experienced having a dog at home, which came to us as a stray. Geoff was a civil servant and worked in a Job Centre. As he interviewed clients for jobs, he discovered a dog walking into the office. With no collar and no identity, the dog just wandered around seeking attention. He drank 3 pans of water and was escorted to the back door – but ½ hour later he was found sitting under Geoff's desk. The police were informed, and classed him as a stray. Geoff decided to bring him home until someone claimed him, and we had him for 12½ years. He was a black and white border collie that we called "Patch". During this time Geoff became very ill and a long stay in hospital centred his mind on his best friend. Geoff's words today are 'Patch saved my life' and he still misses him. During Patch's life, I discovered that pets do show love and can be as loving as humans.

God's love is always around. His love is ever present and is sufficient for everyone. Let us prove for ourselves His wonderful love, as He daily supplies our needs. *Doris Pearce*

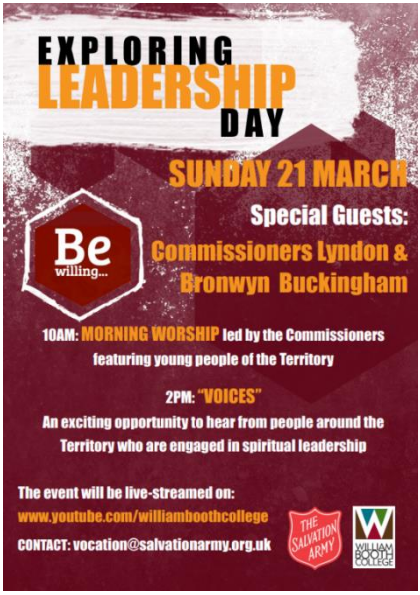
PRAYER DIARY:

Over the next week, please pray for the following:

22nd	Laura & Neil B; Mark C; Aiden N; Charlie T; Daisy U; Brian & Pat U; David T; Jeanette N
23rd	Ted B; Bev, Jon, Harry, Jessica and Emily D; Kelvin & Linda J; Malcolm & Mary W, Janine J & family
24th	Ruth & Elise B; Esther D; Phil & Tash J; Jen & Les P; John W; Karen R; Paul & Brenda C; Francis & Ruth S
25th	Bethany D; Elsie & Mike D; Bev W; Doris P; Geoff P; Glynn E; Beth E; Emma, Sam, Noah & Riley R
26th	Sarah & Tim B; Morag F; Esther K; Lynette P; Sophie & Kathleen C; Mary Br; Debra & Mark H; Sue M
27th	Derek & Margaret B; Yolanda, Jeovany & Maria K; Catherine R; Gary, Joanne, Jacob & Emily R; Nneka H
28th	Jon H; Joyce L; Sheila F; Paul & Heather C; Paul, Tracey, Victoria & Olivia H

MONTHLY MAILINGS:

We hope that you enjoyed last week's Monthly mailing and that you have managed to keep your Polyantha (may be we should have called them SallyArmtha's) alive! Our next monthly mailing will be with you next week and will include some Easter resources and goodies. We do hope that it is of use and that you accept our monthly mailing as a token that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Thanks to our team of volunteers who deliver the monthly mailing, it is really appreciated. If you do not receive a monthly mailing and would like one, please contact us.



PRAYER NETWORK:

Since the last bulletin was printed:

- Prayers for Leah Emery (friend of Doris Pearce) who is very ill in Hospital
- Carol Chadwick thanks all for their prayers. She is now at home and being closely monitored
- Prayers for Chris Chadwick who is still on Antibiotics to fight infection in order Surgery can take place
- Prayers for Phillip who is seriously ill in Hospital, also his wife and family

If you would like us to pray for something, then please drop us an email (a couple of sentences only, please) on staplehillprayers@gmail.com.

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

Both Yvonne and Marion would like to express their thanks for your kindness in recent months following the bereavement of Malcolm and Alan. The services that we shared this week were celebrations of lives well lived and we thank God for the influences that our friends have made on our lives. We continue to uphold those families in our fellowship who have experienced the loss of a loved one in recent weeks.

This coming week we are preparing for the funerals of:

- Sheila Daniell's, Tuesday, 23rd March @ 12.30pm, Colin, with Mark/Dawn Sellers, CO's at Bristol Easton, at Westerleigh Crematorium
- Cath Brown, Wednesday, 24th March @ 2pm, Colin to officiate at Westerleigh Crematorium
    - If you would like details of the on-line streaming of this service, please contact Marcus by email at mhb01@talktalk.net

We uphold these families in our thoughts and prayers. We also remember Ted Barber following the loss of Ruth and we will let you have details of the funeral next week - I am meeting with the family this Sunday afternoon. We also remember Tom Cable and his family following the loss of his sister, Mary.

On a personal note, can I [Colin] thank you for all your prayers as we meet and minister to families during this season of loss.

And finally – something to celebrate! Many happy returns to David Leonard who is 90 on Thursday.

FLOWERS:

Today, the flowers for the altar table would have been given by Paul and Tracey.

HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday 28th March:

- 11am Online worship: 'Peaceful not warmaker' John 12: 12-19 followed by coffee time

Wednesday 31st March / Thursday 1st April:

- Holy Week Extra Slice Groups (usual times)

Good Friday 2nd April:

- 11am Good Friday online: 'King of the Jews? John 19: 17-30
- 7:30pm 'Easter Get Together' online: A chance for us to meet up over hot cross buns – similar to Harvest Supper but without the baked potato! (please provide your own hot cross buns!)

Easter Sunday 4th:

- 11am Online worship: 'The King is risen' John 20:1-18 followed by coffee time

Look out for a short thought each day on our facebook page from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday similar to what we did during Advent.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

All activities within our buildings continue to be suspended until it is deemed safe.

TODAY Sunday 21st March

from 10am	Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
10am	Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
from 11am	Sunday Worship – online A King like no other 'Servanthood not arrogance' John 13:1-17

Tuesday 23rd March

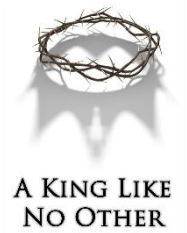
11am - 12pm	Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 24th March

2pm	Extra Slice Group online
3.30pm	Extra Slice Group online
7pm	Extra Slice Group online
8.15pm	Extra Slice Group online

Thursday 25th March

11am - 12pm	Food Parcels available at Hall
8.15pm	Extra Slice Group online

Sunday 28th March

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