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A LETTER FROM OUR LEADER.

This is the month when our Local Elections are taking place. So, who are you going to vote for? As I write this Letter, all the Candidates 'manifestos' are being dropped through my front door, as, no doubt, they are landing on your door mat, too.

Politics is not getting a very good press at the moment is it? Brexit seems to have brought out the worst in our politicians. Whichever way you voted in the 2016 Referendum, you must certainly agree that Brexit has put our Country in a mess.

But, 2nd May, is the time when we vote for our local Council members. We are given the chance to say who we think will be the best person to serve on Torbay Council.

Of course all the Candidates, on their leaflets, say that we should vote for them. They are the best people to 'rule' our Bay, they say. And we have to make up our minds from what they say on those leaflets as to where we are going to place our X.

Jesus set out a 'manifesto' at the beginning of His Ministry. You can read it in St. Luke's Gospel, in Chapter 4 and verses 18 and 19. Israel wanted liberation from Roman oppression, and freedom to live. They wanted to live under the rule of God's Covenant, hopefully under a Messiah sent from God. And the Messiah who came was Jesus, God's Son. Jesus wanted to release people from sickness of body, mind and heart. Jesus wanted justice and peace for all under God's rule. And this is what He preached. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah Chapter 61. Jesus was interested, and is still interested in each one of us. Jesus wants to make sick people well. And the sick people which Jesus referred to, are not just those people who are ill, but those who need a Saviour. Jesus wanted, and wants to make people 'whole'. Jesus wants us to 'live', not just exist.

Are our politicians interested in peace and justice for all? Are our politicians interested in each one of us? If only we could answer 'yes' to those questions.

But Jesus makes our problems, His. Jesus makes our joys, His. And Jesus makes time for each one of us, because He loves us and cares for us.

Let us pray that the right Candidates will be voted on to our Council. But, most of all, let us thank God for Jesus, and thank Him that each one of us are the 'apple of His eye'.

Margaret Newman



CENTRAL FAMILY & FRIENDS

THANKS

- Barbara Zapple, Jane and Mark would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy, and prayers, cards and telephone calls on the sad loss of losing Tony. All these were a comfort to us all. Also a big thank you to Jon Doble and Val Price on such a lovely funeral service. A special mention to Clive and the Choir for their contribution. God Bless you all.

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Joyce Murrell who will be 99 on the 15th May

TELEPHONE NUMBER.

- One last try to give you the correct telephone number for Mary Andrew! It is 01803 293457

THE TRUTH ABOUT ASCENSION .

‘While He was blessing them, Jesus left them and was taken up into heaven.’ (Luke 24:51).

The Ascension is a hugely neglected festival, which deserves to have a bigger place in our church life. How do we understand it?

The Ascension tells us that Jesus is in control: ‘Jesus has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand’ (1 Peter 3:22). Jesus occupies the top spot in the universe; the control of our world is in the safe, scarred hands of Jesus. We can offer Him our worship and allegiance, knowing that His plans are better than those of any Prime Minister or President.

The Ascension tells us that God is committed to His world: ‘And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus’ (Ephesians 2:6). Jesus did not leave His humanity behind when He ascended, for we are raised with Christ to heaven. Therefore, God is bound to His world and we can trust Him to fulfil His purpose for our lives and world.

The Ascension gives us a job to do: ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations’ (Matthew 28:18,19). God’s primary means of working in the world is now through us. He commissions for this task at Ascension and equips us at Pentecost. We are called to make disciples, starting in our workplace, family and community.

Revd Paul Hardingham

ASCENSION

Scriptures fulfilled,
Minds opened,
We followed him to Bethany.
And there was joy in the blessing
Of our risen Lord,
Jesus, God on earth.

And in the blessing
Was the leaving,
And in the leaving
Was the blessing –
His Spirit of life and power
To witness to the world
Of our ascended Lord,
Jesus, man in heaven.

By Daphne Kitching



CENTRAL'S FELLOWSHIP

Only two meetings this month due to there being two Bank Holidays. Both meetings have a musical theme. On May 13th we welcome Margaret Newman and on 20th Margaret Johnstone and her Riviera Singers will entertain us. This will be our last meeting before our summer break.

