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Ministers: Revd Peter Williamson & Revd Jerry Cook



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER.

Most of you will know that we have had 3 months without a Minister. However, at the end of May, we were delighted to hear that two of the Supernumerary Ministers in our Torbay Methodist Circuit had been asked to 'look after us'. And, what's more, they said they would.

We are so grateful to Rev. Peter Williamson and Rev. Jerry Cook for giving us their help. As they are both retired they will be sharing the duties of a full-time minister. The Pastoral Visitors will continue to care for the folk they normally visit, but should there be a particular need, Jerry will share the problem. Peter will be chairing meetings and helping in other ways. Both of these Ministers will be taking extra Services for us.

Thank you so much Jerry and Peter, and we look forward to your ministry with us.

Margaret Newman.

THE MINISTER.

Peter Williamson writes. . . .

It happens every year at this time of year. When it's all over they tell us how many ice creams, bottles of champagne, and strawberries and cream have been eaten; how many folk have attended; how many hours of sunshine and hours of rain there were; and we know who are the new Wimbledon champions.

Somebody has become, or maybe has become again, world famous. Days and days of waiting, either there at Wimbledon or watching the television/computer screen; head left, head right; groans of despair, roars of applause, the odd tantrum or two maybe, chalk flying, judges and umpires scowled at or groaned at; and those annoying words – fifteen, thirty, forty, deuce, game – oh! And I nearly forgot, *love*.

Have you ever stopped and thought about the method of scoring at tennis? I find it most odd.

The first single point you gain and it's fifteen right away. You gain another point and it's thirty. Then you score again and it makes - forty (why isn't it fortyfive?). Then it's not fifty or fifty-five or anything numerical at all, it's *game*. Unless of course you both have forty, and then you drop numbers and *deuce* is called. After that it's *advantage*. Then there are *aces* somewhere in the game. Oh! I nearly forgot, there's this business of *love*. And they say cricket is difficult to understand!!

On a tennis court love equals nothing – or to put it another way love means that you have lost. All I want to say is this, while love on the courts of Wimbledon means you have lost, in the courts of heaven love means you have won; indeed, there you can only win by love

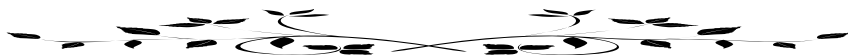
In the world today, there is an increasing tendency to denigrate love, to count it as a failure, something weak, something of little worth. The game of life goes to the strong and powerful, those who pile up the scores no matter how they do it; and love is to be shunned.

The Bible says there are three things which last for ever. Faith, hope and love. Folk today tend to laugh at such sentiments – consider them to belong to a past age. The things that last for ever, they say, are wealth, fame position, power and possessions – not love. Such folk have no time for a service of love – they are quite prepared to take advantage; they don't want to be hampered by umpires and judges. Rather they want to win at any price and for them love means losing, as it does in tennis. You win with a fifteen per cent rise in salary, with thirty minutes a day off working hours, with a forty per cent increase in dividends – however that has all been achieved. Let those who will talk on foolishly about love.

I believe in love and I'm making my plea for greater love to be shown in relationships, in church, in society – that sacrificial love as lived and taught by Jesus and because of which he died. I'm doing it with the inner confidence that when love meant for Him a cross and it looked as though He had lost, in fact He had won – game, set and match for all time. And all who try to follow Him and His ways are now on the winning side – whether you are playing tennis, any other sport, or, and most importantly – the game of life.

Prayer for the day: Loving Lord, help us day by day to live in your love and to demonstrate it in victorious living. Amen.

(Written in affectionate memory of Dan Maskell who in his day was 'The voice of Wimbledon' and showed his love for others by championing the rehabilitation of disabled people through sport).



FAMILY & FRIENDS

THANKS

- Hilda Bowden would like to thank you for the lovely flowers received recently, brought by Sue Norman. Unfortunately I was unavailable at the time, but they were beautiful and much appreciated. My thanks also to my friends who continue to ring me and to Cynthia for her visits. With my love and thanks to you all.

NEW ADDRESS

- Pam Fulcher's new address is Holmesley Care Home, For tesque Road, Sidford, Sidmouth. EX10 9QG.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

- Philip Kay's new email address is: **philip.kay393@gmail.com**

A PERFORMANCE BY THE



RIVIERA CONCERT BRASS

at

CENTRAL CHURCH

Wednesday 24th July

at 7.30pm



TICKETS £5.00



From Philip K
or at the door.

In aid of church funds,

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT

FUND RAISING

There was a time when we had a Special Events group charged with increasing fellowship in the church and raising funds. Sadly, due to insufficient support it eventually disbanded. However at the present time it is more imperative than ever that more money is raised.

