

How encouraging to read this week that bibles have been "flying off the shelves".

New sales figures indicate that the Bible has experienced a dramatic surge in sales as readers search for hope amid the current coronavirus pandemic.

Bookshops online have reported an "unusual pattern in comparison to the same period in recent years."

Book sales data provider Nielsen BookScan added that the closure of churches is likely to be a factor, before adding that "perhaps people are turning to scripture for comfort in these abnormal and melancholy times...or perhaps people are curious as to whether the coronavirus is prophesied in Revelations."

"We believe this is no accident, as people often go to the Bible as a source of hope in times of crisis and uncertainty," said Ben Mandrell, LifeWay's CEO. "People draw hope from Scripture because in it they see a God who is with us during our suffering." Mandrell added: "The Bible, as God's words to us, is a reminder that He doesn't leave us to walk through difficult times alone."

With such a rise and interest in faith, we were wondering, if anyone in this church would be interested in running an alpha course via Zoom?

An opportunity to walk people steps closer to The King and his Kingdom. I challenge you to pray about whether this is something you can do? If you are interested and God has put this on your heart please contact the office.

Remember - Its worth it for one!

Isaiah 43:19 See, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?



What's been going on at CoCoChu virtual office

- Monday Prayer group was led by Jill. Heres what Jill had to say:
"I feel nudged to say that I'd like to use this afternoon as a time of lament. We have personal grief in our church and village community, a pandemic which is causing economic, emotional, mental and physical pain, a tide of unrest against injustice that is looking ugly. I have found this description of Lament. It is an expression of a grief, an active process of a soul trying to wear out its pain, outlive it, persist through it to a place of respite and a different perspective on living.. its an expression of sorrow and a path to life beyond that sorrow. This prayer group is such an important part of church life and support to our family. Thanks Jill and to the prayer group for uplifting this church.
- We are making plans to gather the old "Steering Group" for the Silver Street Project, alongside a few extra members who are interested in the possibility of a "Youth Hub and more" regarding National Lottery Funding. There will be an update on this on 28th June via Zoom.
- Jon has visited Silver Street to have a good look at what needs doing. Below is a sign up sheet and more details for those that would like to help. Alice and Jon also met a member of the community there who is helping to build some raised beds for the young people.
- We have been ordering some beautiful gifts for the year 6 leavers. Alice is going to be making some packs to bless the young people and invite them along to the younger group which will be running weekly on a Thursday 6-8PM from age 10. Katherine and Alice have also done a Zoom interview - link below to introduce some of the work for the Youth Project to parents.
- We have been ordering equipment to prepare for socially distanced meetings for young people and Alice has been carrying out some risk assessments alongside Jon.
- The short listing for candidates took place this week for the x2 sessional youth workers.. Members of the Youth Management Board: Alice, Freda and a young person will be carrying out 4 interviews next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please pray that the right candidate can be found.
- We have been contacted by Colwall Surgery and we are hoping to support them with the use of car parking spaces at the Silver Street site to support them during the pandemic. What a small way to support our local community!

Other notices

Interview with Alice

This week Katherine has interviewed Alice so that we can introduce year 6 parents to Alice. This is now available on our YouTube Channel. If you haven't subscribed to an account, please do. You will then be notified of any updates or new video content. Click the link below to watch this video - its AWESOME!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSQ6FhiBZhM&t=4s>

The Church "Vision" Morning LIVING STONES - *Date change*

The church vision morning will now take place on the **28th June via Zoom.**

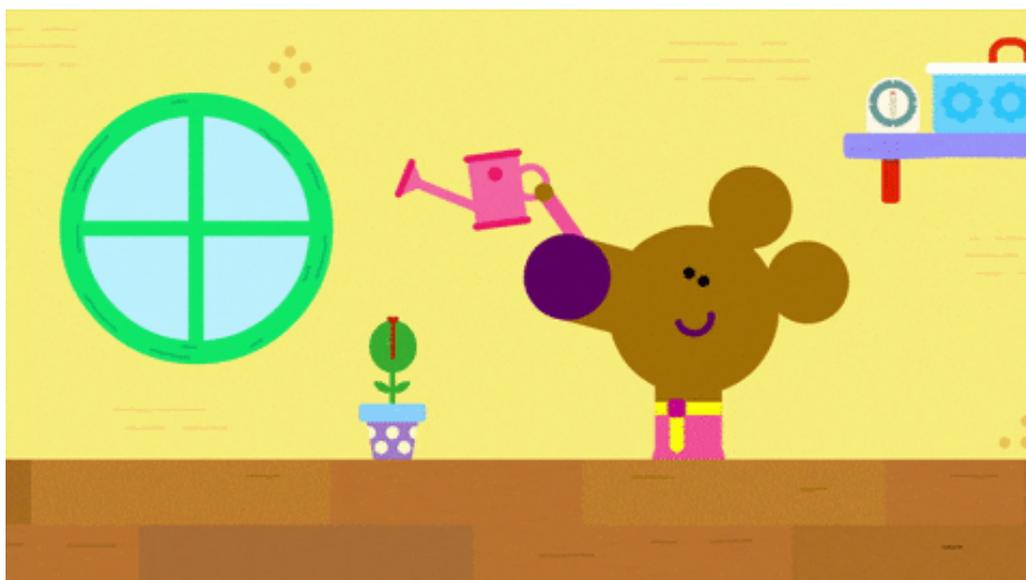
Church tidy up @ Silver Street and Walwyn Road W/C 21st July

