

Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

Sunday 9 August 2020



The church building currently remains closed for all activities

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Lectionary readings this week: 1 Kings 19: 9-18; Psalm 85: 8-13; Romans 10: 5-15;
Matthew 14: 22-33

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 at 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,

Our churches are in a period of change and it may feel at times that we are making little progress in reaching out to people with the message of God's love in our society. Covid 19 has brought us many challenges but also many opportunities. In the coming months through prayer, meetings and discussions, we will be exploring some of the issues the 'Church' faces today and how we can proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in our communities in a meaningful way.

If our mission, or reason for being, is not ministry, it will not serve anyone, because our ministry is pastoral, a ministry that engages with the needs of people, and is the very essence of the existence of the Church and it is important. Our task, our mission, is to connect with others and introduce the love and power of God to them. The message has to be applied to circumstances and situations in order to be relevant, as effective mission is always pastoral.

We who follow Jesus are a sent people, a community sent on a mission together, to keep on doing the ministry of Jesus so that all people and all creation might experience the reconciliation of God. God has designed the church of Jesus Christ to be a 'missional' fellowship. Since we have been sent to do God's work, we are a 'missional' community together.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. (NRSV)

May we be inspired and transformed, through God's Word in prayer and through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and service to others.

God bless you all.

Love, Debbie

Possible future plans...

Debbie would like to know if people would be interested in the following:

- A Zoom coffee morning fortnightly
- A monthly Zoom Bible reflection.

Anyone struggling with Zoom can contact to ask for support, or we can look at some other method of communication.

Please let her know if you are interested in either / both