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Calendar

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| Sunday 1 st Sept | Service with Rev Brian Davison
Including communion |
| Sunday 8 th Sept | Service led by the leaders |
| Sunday 15 th Sept | Service with John Fidler |
| Sunday 22 nd Sept | Service with Rev John Piper |
| Friday 27 th Sept | Macmillan Coffee afternoon @ church, 2pm – 3.30pm |
| Sunday 29 th Sept | Service with Judith Haughton |
| Sunday 6 th Oct | Service with Rev Brian Davison Including communion |
| Sunday 13 th Oct | Service with David Hey |
| Sunday 20 th Oct | Service with Rev Brian Davison Harvest Festival - donations welcome for Oldham Food Bank |
| Sunday 27 th Oct | Service with Graham Laffey |
| Sunday 3 rd Nov | Service with Rev Brian Davison Including communion |



Our services will normally be live via zoom. The ID you need for any of Beulah's services is 483-214-0593 and the password is 92315



03-27-2015

DO YOU WANT ME FULLTIME GUARDIAN ON THIS ONE OR SHOULD I FOCUS SOME OF MY EFFORTS ELSEWHERE



05-25-2015

(See John 2:1-11)
WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO TURN WINE BACK TO WATER?

Partnership Minister's letter Dear friends, **If you want change vote for it!**

This is not an election message that is printed too late. It is a serious question.

Do you want to see things change or would you be happy for things to stay as they are?

There are many changes that are forced on us that we would rather be without. Like me some of you are dealing with changes in health, which begin to curtail our activities. But there are other changes I long to see and still agitate for.

Keir Starmer set out his 5 Aims and Objectives:

1. Kick start economic growth to secure good jobs and productivity growth in every part of the country making everyone not just a few better off.

2, Make Britain a clean energy superpower

to cut bills, create jobs and deliver security with cheaper, zero-carbon electricity by 2030, accelerating to net zero.

3. Take back our streets

by halving serious violent crime and raising confidence in the police and criminal justice system.

4. Break down barriers to opportunity

by reforming our childcare and education systems to make sure there is no class ceiling on the ambition of young people in Britain.

5. Build an NHS fit for the future that is there when people need it, with fewer lives lost to the biggest killers in a fairer Britain where everyone lives well for longer.

Are these changes that you would like to see?

You may say it is all very well saying all this before the election but will it all be put into practice. This is where we have a part to play. If we want to see changes, we have to do what we can to bring change.

We can remind politicians of the promises they have made. We can use our voices, pen, and paper to write letters, emails or whatever method is most convenient to us, to keep our parliamentarians on their toes.

Church authorities are often told they should keep out of politics.

What rubbish! **Jesus himself was political!**

He set out his manifesto at the beginning of his ministry when preaching in the synagogue in Nazareth.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Luke 4: 18-19)*

Jesus came to bring about radical change.

This should now be the manifesto for the Church and for us as individual Christians.

Jesus said he had come to bring good news to the poor.

Child poverty is highlighted at present. Statistics show that over 4 million children are living in poverty in the UK this is a scandal. The rising cost of living causes many people to suffer poverty. Jesus was always alongside vulnerable people.

Many of you are involved in foodbanks, providing meals for the vulnerable, supporting the agencies that provide help. We must be continually aware of the needs around us.

Then Jesus speaks of relief for the captives. Who are the captives close to us today?

There are many around us who are captive to a damaging way of life, captive to drugs, alcohol, gambling or held in abusive relationships.

There are those who feel trapped by their illnesses or disabilities. Jesus would be there amongst them bringing relief. We are to seek freedom for the oppressed. We are aware of oppressive regimes, oppression for some in the workplace because of demanding expectations, or a sense of oppression brought about by guilt over past wrongs. Jesus was on the side of the oppressed. We are aware of innocent people who risk their lives to escape oppressive regimes. In our comfortable situation it would be easy to turn a blind eye.

Can we turn a blind eye or can we get involved in the organisations that seek to bring freedom for the oppressed.

Barack Obama once said, "Freedom is a gift of God and must be secured by his people here on earth. We must act knowing our victories will only be partial and others will continue. **But we must act.**" Jesus came to bring recovery of sight for the blind!

To open our eyes! Do we sometimes turn a blind eye to the needs around us?

Jesus was ushering in a new kingdom, the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of change, a kingdom to turn the values of the world upside down.

The Spirit of God was with him.

If you are aware of the need for change in the world today, please pray that the Spirit of God will move amongst us, enabling us to work for the Kingdom in the places where we can bring change.

God bless you all

Barbara



Season 3 discussion, lets have a conversation.

Days, times and venues:

**Tuesday, 16:00, Macedonia URC, Failsworth starting 24th
September**

**Wednesday, 19:30, Union St URC, Oldham starting 25th
September**

And continuing weekly for 8, perhaps 9 weeks.

All 12 disciples face new fears, entrenched and old ways when Jesus sends them on their first mission.

But each faces his own unique burden, too: Matthew's estrangement from family, Little James' unhealed disability, Simon Z's unresolved past, and Simon and Eden's marriage crisis - just to name a few.

Meanwhile, scores of newcomers like Veronica and Jairus desperately seek Jesus for relief from crushing crises and heavy-handed authorities, religious and Roman. Thousands ultimately converge on Jesus, first to argue then to listen. But as His preaching extends to the next day, they find themselves in a new predicament - far from home, famished, and without any food to eat. Until a little boy with five loaves and two fishes shows up...