Here is a sign up sheet for the jobs that are required over the next few weeks. We are saying week commencing the 21st as we are waiting for some cars at Silver Street to be moved to make the space clear for strimming.

Please can you let me know what job you would like to volunteer for so that we can ensure all the jobs are completed. If you would like to visit at any other time please ensure you maintain social distancing and let me know which job you have completed.

Please click on the sign in sheet, fill in the date and time and send back to the office by saving and e-mailing. If you are not on e-mail please give me a ring.

SIGN UP SHEET



CALLING ALL HOSTS - advance info required.

If you are a church host and planning a service for the Sunday we are trying to be slightly more organised by taking pressure off the weekends and handing it over to

the office during the week. If you could prepare your information (just a word document with bible verses / images / plan for the morning) by the Wednesday at the latest, I (Claire at the office) can put all the information in a powerpoint with worship and speaking info ready for the tech host. (this saves a lot of weekend working where families need rest).

For rota purposes: Katherine and Ruth you are on over the next 2 weeks please send info by Wednesdays :-)

Open Door

If you would like to follow up on some of the topics raised last week via Open Door here are some links that may be of interest:

Open Doors Home Page: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

The OD World Watch List: https://worldwatch.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/?_ga=2.141110514.1503150996.1591632757-662837667.1591632757

OD Children / Youth: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/children-at-home/>

Another link which may be of interest, though this is not an Open Doors resource, is concerning the church in Iran; see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9SAPOLKF59U> (Sheep Among Wolves II).

Colwall Youth Project *Community Garden* is taking shape

Once the Silver Street site has been cleared and tidied the Colwall Youth Project will be beginning their "community Garden" with some raised beds going in just outside the office. These have been donated by the community who have offered much support, such as raised beds, plants, seeds and a water butt.

A lovely project for the young people and community :-)

The marriage course ONLINE

HTB church in London is still offering the marriage course - FREE OF CHARGE - from the comfort of your home. The Kennell's have recently done this course and here's what Roger had to say....

"We did the marriage course online over 2 months from April. It was a real highlight of the week. It was great to switch off from everything else, sit down on the sofa next to each other, watch an interesting and frequently funny video, hear from other couples on the video and then focus on our marriage. It was good to reflect on the past 13 years, remember the highlights (and the lowlights) and to talk about how we can best love, support and cherish each other going forward. Even when discussing difficult issues. you are doing it in a positive way together with the issue in front of

you rather than by arguing with the issue coming between you (as they would say on the course).

When we were first married I think I spent the first five (maybe more) years bringing Katherine hot drinks in a particular spotted mug because I thought it was her favourite; until, that is, one day she asked why I always did that and I realised it wasn't her favourite mug after all. But we hadn't communicated with each other. That is a trivial example but I think the course is great at helping you to be intentional about changing things so that you don't suddenly find you've been doing more important things wrong for decades. There are sessions on topics such as communication, dealing with conflict and love languages. And in all these things everyone is different and so doing things the way that suits you best is not necessarily (indeed, is almost certainly not) the best way for your other half.

The sessions last about an hour and a half to two hours and you start with a recap of the previous week. Each week is then broken down into three or four parts and you watch the film and then consider and discuss certain questions for 5, 10 or 30 minutes before moving on to the next part. To be clear, just as with the marriage course in person at a church, you are not disclosing intimate details of your marriage with anyone else! It is just the two of you.

I would definitely recommend the course, however long you have been married. It has brought us much closer and also helped us identify things to work on going forward."

