

Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

Sunday 16 August 2020



The church building remains closed for all activities

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Lectionary readings this week: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

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,

During this summer period we are having some beautiful weather; it has been hotter than some countries abroad and I hope and pray that this summer you have been able to get away or to do something different, experiencing God's strength and guidance in those journeys. Church as a community of believers can provide a place for direction markers. We know the normal ones - baptisms, weddings and funerals - but we know many others because Church provides a place to mark times in our life; never a destination, as it is always part of a journey - a pilgrimage. We journey with God and because of God.

Some of our churches will be looking at how we may ease out of lockdown, entering into a new kind of normal, hopefully in September. September is 'Season of Harvest.' Harvest signals a new beginning and it is the start of a new school year. So as the Body of Christ, a congregation, we gather to pray for a new beginning for our Church.

We pray for wisdom and togetherness through this time when the normal patterns of church life have been disrupted, and to proceed at a sensible pace, acknowledging that 'Church' on a Sunday morning will be very different to what we are accustomed to.

Friends, there are many ways we can express our togetherness at this time: by our giving to the Church for its work and projects, through supporting partnerships, through fellowship via telephone conversations and virtual communication.

May whatever we do and whatever comes next in the life of the Church draw us closer to Jesus and each other.

Let us pray that we can look to tomorrow and be thankful for the past with our feet firmly planted in the future.

May the God of yesterday and today bless us in all that we do.

God bless.

Love, Debbie.