

Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

Sunday 27 September 2020



We are pleased to announce the first act of worship in the building since March! May it be a source of blessing to those who attend. Alternatives are still running – see the box below.

Ministers: Revd Debbie Brown 024 7659 6433; brown_debbie@sky.com
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Lectionary readings this week: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25: 1-9; Philippians 2: 1-13;
Matthew 21: 23-32

This week's 10.30am service will be led by Revd Debbie Brown.

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 at 12:00. 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 we continue to live in these uncertain times may we, besides turning to God in prayer and the reading of scripture, live in the promise of a hope and a future with more and better things to come. This is not about acting in our own way to make God's promise come about, it is about living and loving in such a way that the mutually self-giving, interdependent, connected community of heaven is reflected here on earth.

Let us remember these important words from the late Henri Nouwen, Dutch Catholic Priest, professor, writer and theologian. His interests were rooted in psychology, pastoral ministry, spirituality, social justice and community.

*Nobody escapes being wounded. We are all wounded people,
Whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually.
The main question is not, "How can we hide our wounds?" so we don't have to
be embarrassed, but "How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?"
When our wounds cease to be a source of healing, we have become wounded healers.*

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I find Psalm 23 (in the Old testament of the Bible) and the 'Footprints in the Sand' poem a wonderful comfort, assurance and promise that God can strengthen and sustain us throughout all our journeys in life.

*Loving God, accept the me that woke confused today,
troubled and unprepared for the week that lies ahead.
May your Spirit bring peace to calm the inner storm.
May your Spirit bring light to dispel the clouds that form.
May your Spirit bring truth and certainty that I can hold to
as I step outside into the world.*

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God bless you all.
Love, Debbie