What a good time to invest in each other.....Sign up
HERE: <https://www.htb.org/marriage>

The Funeral of Matt Fraser - A celebration of life

Matts funeral will be taking place on **Monday 15th June @10am.**

Venue

The Vale Crematorium,
Evesham Road,
Fladbury,
Persore,
WR10 2QR

Due to social distancing numbers are extremely limited. Speakers are available at the crematorium for those that would like to attend and listen from outside. There is also a web cam broadcast option available.

(Access would need to be requested directly from the family)

This will be a celebration of Matts life and an opportunity for the family to share

memories.

Please hold this family up in your prayers at this time.

A midsummer nights dream - A notice from Sandie that's being shared across the village.

20th & 21st June A Midsummer Night's Dream In Colwall



Dress the front of your house with fairy lights, fairies & elves. As it gets dark on 20th take a stroll around the village. Come in costume & remember to keep a safe distance.

This Sunday

ASLAN kids groups @ 10 AM

Emily will be leading the children's work this week.

The children will be hearing about Peter escaping from prison and watching an animated Bible story that is based on Acts 12:1-17.

Emily has also provided some resources:

<https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/peters-rescue-maze-bible-activity/view/>

Also, pop up prison

<http://www.biblesongsandmore.com/2016/10/07/jail-pop-up-tutorial/> You will need glue scissors and card for this one as well as the printout.

ZOOM @ 10.30 AM

Jill is hosting this Sunday

Rob will be sharing his message with us from Peter "A life of adventure.....into the impossible". Please read Acts 3 in preparation for this.

Here is a blessing we will be reading at the end together as a family. Im am enclosing it here for those joining us by phone.

The Peace of God be with you
The Peace of Christ be with you
The Peace of the Spirit be with you
And with your children

From the day that we have here today
To the day at the end of your life

Heres the Zoom Link for Sunday:

|| <https://zoom.us/j/841926331>

**To dial in by phone: 0203 695 0088 and enter the meeting ID followed by the #
The meeting password is: 290236**

Don't forget to read the updates from Alice

Lots of CoCoChu Love
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UPDATES FROM ALICE

OUR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDED YOUTH WORKER



This week: 11/06/20

Hi all,

I hope everyone is well and keeping safe!

I have had another tremendously busy week this week! There is so much going on in the world of youth work and lot's of positive things to look forward to!

As many of you know, I am busy planning to get back to small face to face group work sessions on our Silver Street site! The young people are looking forward to this so much and are already booking in time slots! I am aiming to run three groups, for an hour long session per day on both Thursday and Fridays. This will start in July!

Jon and I had a meeting with a lovely gentleman that has offered to build us a raised plant bed, for the young people's community garden! This went really well and allowed me and Jon to plan out where things can go and give us some idea on a time frame! Jon and Jill have kindly volunteered to clear the small patch on Silver Street where the raised plant bed will go, next week. This will then allow Adam, to start building! We have also had an amazing response from the

community who have donated plant pot's and a waterbut! We have also had some very kind donations of tomatoes, leek and courgette plants that are ready to be replanted as soon as the site is ready! I am so excited to really get this project going!!

We have also ordered some lovely items and activities this week that will be made into activity packs for the community as well as promotion/celebration packs for the current year 6's.

Myself and Katherine have completed the year 6 promotion video, that Katherine has kindly edited and added pictures too! This is a lovely video that demonstrates everything we are currently doing, our future aims, and the passion and vision for Colwall Youth Project! This will be sent out shortly, along with a survey that i have made for parents. This survey is aimed at the year 6 parents to express what they would like to see at CYP for there young people.

Myself and Freda have been busy preparing the interview questions for the Assistant Youth Worker interviews next week. This is such an exciting time for the youth project, and I am so grateful for the help and support! We are really looking forward to hiring, and then being able to move forward with the project!!

Jill and I, have a meeting with a potential new member joining the Youth Management Board this afternoon. This is again an exciting project as we are looking to grow the Youth Management Board!

The young people have requested a mock trial this week at the open access youth session on Friday. I have been busy planning scripts and roles for everyone and am really excited to see how it turns out! The young people we so enthusiastic about this, and I am hoping to offer more sessions like this in the future if it works well.

Please feel free to give me a call at any time if you would like to talk about any of the exciting things happening with the youth project at the moment or if you feel you can help in any way.

We are so grateful for all of the support!

