

# Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

## Sunday 21 June 2020



Along with all places of worship in the UK, our church building is now closed for all activities until further notice.

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**Lectionary readings this week:** Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Psalm 69: 7-10 (11-15) 16-18; Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39

### Communicating and Worshipping:

Please contact the ministers or Elders with any concerns or prayer requests.

A 'Podcast' service uploaded every Saturday by **Revd Bill Young** is available to listen to on the web-page: [revdbill.uk/worship-material](http://revdbill.uk/worship-material). The podcast link also allows for downloading a service transcript. **Revd Debbie Brown** will lead phone-in worship every Sunday morning at 11:15. You can join on any telephone by calling the number **0330 606 0403** and listening to the instructions. When you are asked for it, enter the following access code on your phone pad: **442786#**.

### A message from Debbie:

Dear Friends,

As Christians we are called to be actively committed to working together to make a difference in our communities, of finding ways in which to demonstrate the life of Jesus in word and action. We speak about the hope that is within us and how we can play our part in working for love, justice and peace, and of the responsibility we have to care for creation.

At the time of the cross the disciples left everything they had, maybe they tried to move on and some of them may have gone back to the regularity of fishing, yet by the time of resurrection and then Pentecost there was a sharpening of meaning for them. Life was not the same again. Life will not be the same for us again as we journey through this pandemic and try to get back to some kind of 'new normal'. This period has given us an opportunity to think and pray about how we care for one another, our planet and to see what we have taken for granted, what is important in life.

There has been less individualism and more focus on community; I pray that will continue in our society. This week is Refugee Week (15th-21st) and this takes place every year across the world in the week around World Refugee Day on the 20th June. In the UK, Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities. It began in 1988 as a response to the hostility in the media and society in general towards refugees and asylum seekers.

CTBI's website (Churches Together in Britain and Ireland) says, *"An established part of the of the UK's cultural calendar, Refugee Week is now one of the leading national initiatives working to counter this negative climate, defending the importance of sanctuary and the benefits it can bring to both refugees and host communities. We all need to be seen, listened to and valued. As we are to love our neighbour as ourselves. (Matthew chapter 25)"*.

I pray that we will always remember that the Holy Spirit is there to sharpen our memories of Jesus. We may not have physical mementoes of our faith but let us pray that through the Holy Spirit our faith may be deeper than it ever has been before. Having come through the stories of Easter and Pentecost may we always trust in God and follow in the way of Jesus in our journeys together, and share the 'Good News', accessible for all.

God bless you all

Love Debbie