So here is an opportunity for you to support an event where Central takes all the profits. It is the concert being put on by Mike Griffith's Riviera Brass Band - see the advert opposite.

This is always a happy occasion and very entertaining, so why not come along. Not only will you enjoy yourself, you'll provide a little boost to our funds.

A poster for a 'TEA DANCE' event. The title 'TEA DANCE' is at the top in large, bold, outlined letters. Below it, the text 'Dancing to music from Tracey' is written in a slanted, outlined font. To the right of this is the word 'TEA' in large, bold, outlined letters, followed by 'FRIENDSHIP' in a similar style. A small graphic of a hibiscus flower is positioned between 'TEA' and 'FRIENDSHIP'. Below the main text, the date and time 'Saturday 13th July 2.30pm – 5.00pm' are listed. Underneath that is the admission price 'Admission £4.00 including tea'. At the bottom, a short paragraph reads 'A SOCIABLE AFTERNOON FOR ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEND TIME WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS.' The entire poster is enclosed in a thick, black, patterned border.

TEA DANCE
Dancing to music
from Tracey **TEA**  **FRIENDSHIP**
Saturday 13th July 2.30pm – 5.00pm
Admission £4.00 including tea
**A SOCIABLE AFTERNOON FOR ALL THOSE
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AND NEW FRIENDS.**

A REFLECTION

What are your feet like? Well, I am having terrible trouble with mine!! The younger among you reading this Magazine probably don't have any trouble at all. But for those of us 'of a certain age' suffer!

How many of you visit a Chiropodist, or have one come to your home? They will see your nails are alright; they will deal with corns and callouses; and generally spruce up your feet.

Well, my trouble is, my feet are costing me a fortune!! Let me explain. I have bunions (as many of you will I expect), and those bunions are forcing my big toes over to my other toes, and making them double up as it were. So, when I say that my feet are costing me a fortune, it is because the shoes which fitted me 6 months ago, no longer do. They are all rubbing the joints of those toes which are being forced up to the top of my shoes -- even my sandals. Do any of you have that trouble? I could sell you shoes which I have hardly worn!! I know, some people have far more trouble with their feet than I do with mine, if they have diabetes.

Feet are so important, aren't they? They enable us to walk, run (if we are young), and make sure that we can do all we need to do each day.

Feet are mentioned many, many times in the Bible. Jesus' feet were nailed to the Cross. And one text which comes to mind is to be found in Isaiah Chapter 52 and verse 7. That verse says "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns'.

Isaiah was talking about the Jews who were going to come back from Babylon after the exile. God says that when the people return to Zion (Jerusalem), they will be able to tell others of the good news of salvation, and bring peace. They will be able to proclaim that their God reigns.

It is a privilege to be able to share God's Good News with others. It is a privilege to be able to share with others the love of Jesus, and of His redemption, salvation and peace. And God says that the feet of those who bring good news to others are 'beautiful'.

In that lovely hymn by Frances Ridley Havergal, two of the lines say:-
"Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee".

God loves beautiful feet. He looks beyond the corns, the callouses and the bunions, and looks to see if they are being used to help others.

Feet will be on show during these two months -- when, in the heat, they will be bare. Many feet will be getting sand between their toes.

But, when you next look at your feet, and I look at mine, let us, like God, look beyond their shape, and ask ourselves whether they are going to the people and places where someone is in need -- whether they are going where Jesus wants them to go.

I wish you all a Happy Summer. Enjoy the long hours of daylight. And each day let's all thank God for all that we see around us, and proclaim that 'Our God reigns'.

Speak to you in September.

Margaret Newman.



SUNDAY WELCOME ROTA JULY

DATE	10.30 am	6.30am
7 th	Barbara Lawton & Su Garrod	Paul Sherriff
14 th	Tessa Goodwin & Leone Tyas	Philip Kay
21 st	Christine & Paul Sherriff	Sue Coatham
28 th	Dorothy Barnet & Cynthia Arscott	Philip Kay

AUGUST

4 th	Barbara Lawton & Sue Coatham	Paul Sherriff
11 th	Monica Lansley & Philip Kay	Philip Kay
18 th	Paula Bastin & Jackie Little	Sue Coatham
25 th	Tessa Goodwin & Leone Tyas	Philip Kay

