

Wavertree Congregational Church

Autumn Messenger - September 2021

Welcome *Back to Church!*

Welcome back to church! After a year and a half of being in and out of lockdown we can finally start meeting face to face again and worshipping the Lord together! It may seem strange being back in church so please feel free to keep wearing your mask if that is what you would prefer.

We want you to feel comfortable and safe in church as we navigate the next few months.

We pray every blessing over you and your loved ones and we hope you feel welcome!

Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers Eileen Lowe, Dilys Little, Anne Lord, Ann Ascott, Don McDiarmid, Walter Ash, John Burnell, David Roughley and Pauline Campbell. Also all the people in countries suffering drought, floods, fires and terrorist atrocities and those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Please pray for everyone in Afghanistan and their family and friends all around the world who are watching the news not knowing what has happened to those they love.

Sunday Speakers

September

5th - Graham Taylor

12th - Annette Maudsley

19th - Yvonne Campbell

26th - Peter Humphreys / AGM / Church Meeting / Harvest - Harvest gifts of dried goods and tinned foods would be much appreciated and will be given to the Trussell Trust.

October

3rd - Eve

10th - Eve

17th - TBC - **185th Church Anniversary**

24th - Ann & Stan Chedzoy / Mission Aviation Fellowship

31st - Annette Maudsley



Dear Friends,

Regrettably, it looks as if Autumn is not too far away! We may not have gone as far as we used to this summer but all that matters is that the Lord has looked after us. As I mentioned last time, I've continued reading the Old Testament, either in the shed (if it was wet!) but better still in the garden, with my silly old hat on! I'm so pleased there's not yet a photo of me in my 'cowboy' hat.

We know that much of the Old Testament is concerned with trying to keep the faithful in order, with mixed results, but I have also (re)discovered some marvellous advice and sayings. Take for example, '28The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing. 29 The way of the LORD is a refuge for the blameless, but it is the ruin of those who do evil. 30 The righteous will never be uprooted, but the wicked will not remain in the land. 31 From the mouth of the righteous comes the fruit of wisdom, but a perverse tongue will be silenced' (**Proverbs 10: 28-31**). I can hear you thinking, "What's so special about these words." To some extent, you are right. The Old Testament is an inexhaustive source of advice and comfort. I simply felt these words gave some comfort about what is happening or has happened in Afghanistan. Now do not misunderstand me, at some stage, the Afghani people would have grown their own confidence to run their own country. But clearly not yet. What can we do about it?

Well, we can support voluntary bodies to spread food and medical supplies, if they are allowed to. The most important thing we can do is to include the people there, and others countries where evil is running amok, in our daily prayers. There but for the grace of God go we. '4I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way - with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge - 6 God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed (**1 Corinthians 1:4-7**).

Let us use those God-given gifts for us to pray and work, if we can, for those far less able than us, wherever they may be. Please God, I shall be over, with Val, for our Harvest Service and Church Meeting in September. It will be such a joy for me to be with you. So, enjoy the sun and the rain (which helps flowers grow) whenever you can. '1 The proverbs of Solomon's son of David, king of Israel: 2 for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; 3 for receiving instruction in prudent behaviour, doing what is right and just and fair; 4 for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young - 5 let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance - for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction'. (**Proverbs 1: 1-7**). **Amen.**

Peter

Key Rota

September

5th - Ann & Alan
12th - Eve
19th - Eve
26th - Sue & Ged

October

3rd - Ann & Alan
10th - Eve
17th - John
24th - Sue & Ged
31st - Eve

Flower Rota

5th - Eve
12th - Eve
19th - Viv
26th - Viv

3rd - Carolyn
10th - Carolyn
17th - Sue
24th - Sue
31st - Ann

Tea with a Twist

Saturday 2nd October
Carolyn & Viv