

## Weekly Notes for Sunday 21 June 2020

Hello everyone,

It is so lovely to have Bill back in our family in person. We've had tonnes of hugs and much needed laughter. What a tonic for us all!

And what a week for weather! I hope your gardens are now looking their best with so much rain then sunshine!

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Junior Church leaders who deliver packs each week to the children we are privileged to have as members of our Junior Church. These are well received and enjoyed.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

The funeral of Nick Nunn's sister takes place on Monday. Please remember the whole family as they mourn another loss. Please pray for them as they cope with the funeral in these 'altered' times.

Hazel Felton is back home from hospital! I understand she is doing really well and moving well. Please pray that she makes a good recovery.

### PRIVATE PRAYER

Elders met recently and have decided NOT to open for private prayer.

FYI, Elders have access to some good advice on the URC website re Coronavirus and we are very fortunate to also have direct access to our Synod Moderator, Paul Whittle, who is also our Interim Moderator! Paul has been able to give us some good advice and wise words. Elders have decided we need to do a risk assessment of our buildings so that we are able to make informed decisions about opening our building as and when we are allowed. Many factors will be considered including the safety of our own members. We will of course let you know if anything changes.

### WORSHIP

Tomorrow's Zoom service is with Rev Dr Mike Wilson.

Like before, if you need the link or login details, please call Maggie and please be aware that the full (audio & visual) recording of this service will appear on our church website. Please try to join Zoom before 10.30am to get settled in.

June/July services (via zoom) ...

21 Jun	Rev Dr Mike Wilson
28 Jun	Go4th
05 July	Rev Sam White
12 July	Rev Deborah McVey
19 July	Rev Paul Whittle inc Holy Communion
26 July	Go4th

Please let Maggie know if you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet who would like a transcript printed from the zoom services. We currently deliver paper copies to 5 people.

### ONLINE

Don't forget there is a rich selection of resources on line as highlighted in previous emails - children's activities and worship, church virtual services, Paul Whittle's blog, the URC websites, some wonderful Christian music & songs on YouTube, prayers focussing on Coronavirus, etc. Have a browse – [www.urch.org.uk](http://www.urch.org.uk) & [www.urch-eastern.org.uk](http://www.urch-eastern.org.uk).

## **A HYMN ABOUT PRAYER IN THESE TIMES**

*Written by Revd. John Campbell, Minister of Tottenham URC:*

### **Prayer may not halt the pestilence**

*Here's a song about prayer. It was written for a ZOOM service where we were looking at Jesus' teaching on prayer in Matthew 5. Jesus says that God already knows what we need. So why pray? We looked at Jesus in Gethsemane. Praying didn't change God's mind, but it changed Jesus' ability to overcome his fears and do what he had to do. Prayer changed him. That's what the song is trying to pick up:*

*Suggested tune: Finlandia*

Prayer may not halt the pestilence around us;  
It did not save our Saviour from his fate.  
Harsh famine's curse defied the prayers of many,  
time after time, exacting grievous hurt  
Yet, if we pray, and share life's pain with Jesus,  
we will be changed and strengthened while we wait.

Prayer may not bring an end to all injustice;  
too many died whilst Naaman found his cure.  
Yet, prayer by prayer, we and our world are changing,  
if by prayer's power our hearts grow strong to care  
if we reach out, empow'ered by prayer, in action,  
then hope may help the fearful to endure.

And if the cup of suffering set before us  
proves deep and bitter ev'rywhere, for all,  
our prayers must help us work within the wasteland,  
give strength to rise up, even when we fall;  
that help and care and kindness and sharing,  
may build anew a better world for all.

*John Campbell 30th April 2020*

Please remember to share this email with others you know who don't receive email.

Stay safe and keep well everyone! And thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Maggie

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