JULY & AUGUST 2019 CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	TIME	DETAIL
JULY			
Mon	1 st	6.00	Leadership Team
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	2 nd	9.30	Midweek Prayers. Philip Kay
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
		7.00	New Life Housegroup
Wed	3 rd	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	4 th	9.30	Central Tots
		7.00	Finance & Property
Fri	5 th	7.00	Choir
Sat	6 th	7.00	South Devon Choir
Sun	7 th		See separate page for Services
		12.30	Community Lunch
Mon	8 th	6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	9 th	9.30	Midweek Service: Margaret Newman
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
Wed	10 th	10.00	Faith Matters
		7.00	Church Council
		7.30	Quiz Evening at Kingsteignton URC
Thurs	11 th	9.30	Central Tots
		7.00	Rise & Shine Meeting
Fri	12 th	7.00	Choir
Sat	13 th	2.30	Tea Dance
Sun	14 th		See Separate page for Services
Mon	15 th	2.00	Central's Fell: Bring & Buy, Raffle, Refreshments
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	16 th	9.30	Midweek Prayers . Barbara Lawton
		7.00	New Life Housegroup
Wed	17 th	10.00	Faith Matters

Thurs	18th	9.30	Central Tots
Fri	19th	7.00	Choir
Sun	21 st		See separate page for Services
		12.30	Church Meeting (AGM)
Mon	22nd	6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	23rd	9.30	Midweek Communion Revd Valerie Price
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
Wed	24th	10.00	Faith Matters
		7.30	Riviera Concert Brass – Proceeds to Central
Thurs	25 th	7.30	Moors Housegroup
Fri	26th	7.00	Choir
Sun	28th		See separate page for Services
Mon	29 th	6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	30 th	9.30	Midweek Prayers. Philip Kay
		7.00	New Life Housegroup
Wed	31st	10.00	Faith Matters
AUGUST			
Fri	2nd	7.00	Choir
Sun	4th		See separate page for Services
		12.30	Community Lunch
Fri	9th	7.00	Choir
Sun	11 th		See Separate page for Services
LAST DATE FOR ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER CORNERSTONE			
Tues	13 th	7.00	New Life Housegroup
Thurs	15th	7.00	Church Council
Fri	16 th	7.00	Choir
Sun	18th		See separate page for Services
Mon	19th	2.30	Central's Fellowship AGM & Tea
Fri	23rd	7.00	Choir
Sun	25 th		See separate page for Services
Tues	27th	7.00	New Life Housegroup
Fri	30th	7.00	Choir

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JULY/AUGUST 2019.

DATE	TIME	MORNING	EVENING 6.30
JULY			
7th	10.30	Revd Adrian Phippen	Adam Hills
14th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Revd Jerry Cook (HC)	Helen Barrett
21st	10.30	Margaret Newman	Brian Hart
28th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	David Welsh	Revd Valerie Price (HC)
AUGUST			
4 th	10.30	Revd Graham Shaw	Revd Adrian Phippen
11 th	9.00	Rise & Shine (TBC)	
	10.30	Revd Peter Williamson (HC)	Barbara Vond
18 th	10.30	David Welsh	Wendy Hugonnet
25th	9.00	Rise & Shine (TBC)	
	10.30	Margaret Newman	Revd Peter Williamson(HC)



EDITOR CALLING!

The number of articles submitted for this issue was memorably few. We're now having a break for August, so I would like to appeal for more input for the September issue. Perhaps you'll start to think about it long before 8th September - the next deadline.

PACK TO THE FUTURE

King David had his rod and staff and Elijah had his mantle. Dorcas from Nigeria has her mama packs.

A mama pack is a simple carrier bag of sanitary items: soap, bleach and sanitary pads. She gives the bag to expectant mothers. To Dorcas, the bags are a sign of her calling from God. A sign that he is with her as she does her vital work.

‘I feel good,’ she says. ‘I feel that, “Yes. God is really working with me.”’

Dorcas is a single mother who lives with HIV, like millions in Nigeria. Trained and supported by Tearfund’s local church partner, she works as a Mother Buddy in her village. **Her job is to make sure each mother has a safe delivery and a healthy baby.**

Most importantly, she makes sure that mothers with HIV don’t pass the virus on to their newborn children. **Since she started educating the women in her community, there have been no mother-to-child HIV transmissions.** None at all!

The mothers-to-be clearly love their mother buddy – they call her ‘auntie’ and ‘sister’. She dispenses kind words and good advice to all of them. ‘We encourage them to feel a sense of belonging,’ says Dorcas.

And along with the mama bags she gives them dignity. **You see, without those items, the women wouldn’t be admitted to the local hospitals to give birth.** What a difference a small bag of sanitary goods makes.

It’s a perfect example of how something simple can make a profound difference.

Of course, this applies to our prayers as well. Sometimes it might seem as though they don’t amount to much, but in God’s hands they are powerful. Even the most humble of prayers can have a greater impact than we could imagine.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR DORCAS

Loving God, Thank you for Dorcas, and for the amazing impact she's had in her community. Thank you that when we offer you what we have, extraordinary things can happen. Please continue to bless the work of all those working to tackle HIV. And help each of us look to the small and simple things we could do to make a difference in our world. In Jesus' name, Amen

Taken from Tearfund email June 2019



MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

Martha welcomed and worked hard
And worried about so many things,
Especially that Mary didn't.

