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Those who trust in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary  
they will walk and not be faint  
*Isaiah 40 v 31*

Dear Friends,

Times of presiding over and taking Communion are becoming increasingly precious to me. Whether in church or in someone's home, I often meet with Sally to visit Barbara and we take communion together-it has a special resonance. In Matthew 4 v 4, Jesus says, 'Man must not live only on bread. He must also live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

So how are you doing? Are you feeding on living bread? Are you reading God's written Word? Are you listening to the Holy Spirit? It is so easy to let everyday life dominate and drive us. But God wants you to live differently from those around you. He wants you to be filled with peace and joy, connected by His Spirit to the life source of His presence, to access His resources of wisdom and power, and to hear His answers and perspective on the questions you have.

There is no substitute for spending time with Jesus, praying and reading His Word, tuning in to His voice, and knowing that He not only is with you, supporting and caring, but also ahead of you, making straight paths for you so you do not stumble or fall. Jesus wants you to really live, full of hope, joy, and wisdom. He wants you to be contagious, spreading what you have so others can catch it!

The world around us is in trouble. There is no peace or hope, and few people know where to turn to find something to ease the pain. So, let's live filled with God's Holy Spirit as visible representations of Jesus, light in the darkness, ready to share how God is alive and relevant to us. He wants to demonstrate that living with Jesus. changes every part of our human experience and that we can live in a dimension that really is "heaven on earth".

In Matthew 3, John the Baptist speaks of Jesus as one who will "baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire'. So, live today and every day, asking Father God to fill you with His Holy Spirit and really live.

God bless you, David

Thank You

Isabel and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers throughout Gavin's illness and also for the lovely cards which we have received upon his passing. This is very much appreciated.

The funeral service will be taking place at South Bristol Crematorium at 12.45 pm on Friday 20th February. Please do join us, if you feel able.

With much love  
Isabel

Communion Offering for February

St. Peter's Hospice

St Peter's Hospice provides specialist palliative care to adults in the wider Bristol area with life-limiting illnesses, including support to their relatives, friends and professional carers. All Hospice services are free of charge to everyone



Mwari\* [Um-wah-ree], Ruler of the Universe,  
hear our prayers for your people.  
Nkulunkulu\*\* [Un-koo-loon-koo-loo],  
hear our prayers for your land.  
Eternal One, hear our prayers for Zimbabwe.  
As the stones stand tall, bring strength to your people.  
As the mighty Zambezi River roars, bring renewal to your land.  
As generations have walked, lead Zimbabwe into glory.  
Like a star in your universe, may Zimbabwe shine.  
Like the 'Fruit Basket of southern Africa' it once was,  
may the land prosper.  
Like their ancestors, may your people walk in hope.  
Hear our prayer for Zimbabwe,  
land of beauty and majesty,  
land of promise and possibility,  
land of richness and prosperity.  
Forgive our participation in its ravage.  
Forgive our misguided and harsh judgment of poverty.  
Forgive our ability to ignore the consequences of our choices.  
Open our hearts and minds to lessons from Zimbabwe,  
harsh lessons about environmental decimation,  
important lessons about community, co-existence and  
cooperation.  
Love Force, unite us with our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe.  
Connect us through prayer, song and action.  
Mwari, Nkulunkulu, hear our prayer.  
**Amen.**

*By Ana Gobledale*

Bible Study Tuesday 2.00pm with Revd. David Jewell

February 10 and 24

March 10 and 24

CHURCH EVENTS DIARY – FEBRUARY 2026		
<b>SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> with Revd. Keith Clements	<b>11.00AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> with Revd Michael Docker	<b>11.00AM</b>
<b>TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> with Revd. David Jewell	<b>2.00PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> with Revd. David Jewell	<b>11.00AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> with Revd. David Jewell	<b>11.00AM</b>
<b>TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> with Revd. David Jewell	<b>2.00PM</b>
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## January Rotas

	Flowers	Readers
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Donation	Jane
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Peter	Lorraine
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Philip	Peter
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sally	Isabel
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Barbara	Jeffrey

## In Memory

Some of you will remember Revd Ken Marsh, a retired URC minister living in Bleadon who used to lead worship at Nailsea on a regular basis. He was always accompanied by his wife, Valerie. Ken and Valerie also took part in our "Saints Alive" days.

I received an email from Ken yesterday telling me of Valerie's death. I will send a Sympathy card on behalf of the church. Ken is now living in a Care Home in Weston-super-Mare.

Patricia

## Thank you

Thank you so much for the cards, the flowers and the prayers during my recent illness - they made me feel really loved. I am making slow but steady progress. Dave says I'm getting more feisty and argumentative which are sure signs that things are back to normal.

Since I first became ill at the end of September I have read some 35 books, quite a library, so if you fancy borrowing some please let me know. They are mainly murder mysteries, but if you read too many in a row the plots and protagonists get mixed up in you head!

Hoping to be in church a lot again soon.

Love Lin