Hopefully in June and July we will have 'one off' get-togethers and in August hold our AGM and Tea.

Best wishes to all our ladies and congratulations to Audrey Bickford who celebrated her 90th birthday in April and Marga Brain who will be celebrating her 97th this month. We hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

Barbara Lawton

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON LIFE.

I am sure that most of us, looking back, would admit that whatever we have achieved in character we have achieved through conflict; it has come to us through powers hidden deep within us, so deep that we didn't know we had them, called into action by the challenge of opposition and frustration. JW Hamilton

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon. Abraham Lincoln

A generous and free-minded confession disables a reproach and disarms an injury. Michel de Montaigne

In misery it is great comfort to have a companion. John Lyly

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. John A Holmer

Without Christ I was like a fish out of water. With Christ I am in the ocean of love. Sadhu Sundar Sing

Compassion is the basis of all morality. Arthur Schopenhauer



VICTORIA PARK.

PRAYER BOARD

This is where we remember in prayer those friends who are not well, and those friends who are not able to attend church

This month we think of Joff & Family & Myra Wise

SPRING FAYRE AT VICTORIA PARK

Saturday 11th May 10.00am - 12.30pm.

Bric a Brac, Books, Cake Stall, Draw.
Tea and Coffee plus light refreshments

Everyone Welcome

(Donations required - not clothes)

VICTORIA PARK ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Sunday 26th May

(flowers needed to decorate the Church)

DATEDOOR STEWARDS

5TH Steph & Roz
12TH Margery & Betty
19TH Connie & John
26TH Pat & Pam

FLOWERS

Gillian
Steph in memory of Sylvia
Betty Peachy

MAY 2019 CALENDAR
Central Victoria Park

DAY	DATE	TIME	DETAIL	C/VP
Wed	1st	10.00	Faith Matters	C
Thurs	2 nd	9.30	Central Tots	C
Fri	3 rd	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		7.00	Choir	C
Sat	4th	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
Sun	5 th		See separate page for Services all Churches	
		12.30	Community Lunch	C
Mon	6 th			
Tues	7th	9.30	Midweek Prayers. Clive Bastin.	C
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		10.00	Busy Bees	C
		2.30	Sisterhood - Beetle Drive	VP
		7.00	New Life Housegroup	C
Wed	8th	10.00	Faith Matters	C
		2.30	Circuit Easter Offering Service	VP
Thurs	9th	9.30	Central Tots	C
Fri	10th	10.00	Coffee Fellowship	C
		7.00	Choir Practice	C
Sat	11 th	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
Sun	12th		See separate page for Services all Churches	
LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES FOR JUNE CORNERSTONE				
Mon	13th	2.30	Central's Fellowship :Musical Afternoon with Margaret Newman	C
		6.30	Flexercise Fun	C
Tues	14 th	9.30	Midweek Service – Margaret Newman	C
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		10.00	Busy Bees	C
		2.30	Sisterhood - Street Pastors	VP
Wed	15th	10.00	Faith Matters	C
Thurs	16th	9.30	Central Tots	C

Thurs	16th	7.30	Church Council	C
Fri	17th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		11.00	Belleplates	C
		7.00	Choir	C
Sat	18th	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
		2.30	Anni versary Tea Dance	C
Sun	19 th		See Separate page for Services all Churches	
Mon	20th	2.30	Central's Fellowship-Riviera Singers	C
		6.30	Flexercise Fun	C
Tues	21 st	9.30	Midweek Prayers . Barbara Lawton	C
		2.30	Sisterhood W.I Choir	VP
		7.00	New Life Housegroup	C
Wed	22nd	10.00	Faith Matters	C
Thurs	23rd	9.30	Central Tots	C
Fri	24th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		7.00	Choir	C
Sat	25th	10.00	Pop in for a Coffee	VP
Sun	26th		See separate page for Services all Churches	
Mon	27 th			
Tues	28th	9.30	Midweek Communion Revd Val Price	C
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		10.00	Busy Bees	C
		2.30	Sisterhood - Owls	VP
Wed	29th	10.00	Faith Matters	C
Thurs	30 th	9.30	Central Tots	C
		7.00	Moors Housegroup	C
		7.00	Rise & Shine -planning	C
Fri	31 st	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship	C
		11.00	Belleplates	C
		7.00	Choir	C

