

# Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

## Sunday 23 August 2020



**The church building remains closed for all activities**

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**Lectionary readings this week:** Isaiah 51: 1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12: 1-8;  
Matthew 16: 13-20

### **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](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,

I cannot believe how time seems to be going by in unexpected ways in these unprecedented times. Five months have gone in which we have been trying, and continue to try, to settle into a new way of being. Many of us will have had to postpone to a later date (or even cancel) holidays and visits to relatives and friends, and try to make the most of time.

During the pandemic there has been much anxiety, uncertainty, sadness, loss and grief; it can be very difficult to see where God is in all of this. God through Jesus Christ journeys with us in all our sorrows and joys, and helps us to see there is light in the darkness. There is peace and healing, and there is hope. The themes of love, light and hope are at the heart of the 'Gospel Message' and just a small amount of hope can make a difference.

So, in hope, let us give thanks and rejoice in precious memories. Rejoice in the kindness of family, friends and neighbours. Rejoice in how much care is being shown in the Church and the wider community and give thanks to those who serve us from the NHS to the local shops. May we in our giving thanks, rejoicing and praying, discover 'the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.' Let us rest in God's peace and cherish the moments.

Over the coming months may we grow strong in faith and find joy in each other's presence as we are untied together again in Christ's Service and in the service of the communities in which we live.

When we come together for future virtual Bible Studies and Coffee Mornings with cake let us remember these words: C.A.K.E. = **C**ommunity and **K**indness **E**ndure.

God bless you all.

Love, Debbie