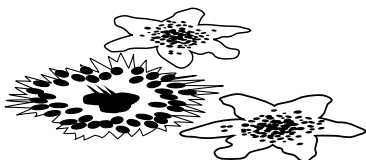
Lazarus lived again and found fame,
And shared supper with the guest
Who called him from the grave.

But Mary...

Mary listened and sat at His feet,
And filled the house with fragrance
In anointing Him.

Martha served,
Lazarus honoured,
But with her hair and her heart
Mary worshipped
The Lord.

By Daphne Kitching



A GARDEN MYSTERY

A garden is a mystery
It makes me question 'why?'
The plants I nurture with such care
Just shrivel up and die?
While seeds that I don't know about
All vigorously thrive
And grow like fabled beanstalks
From cracks within my drive!

By Nigel Beeton

OPEN DOORS

Naomi* is a pastor's wife from **Indonesia**, a country with rising religious intolerance. Besides some violent attacks on churches, Christians experience discrimination and verbal abuse. Most of the members of Naomi's church are from a Muslim background, and face oppression from their families.

"Families who are forced to leave home for accepting Jesus have to live in other church members' houses," she says. "Their relatives only want them back when their economic situation improves. Their children are frequently mocked at school. But we stand strong."

As many Indonesian Christians struggle with poverty, Open Doors runs projects to help improve their economic situation. With this support, Naomi is not only investing in new skills for herself, but also passing on what she learns to other women in her church.

"Last year I attended a handicraft workshop held by Open Doors. Then I passed on my new skills to my church members....after the workshop the ladies were able to increase their income by 20 dollars a month."

Naomi has also been learning tailoring at the Women's Training centre built by Open Doors. "Every Sunday I show my work to my church members. I also want to train the youth in my church with new skills. That way they can be economically independent, create jobs and be a blessing in our village. I have many dreams now because of Open Doors. "Thank you."

You can watch Naomi's story online at www.opendoorsuk.org/prayernews

*name changed for security reasons

Thank you for continuing to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world



A curate consistently arrived late for work until his long-suffering vicar asked him what was wrong. "My problem," explained the curate, "is that I sleep very slowly."

CENTRAL'S MONDAY AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

invites you to an

AFTERNOON TEA

at Central Church

on

MONDAY 15th JULY

from 2.00 – 4.00pm

Tickets available @ £3.00 from Sheila Lawrence

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BARNABAS CHARITY....working for persecuted Christians.

The Earthquake and Tsunami in Indonesia last year caused massive destruction including many church buildings. The following Sunday one congregation of 98 families worshipped in tents but there was not room for everyone. After the service they discussed the situation and some members donated materials to rebuild. They collected roof materials, wood and cement – it was sacrificial giving and they started to build a wooden structure – but it was temporary and had no walls. Imagine how great was their joy and thanks when they heard that Barnabas would give them a multi-purpose hall to provide safe shelter for the congregation.

Pray for all the Christians that they may be kept safe from persecution.

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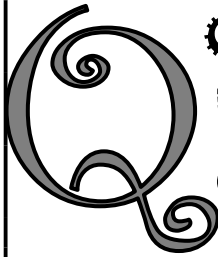


Community
LUNCH

Sunday 7th July
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on the board.**

**There will be a special
'Birthday Lunch' on 5th August
@ £6.00.**



CENTRAL'S

PICTURE

QUIZ NUMBER 78



May 2019 '4 letter words'

Well this was different, but not very well received, and not to be repeated! Even I struggled to mark it fairly!! I looked for all the words I had recorded, and counted the extra appropriate, correct answers. From the 10 returned entries, it was very difficult to decide on one winner as there were 2 very strong competitors with many excellent answers. SO..... FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER(and probably the last!!) I have awarded 2 prizes. One goes to Sue & Steph Lees, and the other is Denise Lawrence. Well done you three an amazing effort!

I shall not publish all the words found, it would take too long, and probably serve no useful purpose, but if you want to know more, ask Sue Lees if you can look at hers!

The next quiz, number 79 RETURNED TO IT'S ORIGINAL style, so I hope you'll all get a copy and have some fun..

By the time you read this, I should have had my other total knee replacement surgery, which means I shall be out of action for a while. Please get your answers to Quiz 79 to me by the due date, which I shall mark, but here will no quiz for July. Hopefully we can get back to normal by August or maybe wait until September.

Central's Special Birthday



Community
LUNCH



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A quiz

Sunday 4th August

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