

Sundays in March

10.30 am to approx. 11.45 am Service with special activities for children and young people in JAM (Jesus And Me).

1st Mar. Morning Service led by Gordon Cook

8th Mar. Morning Service led by Paul Dalheim

15th Mar. Morning Parade Service led by Doreen

22nd Mar. Communion Service led by Chris and Sandra

29th Mar. Morning Service led by Derek Carr

Sunday 1st March at 4.00 pm – Café Service

Tuesday 10th and 24th March

Prayer meetings at 10.00 am at the Church

Thursdays

Girls' Brigade meets at 6.30 pm

Fridays

Pop-in meets between 10.00 am & 12 noon

And FINALLY...

Mummy asked her little daughter Jane was drawing.

Jane said "I'm drawing a picture of God".

"But Jane", Mummy said,

"nobody really knows what God looks like"

"Well they will when I've finished this drawing" replied Jane!!

*Every time you want to grumble,
Think of others who have less;
Ask the Lord to keep you humble,
Grateful for each happiness.*

What we usually pray to God is not that His will be done, but that he approves our wishes and desires

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Making journeys is something we all do. There are routine journeys: the shopping trips, taking the children to school, travelling to and from work. There are special journeys, such as holiday journeys, and the dreaded journeys, such as the trip to the dentist. Then there are the journeys that we make as we develop in life. Young people make the often tough journey through the teenage years, growing out of childhood into adulthood. At the other end of life, we will all face the journey of dying and death.

Making journeys is something that has a very important place in the Christian faith. The Bible is full of stories of people who made journeys. During the Medieval times, religious pilgrimage was a popular leisure pursuit, as we discover in Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales'. John Bunyan wrote a famous book about the journey of the Christian life called Pilgrim's Progress.

What relevance does the Christian journey have? First, it is a journey with a worthwhile future. Many people are very uncertain about the future, whether it be their own job prospects or, more generally, the kind of society their children will be born into. Being a Christian means that one is involved with God's purposes for the future, which includes a commitment to making society a better place for our children to inhabit. *"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29 verse 11

The Christian journey is also important because of the support and encouragement of our fellow travellers or pilgrims. The fellowship of the church is one of God's gifts to us. Many of us will know how the love and prayers of friends or family have seen us through the darkest moments of our lives. But our most important fellow traveller is the Lord himself, who leads us and stays with us through thick and thin.

"The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23 vv1to4

Chris

GIFT AID

If you are a tax payer and do not presently gift aid your offerings to the Church you can benefit the Church by signing a gift aid form and making your offerings by using envelopes.

By doing this, for every £100 that you give to the Church each year it can claim £28.21 back from HM Customs and Revenue. Please see David Collinson if you wish to take this further and he will provide the form and the envelopes

Hmmmm....

A 50p piece met a £5 note and said, "Hey, where have you been? I haven't seen you around here much".

The £5 note replied, "I've been hanging around at the Bingo, the pub, the Lottery a couple of times, the Chinese Takeaway, holidays, that kind of stuff. How about you?"

The 50p piece sighed and said "Oh, you know, the same old thing, church, church, church."

What does God say about giving:

Malachi 3:10 *"Bring the whole tithe (1/10th of what we are given by God) into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."*

The meaning is simple – God responds when we give to Him what He deserves



I am a retired Maths teacher, mother of three children and have three grandchildren. I have been a Christian for over 40 years.

As a child I was sent to Sunday School and became very religious. By that I mean that I tried to impress God by doing what I thought were all the correct things: going to Church, praying, reading the Bible. But I really did not know God.

I gave it all up when I went to college in London in the swinging 60s. I soon found out that sort of life led nowhere. While at college I had coffee with a Christian girl who told me about Jesus and where we, as people, stood in regard to Him. This is what I learnt:

- a) All of us are born with a sinful nature. That means that we want to do what we want and not what God wants. Our destiny is therefore separation from God – Hell.
- b) God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to die for us; taking the punishment for our sin
- c) If we believe this and ask God to forgive us, He takes away our guilt and its penalty and makes us His children.
- d) Being a child of God gives us a different destiny. We have a relationship with Him and will live with Him when we die – Heaven. We also have a Father who cares, protects, and watches over us. He helps us work out His plans for our lives and gives us a future.

I asked God to forgive my sins and became a child of God 40 years ago. Life for me has had its ups and downs – as it does for everyone. But I have had the presence of Jesus to help me and other Christians to encourage me.

During these years one thing has puzzled me ...

How does anyone cope without Jesus?

Perhaps you are not a Christian. How do you cope? Do you want the companionship of someone who loves you and is all-powerful and will stick with you through thick and thin? If so, you need Jesus.

Why don't you seek God's forgiveness for yourself and ask Him to fill you with His all-powerful Holy Spirit? It could be the start of a new life for you. Living your life as God intended it to be led.

Sandra