

Haven Mini News sheet May 2020.

From Ingrid:

It's been some weeks since we've been able to share church and local news, and so this mini news sheet can begin to address that!

We hope you find it helpful.

From Ann:

Ascension Day May 21st to Pentecost May 31st

During this time you are invited to pray for 5 people, family or friends who don't know the Lord. Praying for others to know the Lord is one of the most powerful things we can do. Pray that they will come to know the love of God for themselves.

Church news.

Birthdays.  

It was John Silversides birthday was on May 5th. So belated birthday wishes John from us all. We'll all meet again soon. Isn't it great that family can get together still using technology! We hope you had a great day despite lock down!

Anniversary's

Aitch and Andy have been celebrating their third wedding anniversary this last week . Our congratulations to them both, as we remember the joy of their special day! May God bless you both.    

Special events

Ian Yates is going to ride a "coast to coast " sponsored bike ride " in aid of the Derby Mountain Rescue Team. Obviously under lockdown this is not going to be an actual event, but will take place on bike rollers/training bike in a measured way. This is quite some distance 135 miles though he's increased it to 150 to allow for hills!

The team rely totally on fundraising, and on call 24 hours per day, 365 days a year!

The task will take place over 2 days in Ian's home.

The team are seeking a new building, due to the current one having been affected by flood damage this year.

If you can and wish to support Ian, please give to his efforts and press on the link below.     

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/IanYates9>

Church

The church is being regularly checked by a few people during the lockdown to make sure that all is well with the building and land around.. A big Thank you to those who are keeping an eye on things.

The wider church news.

A new Dean is to be appointed to the Cathedral. He is the former Archdeacon of Lindisfarne Peter Robinson. If you visit the Cathedral website you will be able to read more.

Clergy are to be allowed access back into the churches with the purpose of recording/streaming services only . The churches are still closed for normal worship as lockdown continues. Many churches have already sorted out how they're doing their alternative worship .

This week is Christian Aid week.

Mission update

Asia, East and West Africa, and areas around Lake Tanzania are having serious problems with plagues of locusts, flooding and Covid 19.

The second wave of locusts have devastated farmers crops, and those that escaped that , many of that left had been affected by serious flooding.

The United Nations are predicting a humanitarian crisis of hunger like we've never seen before. Our prayers need to be matched with our financial aid, to enable the aid agencies to bring relief. Let's give thanks that there are such people out there representing these agencies who can give help where it's needed. The need is SO great!

UCCF

It's a difficult time for all people involved in education at present, and very much so for those who are in an examination year, or coming up to graduation. What will the format be whilst lockdown continues? With no visits to view universities, most selection will be done with virtual visits via the internet, but it cannot provide information that a chance to explore in reality can provide. The question many may ask is what will be the effects of social distancing on universities and colleges when they do return to some sort of normality? There are many uncertainties so we need to pray for those trying to keep going on university courses during this time , including some of our own young people from the Haven who must be wondering how much longer they need to be studying from home, without access to university libraries? God bless you all.

CSW

There is to be a day of prayer for Leah Sharibu on May 14th.

This is to mark her 17th birthday. She's been held captive following her abduction with other young girls two years ago. Others were released by renouncing their Christian faith, but Leah would not.

She and others still suffer at the hands of the evil Boko Haram.- They celebrate the Covid 19 outbreak, claiming it is the vengeance of God , and they are thrilled that the virus has claimed the lives of so many non believers. They celebrate that America have lost more people than in the 9/11 attack!

We must pray that their attempts to continue their rampage of death across Nigeria is totally blocked by our God of Love, and that their hearts of stone are replaced with hearts of flesh and conciences that breed compassion.!!

RESTORE.DERBY.

Face to face help has been suspended for the safety of the volunteers.

However there has been a good increase in phone contacting.

More women are working on on-line services, and a rise in cyber work!

There has been a rise in the anxiety levels in street workers, and especially where street workers are still operating breaking social distancing rules. Much

Of this is due to drug dependency or poverty issues.

The volunteers ask us to pray for the situation, and the success of the outreach that they are trying to do in very difficult circumstances. They are trying hard to spread the love of God to every challenge.

DCM

Because of the difficulty people have had dropping food to DCM, they have been appealing for people to donate money through their online site.

The demand for food bags has nearly trebled as families are at home, and more gas/electric is being used too!

Andy Robinson of New Life Church Derby has been sponsored to shave his head to raise £1000 for DCM. He has been challenged now to shave off his eyebrows to raise an extra £1000!!

Well done to him! Can you support his efforts by sponsoring him?

Go to DCM site, or check out the site on Facebook!!!

DCM work hard to be there for those who need help.

(From the Editor: Stay safe . my e-mail is: joanandroy14@gmail.com