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY 2019

(HC) = Sacrament of Holy Communion

CENTRAL

DATE	TIME	MORNING	EVENING.6.30
5 th	10.30	Revd Dr John Haley	Revd Dr John Haley
12 th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Revd Dr John Haley (HC)	Revd Dr John Haley
19 th	10.30	Revd Graham Shaw	Revd Dr John Haley (HC)
26 th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Margaret Newman	Wendy Hugonnet

VICTORIA PARK (10.30)

DATE

5 th	Mrs Irene Cochran
12 th	Revd Graham Shaw
19 th	Revd Dr John Haley
26 th	Reverend Valerie Price CHURCH ANNIVERSARY (HC).

CENTRAL'S WELCOME ROTA

DATE	10.30 am	6.30am
5 th	Jackie Little & Sue Coatham	Paul Sherriff
12 th	Barbara Lawton & Barbara Gissing	Philip Kay
19 th	Christine & Paul Sherriff	Sue Coatham
26 th	Tessa Goodwin & Leone Tyas	Barbara Lawton

A REFLECTION FROM CENTRAL

Aren't we fortunate to live in such a beautiful place as Torquay? To be able to walk, or be driven, down on to the Seafront and see the sea ebb and flow, and to see the sea glistening in the sunshine, is wonderful isn't it? You may prefer to take a stroll along Babbacombe Downs, and, on a clear day look over as far as Portland Bill. Or you may like to visit Cockington. The blossom on the trees is lovely, and the magnolia trees have been magnificent. The blue sky and sunshine as I type this article is such a welcome sight.

This month sees the annual request for gifts for Christian Aid. The Charity which Methodism supports is All We Can. The month of May also sees the Dedication of our 'Easter Offerings'.

All these Charities help so many men and women, and boys and girls, who do not have all the blessings which enjoy.

So many of the Countries which our donations will help have such extremes in weather. We have seen so many tragedies recently. Hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, wild fires, famine and a cyclone have filled our television screens and our newspapers throughout the last 12 months. How the people in those Countries who have been affected by these events, must wish that they lived in Torquay -- if they knew that Torquay, in Devon, in England, existed!

So often, when a tragedy occurs, we, at Central, have a 'Retiring Collection' to help those involved. But, how soon do we forget those poor families. A tragedy will be headline news for a couple of days, and then it is hardly mentioned again. And yet, to those who have suffered so badly, the effects continue for months. Where homes have been flattened; where livelihoods have been destroyed; where loved ones have been lost -- their heart ache goes on -- and on -- and on.

Even when life for us is difficult, we have nothing to contend with as so many of our brothers and sisters overseas do.

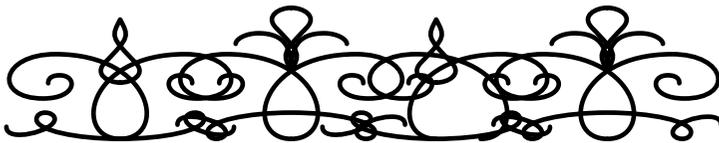
When we wallow in self-sympathy, we really need to count our blessings don't we.

So, when we are next on the seafront, on Babbacombe Downs, in Cockington, or even looking out at our gardens, let us marvel at all this

beauty which surrounds us, and send up a prayer for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Before I close these Reflections, may I send the love of all of us who are able to worship regularly at Central, to you who are in Residential Homes, Nursing Homes, or are house-bound in your own homes because of infirmity. We miss you all, and pray God's blessing on each of you.

Margaret Newman.



THY KINGDOM COME

In 2016 Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop John Sentamu invited all Christians worldwide to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for the renewing power of the Holy Spirit to empower us for evangelism, and that friends and family, colleagues and neighbours would come to faith in Christ.

What happened next was absolutely extraordinary – clearly a work of God. In less than 3 years ‘The Kingdom Come’ has captured the imagination of millions of Christians in more than 114 countries, who have joined the chorus ‘Come Holy Spirit, Thy Kingdom Come.’

‘Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer initiative taking place between May 30th and 9th June.

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EPITAPHS FOUND ON HEADSTONES.

In Hartscombe::

On the 22nd of June
Jonathan Fiddle
Went out of tune.

