



SUNDAY 13th MAY 2018
Growing Generosity Week 1

Welcome to our worship this morning.

Children are especially welcome. We do hope that you will find the worship uplifting and that your relationship with Jesus Christ is enriched through it.

We seek to be a church that loves God, our local community and each other, in the same loving way that Christ loves us.

Please join us for morning tea after the service.

If you have any questions about what we do here or about the Christian Faith in general, I would be happy to make time to discuss them or any other issues with you.

Gluten free wafers are available for Communion, if you require these please speak to a service leader.

Revd. Debbie

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we pray you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone
before;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible Study meet on a Thursday evening every two weeks. Next meeting Thursday 24th May 7pm For more details phone Paul on 0418 640 093 or speak to Wayne New members very welcome.



Ladies Bible Study

The ladies Bible study meet every two weeks on a Monday morning at 10.00am. The next meeting will be on 21st May. For more details phone Ann on 94184551

Hospital

We have several members of our two churches who are either in hospital, planning a trip to hospital, awaiting medical appointments or unwell at this time. Please pray that good health and Gods healing touch may be upon them and that peace and Gods protection be among us all.

Church Membership/Electoral Role Forms are available at the rear of the church as are nomination forms for Council Warden, Nominator of clergy Auditor and Synod. Please return all completed forms to Revd. Debbie or a Church Warden. Thank you.

HALL FOR HIRE (Hilton)

Large Hall with wooden floor (fantastic for dancing etc.) available to hire at St Edwards Hilton. Available for occasional or regular use. Disabled Access/Toilets. Baby Change table and kitchen.

Week 1 Growing Generosity

Last week you should have received a letter with an Affirmation of Giving Card. We invite you to complete this card and place it in the offering this week or in any of the next 3 weeks. You do not have to put your name on it if you prefer. Additional cards are at the back of church. If you forgot yours today but are ready to affirm your giving please use one of these cards.

“People Nowadays”

‘Everyone seems to be against something’, someone said to me the other day, and I had to agree. ‘What I can’t stand is . . .’ can be followed by almost anything, from babies screaming in the coffee shop to people who will say ‘Take care!’, junk mail, careless parkers or even someone’s accent or hair style on television. Identifying ourselves by what we are against is an ancient but ultimately soul-destroying attitude. Older people like me have our own version of it: ‘People nowadays . . .’ followed by our particular dislike about modern ways. ‘People’ are us, actually, and I dare say our little foibles equally irritate some younger citizens.

The answer, someone suggested to me, is to replace ‘What I can’t stand is...’ with ‘What cheers me up is...’ I worked out my own list, including children laughing, a dog’s devotion, ‘G ‘Day Debbie’ from a neighbour, a favourite hymn in church, and the supermarket check-out person who has just beeped their five hundredth item of the day but still smiles and says hello as though she means it. Come to think of it, I quite like the dismissal, ‘Take care!’ I need to.



Be Genuine

A holiday brochure featured a picturesque village with an ancient church surrounded by beautiful flowers and trees. Tourists were encouraged to visit it and enjoy the welcome of the church and garden.

Unfortunately, the advertisers hadn't visited the place for themselves. While the outside of this church looked lovely, the interior of the building was



dark, damp and dirty. All furnishings had been removed and the only visitors now were pigeons and mice. No one had worshipped in this place for many years. This historic building, once used for the glory of God, was like a desolate grave-yard.

This story reminds us of some words Jesus directed at the religious leaders of His day. He said they were like white-washed tombs, which looked fine on the outside, but were full of bones and decaying corpses on the inside! Jesus accused the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees of merely appearing to be good to everybody, while inside they were full of hypocrisy and sins. It would be nice to think that this accusation had nothing to do with us; a criticism that only applied to those religious leaders. But doesn't it touch a nerve in all of us? Are there times when we say we agree to something in principle, but actually don't put it into practice?

Jesus accused those who gave the outward impression that they were devoted and obedient to God, while their attention was actually on themselves. Outwardly they looked good, but God

could see within, and their hearts were deceitful and bad. They neglected the really important teachings of the Law such as justice, mercy and humility.

That countryside church looked lovely, but it was void and empty and did nothing to show the love of Jesus to the community.

Here is a challenge for us. When people look at our church meeting together, do they see a friendly, caring and welcoming fellowship or are they met with indifference? When people look at us do they see a true picture that reflects the loving qualities of Christ?

We each of us need God's help to remove any contradiction between our inner and outer lives, so we can be true examples of Christ's love. Let's be genuine.

