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*Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord
Psalm 150 v 6*

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Dear Friends,

After a recent church Bible study, I was chatting with one of the church leaders about the enormous self-confidence, bordering on arrogance, of our children when it came to applying for a job. We agreed that in being Christians we had to demonstrate a certain amount of humility or self-deprecation.

As part of taking on the job of overseeing the three churches of Wrington URC, Winscombe Lynch Chapel and Nailsea URC we have been residing in the Manse in Wrington for the last three months. It is really good to be back living in the village where we had our shop for over twenty years and there are many familiar faces whenever we walk into the village centre. My wife Fi and I have got used to being apprehended by someone whom we vaguely recognise and who knew us as behind the counter in our Newsagents. I had booked a visit to the village pharmacy for my Covid and 'Flu jabs and strolled to the Chemists a couple of days ago. The nurse called out my name and when I entered the small booth she asked me, "Are you Tom Jewell's Dad?" It turned out that she had been in the same class at school as our son: it has been a long time since I had been recognised just as his father!

There is always something which will taint our sense of pride in ourselves! I recall being in the College library during my three years at Bristol Baptist college. I was feeling rather proud of myself. It had been a long journey to get to this point, but I was now enjoying being in a centre of learning. At that point, God graciously but firmly reminded me who I was and that it was only through His intervention that I had reached that place.

It is good to remind ourselves regularly how completely dependent we are on God. Psalm 65 proclaims to the reader:

'I depend on God alone; I put my hope in him. He alone protects and saves me; he is my defender, and I shall never be defeated. My salvation and honour depend on God; he is my strong protector; he is my shelter. Trust in God at all times, my people. Tell him all your troubles, for he is our refuge. Human beings are all like a puff of breath; great and small alike are worthless. Put them on the scales, and they weigh nothing; they are lighter than a mere breath.'

God bless you, David.

Christmas Lunch

This will take place on Sunday 3rd December following worship. The cost will be £8 per person - payment required when booking (no later than 26th November).

We hope as many of you will be able to join us on that day as we enter into the Advent season.

Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone who has sent me cards, flora and good wishes over the last few weeks while I have been unwell. This is very much appreciated.

Thank you all so much and God bless.

Isabel x

A Psalm of God's bounty

Green pastures, still waters:

Thank you, my shepherd, that you nurture and guide me.
My cup overflows with your PEACE.

Through fear, sickness, death and challenge:

Thank you, my shepherd, that you comfort and encourage me.
My cup overflows with your HOPE.

Abundance, life in all its fullness:

Thank you, my shepherd, that you nourish and bless me.
My cup overflows with your JOY.

Goodness and mercy, and life everlasting:

Thank you, my shepherd, that you forgive and accept me.
My cup overflows with your GRACE.

Peace and hope, joy and grace:

My cup overflows with your LOVE.
Thank you, my shepherd.

Lorraine Webb

URC Prayer Handbook

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 November

Children's Hospice South West



For more than 30 years Children's Hospice South West has been caring for children and young people with life-threatening conditions by providing children's hospice and professional family support services. We are dedicated to making the most of short and precious lives through the provision of the best possible hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting conditions. The care offered at each of our three hospices is not just about medical and nursing support for sick children but enriching lives of the children and their whole family.

Pleasant Sounds

The rustling of leaves under the feet in woods and under hedges;
The crumping of cat-ice and snow down wood-rides,
narrow lanes, and every street causeway;
Rustling through a wood or rather rushing, while the wind
halloos in the oak-top like thunder;
The rustle of birds' wings startled from their nests or flying
unseen into the bushes;
The whizzing of larger birds overhead in a wood, such as
crows, puddocks, buzzards;
The trample of robins and woodlarks on the brown leaves,
and the patter of squirrels on the green moss;
The fall of an acorn on the ground, the pattering of nuts on
the hazel branches as they fall from ripeness;
The flirt of the groundlark's wing from the stubbles -
how sweet such pictures on dewy mornings, when the dew
flashes from its brown feathers

by John Clare

CHURCH EVENTS DIARY – NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY 5TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Jeffery Ponsonby	11.00AM
SUNDAY 12TH	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Brian Jones	11.00AM
SUNDAY 17TH	SUNDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP with Rev'd David Jewell	11.00AM
SUNDAY 26TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mrs Stella Patterson	11.00AM
SUNDAY 3RD	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Rev'd Jim Thorneycroft	11.00AM

Flowers

Readers

November 5 th	John B	Patrick
November 12 th	Flower Fund	Yvonne
November 17 th	Patricia & Esmond	
November 26 th	Yvonne	
December 3 rd		Patrick

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.

Animal Nativity December 9th

Performances at 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm .

Entrance by TICKET only.

These are FREE and can be obtained from:

All Saints Parish church on December 2nd from 10 am.

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired"

God says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-39)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able"

God says: I am able (2 Corinthians 9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it"

God says: It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)

You say: "I can't manage"

God says: I will supply all your needs: (Philippians 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid"

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

God says: Cast all your cares on me (1 Peter 5:7)

You say: "I don't have enough faith"

God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

God says: I give you wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:50)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

God says: I FORGIVE YOU (1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)