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NOTICES – 17 May 2020

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10 - 17 MAY. The opportunities for fund raising are very limited this year but the need remains just as great and Christian Aid 's website is well worth a visit as they outline various opportunities for donating and worship during the week.

Please contact John Bate for details of how you can donate locally and Roger Poole (rapoole@virginmedia.com) will be happy to send you a quiz. Your support -as ever- is very much appreciated and we hope that you may wish to make a gift as you are able. Many Thanks. Wendy and John.

LENT BAGS. These have not been forgotten in these difficult times. Charities will be in need as never before. Do keep filling them as you are able or put aside monies you have saved by not going out. We plan a thank you when the church meets again. Keep safe and thank you for your support.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION. As I am working from home can you please send any emails to me on info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk and telephone me on 01902 761322. Sue

SAM HAGERMAN'S ORDINATION. Some may have heard the news that the Methodist Conference will not be happening in the form we expected this year – for very understandable reasons. Taking this decision obviously raises a long list of other questions. One of which is what happens about ordination services. The answer is that no decisions have yet been taken. We will let you know as soon as there is more news to share. In the meantime, I encourage us all to pray for Sam and her family in these anxious and unsettling times. Whatever the timing may be, Sam will be ordained (subject to Conference of course!) and we will continue to value her rich ministry among us.

SUNDAY WORSHIP, 17 MAY at 11am - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87902598155?pwd=dzF0eGdUK092Zm42M3FgcnRzb2N1QT09>

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THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER JOURNAL. A copy of this document which is referred to in the District Newsletter on 13 May 2020 is downloaded on the church website.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN EMERGENCY APPEAL. The current crisis is pushing many families over the edge, people who were already struggling are now finding life even more difficult. Even before the Corona Virus struck the country 4 million children in the UK lived lives locked in poverty. The families from which these children come are even more vulnerable and face greater difficulties now.

The situation in the UK is rapidly changing and the government is offering some support but with any challenge of this size it will take time for that help to reach the families who depend on it.

Action for Children has workers "on the ground" who are able to respond with offers of help and financial support very quickly and so the Charity is making this **emergency appeal** now in order that that their front line workers will have the means to do their job.

TO DONATE TO THE EMERGENCY APPEAL, PLEASE DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Visit actionforchildren.org.uk/emergency

Text "EMERGENCY" or 70175 to Donate £10

Call Supporter Services on 0300 123 2112

Thank you for your continuing support of Action for Children.
June (Sperring)

We are still here...

An update from us



We wanted to start by saying we hope you, our amazing supporters and your families are staying safe during these difficult times; we are thinking of you all.

Thank you for continuing to support women and children at The Haven.

Haven COVID Emergency Relief Appeal

We rely heavily on funds raised from Haven events, and your events! None of these are possible during lockdown, putting our services at risk. We need your help now more than ever. Watch our campaign video to see how you can support women and children during this pandemic.

If you want to help in any way or see what other things are going on at the Haven go onto their website which is give@havenrefuge.org.uk>

INFORMATION FROM SHIRLEY IN THE CIRCUIT OFFICE. Here is a pattern to knit, crochet or create a 'fish' - this could be used as a prayer aid and is a Connexional idea the Rev'd Peggy Heim suggested people may like to take part in and to bring back together when we meet in fellowship once again.

The Challenge: Create a fish prayer object. Or, create a shoal! Use your talents and whatever creative resources you have available in your home to make your fish! You could make a fish by: - Knitting (pattern included with this challenge!) - Crocheting (pattern included with this challenge!) - Cutting, sewing, sticking, scrap materials - Painting it on a stone - Paper Mache - Lego - Iron-on beads - Clay - Or any other creative means you can think of!

Why a fish prayer object? The fish has long been a symbol of Christian identity, hope and salvation. At time like these, perhaps it is good to hold on to our Christian identity, hope and salvation! Literally! With the fish we create, we can hold them in our hands and we can hold what they represent symbolically in our hearts and minds.

Why do this? The fish could be an object for prayer during this time. They could also be gifts for others; whether they can be gifted now if there are others in your household, or later, when the time is 'right' (according to governmental health and safety instructions and advice). If you plan to gift your fish, consider what story your fish might tell its new owner!

Your fish could be a tool for evangelism. Consider the fishy stories in the Bible, like The Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1–11) and the Feeding of the Five Thousand (Matthew 14: 13-21).

Your church, circuit or district might, at a later date (when the time is 'right'), request to gather in all the fish created, to be presented as a whole, to a wider audience. To reflect our prayers and hopes, while we were all being 'alone together' at this time; united in our identity, hope and salvation. The fish may then be requested to be offered as gifts for the local community – to be used in a similar way as, for example, knitted angels at Christmas time.