Dancing in the Rain

We wait and hope for better times
And pray for far less pain;
We're waiting for the storm to pass
Taking shelter from the rain.

But yet we wait for far too long
And waiting seems in vain.
The storms outside are stronger still
We see torrential rain.

So wait not for the storm to pass!
Come – see what joys we gain!
By laughing 'neath those heavy clouds
And dancing in the rain!

By Nigel Beeton



In praise of knitting

Knitting can be astonishingly good for you. This gentle hobby has been found to lower blood pressure, reduce depression, keep your mind alert, slow the onset of dementia, distracts from chronic pain (such as arthritis), boost wellbeing, and reduce loneliness.

A major study by the organisation Knit for Peace has found that knitting lowers the heart rate by an average of 11 beats per minute and induces 'an enhanced state of calm.' The repetitive movement also boosts calming serotonin, which lifts your mood and dulls any pain. Knitting also boosts the reward centres of the brain, because it allows people to feel that they can still make a contribution to society.

In Britain, where the NHS spends more than £2 billion each year on blood pressure treatments, around £300 million on antidepressants, and about £26 billion on dementia, and unknown billions on various chronic pain, perhaps more people should take up knitting.

As one expert says: 'Research has shown that there is a growing crisis in primary care. As a skilled and creative occupation, knitting has therapeutic potential. There is an enormous amount of research showing that knitting has physical and mental health benefits.'



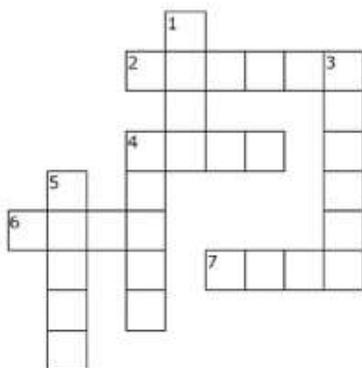
The flower ladies pulled out all the stops

Kidz Corner

The "Bee Attitudes"

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.
Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



ACROSS

2. A need for food
4. To be humble in spirit or manner
6. Having little money or few possessions
7. To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

DOWN

1. To be without any faults; without sin
3. A payment received in return for doing good deeds
4. To show great kindness toward others
5. To feel sadness

PURE
POOR

MOURN
GLAD

REWARD
MERCY

HUNGER
MEEK

This Weeks Readings

Micah 6:6-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-16

Next Weeks Readings

Isaiah 58:1-12, Colossians 2:6-15, Matthew 6:1-16

SPEARWOOD

Date	Welcome	Reader	Prayer	Sacristan	LPM&LA	M/Tea	Musician	Counters
13th May	Len	June Lee Maria	Bernard	Colleen	Colleen June	Maxine	Media Desk	
20th May	Karl	Audrey T Ann	Lorraine	Lorraine	Lorraine Len	June C	Media Desk	
27th May	Merv	Bernard Maryvonne	Maxine	Lorraine	Len Lorraine	Len	Media Desk	

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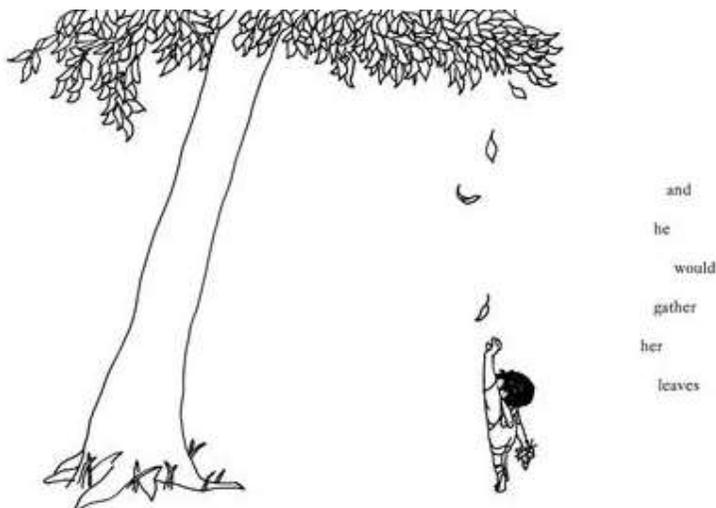
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Notices for inclusion next week to revd.debbie@gmail.com by Tuesday

**VISITING REQUEST CARDS**

There are some new visiting request cards in the church. Please complete the details and hand to Revd Debbie if you know of a need in the parish.

Thank you.