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Welcome to CoCoChu.....



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@ 10.30AM

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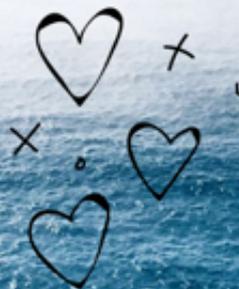
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All the latest news @ CoCoChu.....

Good Afternoon CoCoChuers,

I pray regularly during the week wondering what God wants me to share in this newsletter. I have been reading a great book (what else can we do). I really believe this is for a lot of people, read, pray and let it sink in. The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.....

"In my own soul, I just feel that terrible pain of loss, of God not wanting me, of God not being God, of God not really existing...That darkness that surrounds me on all sides. I can't lift my soul to God - no light or inspiration enters my soul. I speak of love for souls, of tender love for God, words pass my lips and I long with a deep longing to believe them. In my heart, there is no faith, no love, no trust. There is so much pain, the pain of longing, the pain of not being wanted. I want God with all the powers of my soul and yet there is a terrible separation between us. My soul is not with you and yet when alone in the streets I talk with you for hours, of my longing for you. I do my best; I spend myself but I am more than convinced that the work is not mine. I do not doubt that it was you who called me with so much love and force. It was you, I know...But I have no faith, I don't believe"

Can anyone guess who said these words? The Vatican said these words should be published as they reveal the very nature of faith, and these words have gone on to provide comfort to many who recognise their own struggles as they read Mother Teresa's. She was one of the most respected spiritual leaders of our time and yet at times struggled to pray and had no faith.

We often hear people talk in church or share about their faith but maybe not always with this level of vulnerability. Katherine has shared in church a few times sharing the vulnerability of Leaders and the power of that. We sometimes think it might discount us to feel this way, or that we are not worthy, or ungrateful but this is all part of our journey, a journey of faith (we don't always have it altogether).

We can and should be more open and honest in the dark times where God seems far away, where we feel alone and like God doesn't have our backs? Hang on in there. God uses these times to do work below the surface. In these times we depend on God in a whole new way, aware of our inadequacies and that's OK. He has not forsaken YOU, he never will. It doesn't discredit you or invalidate you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

6 “Be strong. Take courage. Don’t be intimidated. Don’t give them a second thought because God, your God, is striding ahead of you. He’s right there with you. He won’t let you down; he won’t leave you.”

What's been going on at CoChu?

- CoCoChu is stepping up to the plate in terms of technology. It may be something people fear but WE as a church family are embracing it during these strange times. How amazing is that!! Andy led the prayer meeting on Monday and people are opening up their homes in all sorts of ways to host meetings and make people feel less alone.
- Iv spent an hour setting Roger S on ZOOM! We actually did it together! Proper progress! Ill see you on Sunday Roger :-)
- Team meeting Tuesdays were a good catch up and focus for the week.
- Alices has set a new Social Distancing Challenge. Please see below.
- Sandie saw a family out for a walk and has an alternative idea to the rainbows everyone has placed in their windows. See Aslan section below.
- Jill has updated and completed a set of Virtual Hosting notes. If you have volunteered as a host I will send these out to you today as a framework for Sunday services.
- The Leadership met this week to reflect on Sundays service and how things are going virtually, considering missional opportunities at the moment and how we can make a difference? (more to follow on this next week), an update from the Trustees meeting. They have been looking at the responses received from the Leadership letter last week. And of course, PRAYING!

Other notices

Easter service & Communion

Next weekend we will be celebrating Easter together and sharing communion (please have your own wine and bread at the ready). There will also be a kids activity that will be sent out during the week.

This will be an open service for anyone from the community to join via Zoom so please welcome any visitors.

Paintings and poem exhibition

As you were unable to get to see the planned Bewdley exhibition arising from its postponement due to Coronavirus constraints, I hope this is a small replacement offering as we approach Holy Week.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/16612/paintings-poemsandprayersforholyweek2020-mmacc.pdf>

Claire Annual Leave

I will be off over the 2 weeks of Easter but still sending out our regular weekly e-newsletter. If you have news that needs to be shared please put NEWS in the subject of your e-mail.

The contact for any enquiries this week is Roger Kennell: 07958 312896.

Leadership Letter

Thanks for those that gave feedback to the letter from the Leadership Team. These options have been put forward and will be considered over the next few weeks! More details to follow.

Zoom by phone

If you are logging into Zoom by phone please be assured that services are generally made up of members of our church family. I know its hard as you cannot see who is present but we know you are with us and that makes it ever so special. Thanks for joining us!

CORONAVIRUSCARE - COLWALL

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help Colwall Coronavirus Care and the partnership represented by it with the other village organisations involved which are Colwall St James, Colwall Parish Council, Colwall Surgery, CoCoCHu and Colwall WINGS WI. Leaflets have gone into what we hope are all homes in the Colwall Parish Council area, a small team of volunteers are now on a daily rota to take calls, and over 100 people have offered to volunteer their help in servicing a request for help.

The key message to get out is if there are Colwall residents needing help they should call **07452 928 226** or email colwallcoronaviruscare@gmail.com

This Sunday

ASLAN @ 10 AM

Sandie has shared a wonderful idea for this week's kids slot. Please can children bring a teddy that is dressed up as a hero or a favourite character? We can then display these in our windows whilst people are out for a walk.

It is also Palm Sunday. Please decorate a cross to wave and also to display in your

windows

ZOOM @ 10.30 AM

It is Palm Sunday. We are asking all of us to decorate a cross to wave and also to display in your windows

Andy is leading our service this Sunday

Katherine will be our technical host

Tim will be leading worship with a request from Val this week - via video (please send in your requests)

Our Sunday Talk

Helen Farrington from Worcester Church has amazingly pre-recorded her talk to share with us which is now available on our website or will be played after the service for those via telephone. - Helen, we are so grateful to you for doing this :-).

Please click the link below:

Helen - Faith In Times of Trouble

Heres the Zoom Link for Sunday:

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

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Lots of CoCoChu Love

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UPDATES FROM ALICE

OUR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDED YOUTH WORKER



This week:

So on Friday I had 12 young people and this week I am trialling having both age groups in the same evening so under 14's 6-7 and over 14's 7-8. I have put together a mock virtual youth work timetable that includes help with future steps, homework and course work support, wellbeing and mindfulness.

I have liased with dave (Hereford CC) and are looking into comic relief funding!! There are also bits of funding we are exploring together like the building better opportunities fund and funding for summer activities. I am also looking into some online training for parents and volunteers! This week at youth group we will be judging last weeks social distancing challenge and quizzes!!

This week we have set the task of photography, the theme is 'foods'. we have had lots of entries from the young people so far but would like to invite the whole community to take part. please feel free to participate and send your pictures in via Facebook, email (youth@colwallcommunitychurch.com) or WhatsApp (07925275769).

We will be posting the entries on our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

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Want to share in giving?

CoCoChu is entirely supported by the giving of people who come here. If you would like to speak to someone about giving, then see anyone of the leadership team who can point you in the right direction.

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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