

NORTHGATE

The weekly notices of
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John 7:38

He that believeth in Me
out of him shall flow...



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This week - Sunday 6th September

Call to Worship

Thirsty for you, O Christ, let us drink of the Living Water.

Hungry for you, let us taste the Bread of Life.

Lost without you, let us hear the Shepherd's voice.

Amen

(Anselm of Canterbury).

Hymn StF 5630

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end:

Lord, be for ever near me, my master and my friend:

I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,

Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,

That where you are in glory your servant shall be too:

And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end:

O give me grace to follow my master and my friend.

Prayer

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we thank you that as the morning light breaks we see again the wonder of all that you have made. When we go about our activities today may we tread with care, consume with moderation, and share with generosity, so that all your people may delight in your goodness, and that those who come after us may receive a rich inheritance. In Christ we pray. **Amen**

Readings :

Romans 12 verses 1-5

Matthew 18 verses 15-20

Reflection

“For where two or three come together in my name,
I am there with them.”

We have missed meeting together for worship and fellowship as a church family. Now at the beginning of a new Methodist Church Year we are reminded of our responsibility to use God’s guidance in seeking the way forward. In the reading from Matthew, Jesus looked ahead to a new day when he would be present with his followers not in body, but through his Holy Spirit.

Two people filled with the Spirit and praying according to God’s will and not their own will be more powerful than the prayers of thousands where the Spirit is absent.

As we continue our journey of faith we should commit ourselves to the movement of the Spirit in facing life’s challenges and opportunities.. **Amen**

Prayers for others and The Lord’s Prayer.

We pray for all those who continue to be restricted in every aspect of daily living whether through illness, bereavement, loneliness, unemployment or self-isolation, fearful of going out to meet others. We ask that God will comfort them so they can draw strength from knowing they are not alone or forgotten. **Amen**

A commission

How often do we count our blessings and walk in the sun with beauty all around us rather than bustle through each day consumed by self satisfaction and thoughtlessness? Jesus help us to live in your light finding time to pray in and through your name as Lord and Saviour. **Amen**

Thanks to John & Moyra Bassill

Pastoral note 6th September

The thing that so many people mention when we are talking on the phone, is how they miss being together with the church family. It is something that we all probably echo in our minds and being without it makes us realise how precious it is. We are thankful for the Northgate link that enables us to meet by faith on a Sunday morning, but no, it is not the same. So today, can we especially think of those who before coronavirus were already deprived of that pleasure – some through their own illness or frailty, and others caring full time for a loved one. We pray that all will know God's loving presence with them, and His strength for what each day brings. (Northgate 5th July has all their names)

Trish Blanchard is making slow and steady progress at home following her surgery, and Michael Hampson is home again. Others in the church are facing some serious health issues. We pray that God will be close to them and enfold them with His peace. Pray too for Bekkie as she begins her ministry among us.

Our prayers continue for you all, Angela.

Dear friends,

A very short message from me this week because my first day in the role has coincided with the copy date for the newsletter. Next week you will hear much more from me! However, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful messages, cards and gifts that I have received on moving into the manse. Although I have been running around and have missed so many of you it has meant a lot each time, I have arrived home to find gifts on the doorstep and cards through the letterbox and the answerphone beeping with new messages.

As part of my Welcome Service I was asked to commit to holding before you "God's commitment to human community, to our neighbourhoods and all who live within them". The response I gave, set out in the tradition of the Methodist Church, was "I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in sharing God's all-embracing love". Your love towards me has been a vibrant, visible sign of this promise being lived amongst us. God be praised.

I look forward to meeting each one of you (in some way) over the coming months.

God's blessings to you all.

Rev'd Bekkie Wright