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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your
own understanding
Proverbs 3 v 5*

Church Secretary Mrs Sally Edmondson

Dear Friends,

I remember as a young Christian being privileged to hear some great preachers. They all have gone to their reward, but were 'giants' in their day. One such was A Lindsay Glegg. He was rather ancient when he used to come to the Colston Hall in the early sixties, but still preached powerfully.

He used to tell a story of when he was a boy at school. Apparently, he had a headmaster who was a great influence on him. Once a year, he would gather together all the staff and pupils around a bonfire in the school playground. He would leave them for a few minutes, and reappear holding the detention book. He would then announce that in the book was a record of the misdeeds of all the pupils during the previous year. The book was then, with great ceremony, thrown into the fire, and an announcement made that all records of wrong were destroyed, and a new beginning commenced for all. To this the lads would respond with loud cheers.

God has done that for us. If we love the Lord Jesus, and trust in His redeeming blood, our sins have not only been forgiven, but forgotten. The Bible promises "their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 8:12).

So remember, if the devil reminds you of your past remind him of his future! The Christian's past is pardoned and passed. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1)

Your friend
Jeffrey

A RICH HEART

My childhood church had a kitchen in the back. One day while looking around, I saw a wooden plaque with a button. The button didn't work. That was when I read the sign above the plaque: "When you are through using the kitchen, push button to summon a servant to clean up. If there is no response, refer to [Matthew 20:25-28](#) for further instruction. Thank you."

One day a rich man gave a basket full of rotten food to a poor man.

The poor man smiled and left the palace with the basket, ...emptied the basket of its contents and cleaned it, put beautiful flowers in it and returned it to the palace and gave it to the rich man.

The rich man was surprised and asked the poor man, "Why? I gave you a basket full of rotten things and yet you bring it back filled with beautiful flowers."

The poor man replied: "Every human being gives what is in the heart. "What is inside you is what you give out. Be kind always. You don't need to first become rich to be kind. Kindness is free!

Whether rich or poor....all can be kind, what you need is...
"A RICH HEART"!

Kindness matters....!

Author unknown

Commitment for Life Prayer

Climate disruption and the environment

A prayer of repentance

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, you brought light into darkness.

You breathed life into nothingness.

You made the world, and it was good.

You made us, and it was very good.

And then things went wrong.

At first, we didn't realise our choices would bring pain and difficulty.

Later, we did realise our choices would bring pain and difficulty but chose them anyway.

The human race has acted with disgrace towards this beautiful world: your invitation for us 'to care' interpreted as 'to dominate', to abuse, to destroy.

And we are truly sorry.

Sorry for species that no longer exist, wiped from the face of the planet, because of our recklessness, thoughtlessness and greed.

Sorry for neighbourhoods and homes, livelihoods and fields being lost beneath the rising tide of vain ambition, ambivalence, prejudice, and convenience.

Sorry for children who will only know scorched earth, hardship, dirty air, dirty water, lack, drought, famine and disease.

Sorry that praying this makes us feel uncomfortable and yet powerless to change.

Sorry that our choices now still bring pain and difficulty.

But you are still loving and patient.

Your desire for a world in harmony, peace, shalom is within us.

And so we pray.

And act. Amen

By Roo Stewart – [Joint Public Issues Team](#)

The URC daily devotions

The URC daily devotions can be accessed via

devotions.unc.org.uk These are approximately 5 minutes long.

The Sunday service can be accessed from the same site.

Communion Offering for June



Children's Hospice South West

Providing hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting conditions and their whole family. Respite and short breaks, emergency care, palliative care and end of life care at three wonderful children's hospices; [Little Bridge House](#) in Devon, [Charlton Farm](#) in Somerset and [Little Harbour](#) in Cornwall.

[Charlton Farm](#) is nestled in the hillside of Wraxall in North Somerset and provides a secluded and beautiful setting in which families can take some time out and just enjoy spending time as a family.

Flower ministry

June 4 th	Peter
June 11 th	Patricia and Esmond
June 18 th	Jeff and Mary
June 25 th	Patrick
July 2 nd	Yvonne

Please do speak to Sally or Barbara if you know of anyone including outside our church family who would appreciate flowers following our service and if you are able to deliver with a card (I have) we will then be supporting our community beyond our church doors.

The reason to give may be a happy or sad or "just because" as my Auntie Joan used to say!!!

CHURCH EVENTS DIARY – JUNE 2023

SUNDAY 4TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mrs Stella Patterson	11.00AM
SUNDAY 11TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Jeffery Ponsonby	11.00AM
SUNDAY 18TH	SUNDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP with Mr Angus Gregson	11.00AM
SUNDAY 25TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP With Mr Brian Jones	11.00AM
SUNDAY 2ND	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Jeffery Ponsonby	11.00AM

The Journey of Life

Things you would need for the Journey of Life: you would need a holdall, not necessarily a large cumbersome one, but a small attaché case will do. You must put into this case the values that ensure you have a good journey. Into the case you must put truthfulness, honesty, loyalty and I suppose a little modesty.

You must include kindness, patience, understanding and forgiveness: life is not a business.

This journey could be exciting; it's entirely in your hands; don't expect others to do it for you; it's there for the taking - even if it means jumping out of your comfort zone, do it - don't moan.

No one knows how long the journey will take; it's not for the faint hearted; be a warrior not a wimp.

Peace of mind is a lovely ingredient to take; if the journey turns out well it could be a journey of contentment. But keep in mind, if you

really care, there will be some sadness which is all part of the journey.

Put in the corner of the case some self-esteem; it will give you confidence. Conversation and music will take up a lot of your room. You need to be an optimist and strong, not always an easy thing to be.

Try to walk in other men's shoes: it will bring endurance and compassion.

Oh yes, laughter is a must; without it life would be a grind.

The Question of Sanctuary

Sanctuary!

Lord, what is sanctuary?

Is it a place or a state of mind?

Is it inside or all around?

Is it a gift, or is it something to be found?

Is the answer in the questions, or in the letting go?

I don't know!

Perhaps it is all of these.

A place to feel safe and a feeling of safety.

Somewhere to go and somewhere to which I retreat.

Something to seek which is there all the time,
found in the questions and in the letting go.

You are sanctuary, for you are all things,
and in you is all meaning and being.

What is sanctuary, if not the essence of your love,
the companionship of your presence,
and the realised promise of eternal life?

Sanctuary is knowing we are loved,
and need have no fear.

Amen

Heather Whyte
URC Prayer Handbook 2023