You could document your fish making, and or the prayers that you've said in this time. You could record these in a notebook, in photographs, or if you're online, you could share them with your online communities via your social media platforms. If you share them online, it'd be great if you could include the hashtag #fishingforhope2020 so your content can be easily searched for and found.



How to Knit a Fish

First find some brightly coloured yarn and a pair of knitting needles. 3mm needles are ideal, but it will work with any needles.

Starting at the tail end, cast on twelve stitches. If you want a wider tail cast on more stitches in multiples of two.

- 1.) Knit in stocking stitch (1 row plain, 1 row purl). Decrease one stitch as each end of the plain rows only, until you have 6 stitches left.
- 2.) Knit three rows in stocking stitch without decreasing.
- 3.) If you want to change colours, now might be a good time.
- 4.) Increase one stitch at each end of every plain row until you have 24 stitches on the needle.
- 5.) Now decrease one stitch at each end of every plain row until 2 stitches remain. Knit these two stitches together and bind off.

You need two pieces to make a fish. Sew them together (inside out) but leave the tail end open. Now turn them right side out and stuff – how much stuffing you use depends on how fat you want your fish to be! Sew up the tail.

Feel free to add patterns or fins if you want!

How to Crochet a Fish

This pattern was created using a size 4 hook and double knit wool.

Change in wool and /or hook size will just make a different size fish!

The whole thing is crocheted in uk treble stitch

Ø Make a chain of 15 stitches

Ø Row 1 1 treble in third chain from hook then 1 treble in each chain to end, turn...

Ø Always begin each row by crocheting 2 chain instead of crocheting into the first hole whether increasing or decreasing as this counts as the first treble

Ø Now Decrease one treble at each end of next 3 rows by missing a stitch (ie. Make 2 chain and then crochet a treble into 3rd stitch and don't crochet into the 2 chain from the preceding row)

Ø Increase one stitch at each end of next 6 rows by crocheting 2 stitches in one hole at either end

Ø Work 2 rows without increasing number of stitches.

Ø Decrease one stitch at each end of next 7 rows. Tie off

Ø Make a second fish, join the two together leaving one side partly open

Here are a few fish that have been made by Rev. Peggy Heim.



SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

In the last week, the circuit has made the following payments totalling £795 from the circuit benevolence fund to charities working in our area:

The Well Foodbank (£175 to cover the cost of a pallet of food worth over £1000)

The Good Shepherd (£220 to fund the purchase of groceries)

The Haven (£200)

The Refugee and Migrant Centre (£200)

Thank you so much for the very kind donation of £220 which you sent to the Good Shepherd towards the work we do in Wolverhampton.

Your support is much appreciated, especially during these extremely difficult times when we have had to adapt our services and have lost a lot of potential fundraising due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is a very concerning time for everybody and that includes those who are homeless and on the fringes of society who may not have the same support networks as the rest of us are fortunate to enjoy. We are still delivering our services in line with the Public Health guidelines and your donation will help us continue to do that and help people in the community just when they need it most.

Working to tackle both food waste and food hunger we can ensure many individuals living in poverty can have wholesome food at either the centre or food to take and cook which would otherwise go to landfill. Adapting our services in recent weeks, we have had to cancel our normal dining service but are still offering a takeout every lunchtime from Monday to Friday to ensure people are still receiving food in these troubled times.

Our move to a new premise on Waterloo Road, which was officially opened in February, will also ensure we can work closely with many different agencies and deliver all our services to an even higher standard. We have established a 'one stop shop' to include the food service, temporary overnight accommodation, clinical space, counselling rooms and a multi-agency hub bringing in a range of health and support services to meet people's needs. We want to break the cycle of homelessness for our service users by giving them opportunities to use and develop their strengths and skills, develop positive peer networks, improve their health and wellbeing and connect with their communities.

This has also include setting up a meaningful activity programme for rough sleepers and people with experience of street homelessness which will return when the current health crisis is at an end. This programme has included badminton, bingo, peer support, cookery lessons, film club, art class, boxing, monthly gym passes, women's group and a support group.

Over the last year we have had over 1,000 people attending our service, delivered 837 meaningful sessions and engaged with 115 rough sleepers. We also carried out over 300 mental health interventions, 153 physical health interventions and 75 addiction interventions.

Generous and loyal support from the public continues to play a crucial role in everything that we do to help the homeless and vulnerable among our community, so once again – a huge thank you for your donation to the Good Shepherd.

Sending you our very best wishes in these difficult times

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY. We ask our members to remember that the GSM is continuing its work during this difficult period. Those members who donate goods via Beckminster on a weekly basis are invited to make an on-line donation if possible so that this invaluable work is funded during this time. If you wish to continue to make tins etc. available, please contact John Ashwood.