We are putting on a Macmillan Coffee afternoon in church on **Friday 27th September 2pm to 3.30pm**, please come along for a brew, cake, and a chat to support this worthy cause.



Messages from the Leaders

Thanks to everyone who helped to do some clearing out in the church and garden when we had the skip recently.

Lots of positive suggestions were made at recent meetings so let us work together to put some of those ideas into action!

We are proposing to open a warm welcome space over the winter on a Thursday and we are pursuing options to run a leisure activity alongside it - please pray for this!

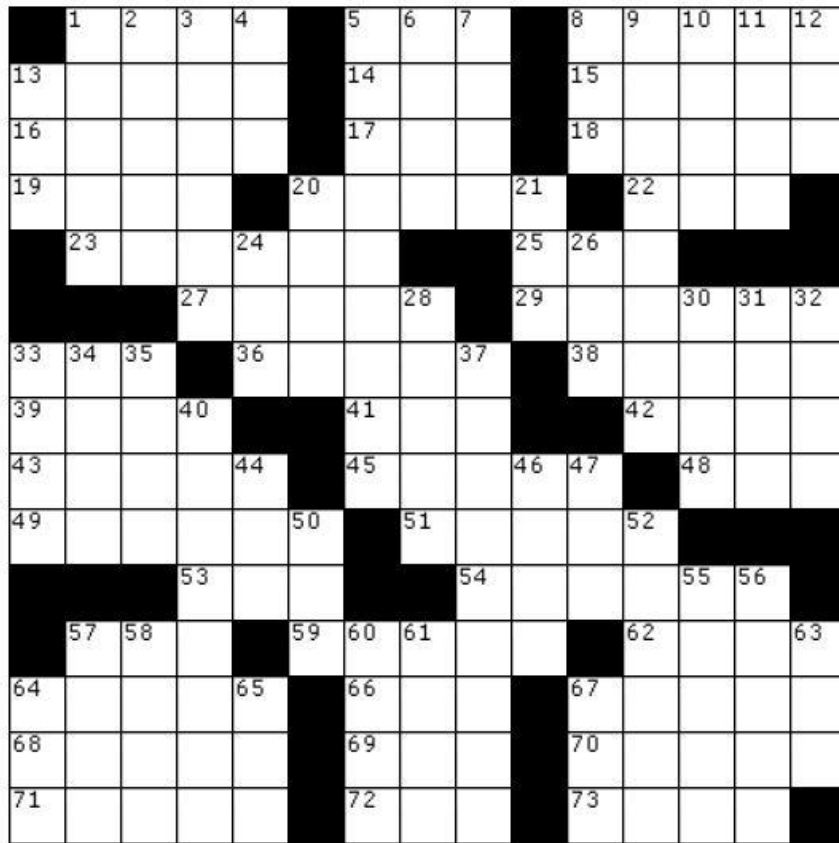
There is an Elders meeting at Shaw URC on Saturday 21st September, 9.30am until noon.

There is a Café Jam service at Albion on Saturday 5th October at 6.30pm featuring a band from Liverpool.

Items needed by the food bank

- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED SOUP
- PASTA
- SHAMPOO
- DEODORANT
- Toothpaste
- Jam
- Microwave rice packet
- Washing powder





ACROSS

- 1 Experts
- 5 Sum
- 8 Biblical Greek word for love
- 13 Impetuous
- 14 Ghost's greeting
- 15 Unconscious states
- 16 Chipper
- 17 No room for them in the ___
- 18 Happening
- 19 They brought gifts
- 20 I am the Alpha and the ___
- 22 East northeast
- 23 Grave (alt. sp.)
- 25 Popular president's initials
- 27 Toothbrush brand
- 29 Fourth son of Ham
- 33 Hard boiled food
- 36 Aleutian

- 38 Female parent
- 39 Songbird
- 41 Cry softly
- 42 Fun
- 43 Used to kill Goliath
- 45 Religious songs
- 48 Distress call
- 49 Caught sight of (KJV)
- 51 Scottish people
- 53 Thirst quencher
- 54 Grouped together
- 57 Lay
- 59 Villain in book of Esther
- 62 Region
- 64 Author C. S.
- 66 Thief's hideout
- 67 Imp
- 68 Last words of prayers
- 69 December
- 70 Stupefy
- 71 Funeral hymn
- 72 Air
- 73 Garden of ___

DOWN

- 1 Regions
- 2 Load
- 3 N. Canadian dweller
- 4 Unassertive
- 5 King of Gerar in the time of Abraham
- 6 Finished
- 7 Ding's partner
- 8 Whiz
- 9 Pilate was one
- 10 Last word of a prayer
- 11 Enclosed section of window
- 12 Time zone
- 13 Metronome marking
- 20 Voiced
- 21 College football conference (abbr.)
- 24 Women's undergarment
- 26 Levee

- 28 Water markers
- 30 OT prophet
- 31 Ammunition
- 32 Dozes
- 33 Otherwise
- 34 Girls
- 35 Grasp
- 37 Jack Ryan creator (2 wds)
- 40 Purling
- 44 "To the right!"
- 46 Person, place or thing
- 47 Short-term memory
- 50 Telegraphic signal
- 52 Placed at intervals
- 55 Take off
- 56 Evil angel
- 57 Very large truck
- 58 Pitcher
- 60 Totals
- 61 Blessed are the ___
- 63 Able
- 64 Boy
- 65 Compass point

- 67 Compass point

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