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## Welcome to CoCoChu.....



'The terrible thing, the almost impossible thing, is to hand over your whole self - all your wishes and precautions - to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead.'

C.S. Lewis

### All the latest news @ CoCoChu.....

Good Afternoon CoCoChuers,

After last weeks message on forgiveness, I picked up a book that I borrowed off Katherine that's taken me a HUGE amount of time to read. It's an amazing book by Patrick Regan called 'When faith gets shaken' which I would highly recommend reading. I picked up from where I last read and this is what it said.....

Forgiveness - Part 2 - Forgiving God....

"Most of us would acknowledge that when someone has hurt us, we have to forgive

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them to be able to find our own freedom and healing. But how do we deal with it when we feel hurt by God? We know he has done nothing wrong yet we can be tormented by the fact that he didn't intervene and stop terrible things from happening to us.

Dr R. T. Kendall was the minister at Westminster Chapel in London for twenty-five years and has written lots of best-selling books, notably *Totally Forgiving Others and Totally Forgiving Yourself*. A couple of years after the latter was published, a friend suggested he should write a follow-up book called *Totally Forgiving God*. R. T. gulped, knowing that it would be easily open to misinterpretation while also explaining his friend was right. He wrote the book and explains in it that God doesn't need to be forgiven as he only wants the best for his people and hasn't done anything wrong. Yet we live in a broken world where suffering is a reality for so many people, which can leave us feeling betrayed by God.

Patrick writes about his most honest moments feeling betrayed by God and that it was something he had to deal with if he was going to continue in relationship with him. He specifically talks about people saying "God won't give you more than you can bear". This is a frequently quoted phrase and one that can cause great heartache to those who are suffering. When you have reached the point at which you don't feel that you can take anymore and someone tells you God wouldn't give this burden to you if you couldn't handle it, it doesn't make you feel loved. Quite the opposite: it leads to further anger as you conclude that God clearly doesn't know you all that well as you already feel beyond breaking point. It implies that God is doling out the pain and will stop when things get too much. The phrase is actually a misquotation of Scripture; what the Bible says is that God won't allow you *to be tempted* beyond what you can bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). Paul was trying to show the Corinthians that God was with them when they were tempted and would help them find a way to resist.

Maybe there are others of you out there that can relate to this in periods of your life? If we want to shine bright for Christ; if we want to be effective Christians, ready to change the world, we have to get our relationship with him right. Be assured that God knows you intimately; when you feel let down or overwhelmed by life, go to the God of rescue for his help. He isn't giving you more than you can handle. He is a God walking through life with you every step of the way, no matter what.





#### What's been going on at CoCoChu virtual office

- I have been getting a few bits ready for the service on Sunday
- I have been uploading stuff to our YouTube channel
- I have been using the summer quiet spot to catch up on some boring admin tasks like uploading our news to the website (which I was very behind on)...ooopppssss!
- The A-Team has been VERY HOT in the gazebo but has still made Friendship Bracelets, Fruit Skewers and sports day tomorrow. Pics below of last weeks activities.
- I have been putting some adverts together for our Autumn series, we like to put these on social media for the community to see what we are up to and if people want to join. If you are on Facebook like our page. The good thing about Sunday services being planned in advance is that we can share parts of them with the world.
- You may have received an e-mail about a newsletter series called "Getting to know you". Would love as many people to take part as possible. Please respond over the next few weeks. More details listed at the bottom of this e-mail.

#### **Other notices**

#### June Allen

It is with sadness that we share June Allen (wife of Marcus Allen) passed away suddenly last week. Marcus notified us to let our fellowship know. Please keep Marcus and family in your prayers at this difficult time.

#### 5th Sunday in August

On Sunday 30th August there will be no online service. Our next service after that will be 6th September where we will be hearing from the Jarratt's and their lockdown sabbatical! I don't know, you plan to rest and a Pandemic occurs!!!!!

#### **Last Sunday**

Maechelle continued in our series on Psalms for people under pressure. Psalm 39 - Do Not Fret. It's here if you missed it <u>MAECHELLE - DO NOT FRET</u>

#### **This Sunday**

#### ASLAN kids groups @ 10 AM

#### **Aslan Time in August**

Kids time during the summer holidays will be a little different. It seems like a great opportunity to enjoy what other churches have been preparing for their children so we will be streaming kids services from Gas St church in Birmingham. They are a 20-minute slot packed full of fun, worship and teaching. So log on as usual at 10.00 and enjoy. The Bible focus will be Parables of Jesus.

Jill is leading Aslan time this Sunday. The Parable of the Talents: Matthew 25:14–30

There will be no Zoom kids time on August 30th (5th Sunday no service) but we shall be back together with our autumn programme on Sept 6th

#### **ZOOM @ 10.30 AM**

Phil is hosting this Sunday.

Jill will be sharing from our "Psalms for people under pressure" series. Looking at Psalm 42/43. In fact Jill is doing A LOT this Sunday!

We are really looking forward to it...

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

Loads of pictures below from Alice, Amy and Aron (The A-Team) .....

Lots of CoCoChu Love xxxx

Loads of fun @ the Colwall Youth Project this week!

Here are some pictures from last week too.











I would like to start a new newsletter series in September called 'getting to know you'. As we are not meeting in person, I thought we could get to know each other better by answering a few questions, with a different person each week and learn a little about peoples walk of faith, what keeps them close to Christ.

I would love as many people to take part as possible. If you would like to take part please can you reply to this email over the next few weeks with a picture of yourself and the answer to all of these questions. I think this would be a great way of getting to know new and old school members and to build community.

#### Here are the questions:

- Name
- Occupation
- Favourite food (as always at CoCoChu)
- Hobbies, how you enjoy spending your free time
- How you became a Christian?
- What keeps you close to Christ?
- Favourite verse?



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We would like everyone in the church to feel connected



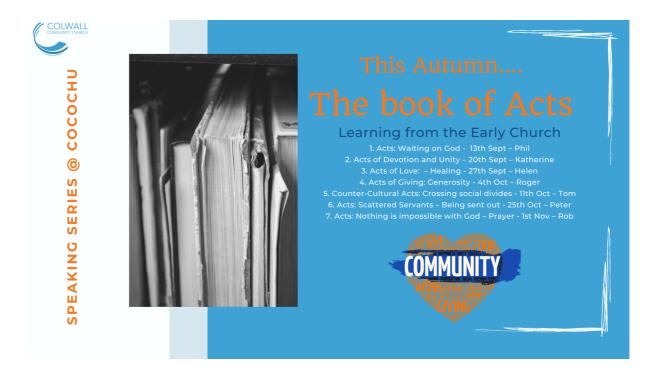
and loved. If you would like to chat to someone or need some help please do get in touch with David and Mary Jarratt who will be our first point of call for pastoral needs on 01684 540882.

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# This is Wilson. He is now working from home 29







#### 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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