Lot's of love, Alice xx



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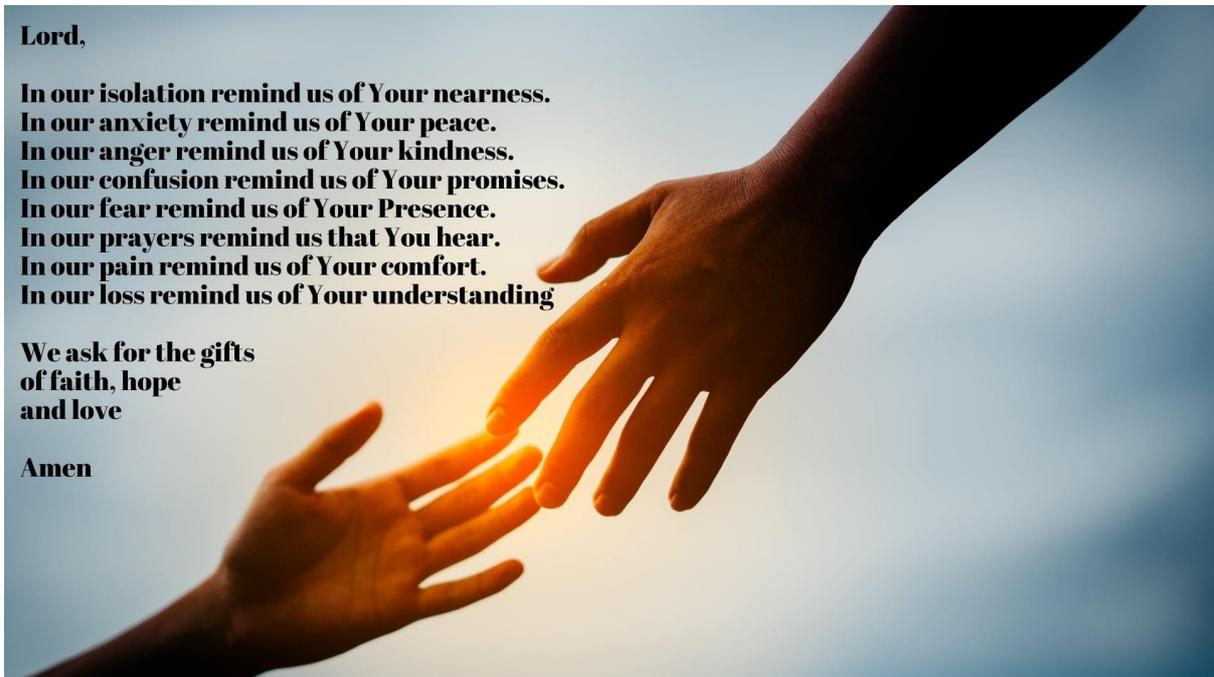
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Lord,

**In our isolation remind us of Your nearness.
In our anxiety remind us of Your peace.
In our anger remind us of Your kindness.
In our confusion remind us of Your promises.
In our fear remind us of Your Presence.
In our prayers remind us that You hear.
In our pain remind us of Your comfort.
In our loss remind us of Your understanding**

**We ask for the gifts
of faith, hope
and love**

Amen



**IMPERFECT
HEROES**





OUR NEW TEACHING SERIES FOR JULY AT COCOCHU

**DEBORAH 5TH JULY - LED BY KATHERINE
SAMPSON 12TH JULY - LED BY PHIL
GIDEON 19TH JULY - LED BY ROB
CALEB 26TH JULY - LED BY ROGER**

IMPERFECT HEROES COVERS THE REMARKABLE LEADERSHIP IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY. THE BOOK OF JUDGES FALLS AFTER THE DEATH OF JOSHUA, WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY LED THE PEOPLE OF GOD INTO THE PROMISED LAND, WITH THE NATION NOW BEING LED BY A SEQUENCE OF RULERS. THE STORIES OF THESE JUDGES ARE BOLD, BRUTAL AND OFTEN CHALLENGING.

PREPARE TO BE CHALLENGED



ZOOM CODES

MEETING CODES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY PRAYER @ 4PM:599990973 PASSWORD: 290236

WEDNESDAY LIFEGROUP *ALTERNATE WEEKS*

7.45PM: MEETING-ID: 81392229672 PASSWORD:532411

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER 7AM:962340569 PASSWORD: 290236

SUNDAY SERVICES 10.30AM:841926331 PASSWORD: 290236

DIAL IN BY PHONE: 0203 695 0088 AND ENTER THE MEETING ID FOLLOWED BY THE



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Our giving is totally anonymous to all but the finance team – most people give by standing order, but if you prefer there is a black box for offerings and donations on the welcome desk. If you are a tax payer please do sign a Gift Aid form to enable the church to recover tax and make the money go further. Once completed these can be put in the black box.

Bank details if you need them are: Colwall Community Church 09-01-54 73133709.

By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak.
Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from
receiving." Acts 20:35

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