In Pennsylvania:

Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake
Stepped on the gas-
Instead of the brake.

In Maryland:

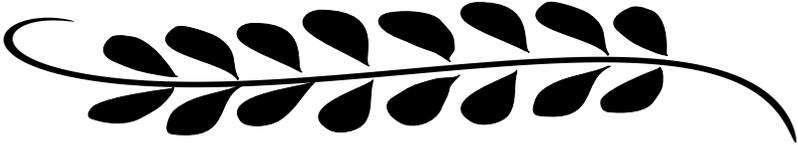
Here lies an Atheist
All dressed up, and no place to go.

NEEDS IN NIGER

Lack of infrastructure has made Niger one of the poorest countries in the world.

Niger is facing increased security concerns on its borders, from insecurity in Libya, conflict in Mali and violent extremism in North West Nigeria. The presence of militia including Boko Haram, has left Niger extremely vulnerable to violence and insurgency. Ask God to bring peace to Niger and to protect Tearfund staff who work in unstable regions

Taken from Tearfund prayer diary.



OPEN DOORS

Did you know that the **Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt** has launched a review into UK support for persecuted Christians?

Please pray that God would guide the review team and give them wisdom and insight. Pray that the review would result in the UK doing more to support persecuted Christians around the world.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK..... (12 – 19 May)

'All mums should live'

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

This Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, our church is [Add details of what you're doing for Christian Aid Week and how others can get involved]. If our church raised £300, it could help provide a new delivery bed so more mums like Jebbeh can deliver their babies safely.

**Envelopes for people's donations, however small,
will be available on Sunday 12th May.**

THE LEPROSY MISSION
“Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed”

Thank you very much for the very generous amount of £421.53 which was given to The Leprosy Mission last month by way of the retiring offering. This sum will be matched by the Government’s UK Aid Scheme through which it will become £843.06. The money will pay for treatments such as finding (and curing) people from leprosy, life-changing surgery and physiotherapy.

Our Regional Manager for the Leprosy Mission (Trevor Grant) has personally sent his thanks and emphasised that lives will be transformed through our giving.

Thank you too for all the used postage stamps received. Please continue to place them in the box in the Hall.

Linda Duckworth



BARNABAS CHARITY....working for persecuted Christians.

More than 80% of a congregation of Christians in Albania are from a Muslim background. Many are young people in their teens and twenties. New believers are increasingly coming into contact with Muslims who attack their faith in Jesus and the Bible. Atheistic material is actively propagated by most Albanian school teachers, and these new Christians do not know how to answer the challenge. The Church, with help from Barnabas has set up a programme specifically to teach, train and equip these young Christians so that they can withstand the attacks on their faith. Pray for these young people that their faith will grow stronger and they may know that Jesus is with them all the way.

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INTERNATIONAL DAWN CHORUS DAY – 5TH MAY

This popular annual event is promoted by the Wildlife Trust and is the perfect opportunity for all nature lovers to gather at dawn to enjoy the song of their local birds.

Nowadays Dawn Chorus Day is celebrated in more than 80 countries, and even in parts of Antarctica and the Caribbean. For details of how to find a local gathering, or how to hold your own, go to: <https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/international-dawn-chorus-day-2019/>



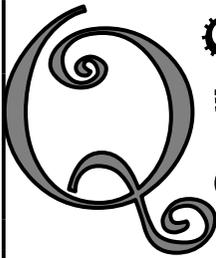
**20 YEARS
CELEBRATION
TEA DANCE
TEA**

*Dancing to music
from Tracey* **FRIENDSHIP**

Saturday 18th MAY 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Admission £4.00 including tea

**A SOCIABLE AFTERNOON FOR ALL THOSE
WHO WISH TO SPEND TIME WITH OLD
AND NEW FRIENDS.**



CENTRAL'S PICTURE QUIZ NUMBER 76



March 2019 'Water Part 2'

Again, this quiz was a bit tricky for me to mark, as there were quite a few alternative answers suggested. AGAIN I was extremely generous and accepted a few alternative answers (especially the clever ones!!) BUT, unfortunately no-one of the 18 returned entries, got them all right even with the other options. Some were very close, and had only one wrong. Close but not close enough! However it was a good challenge for you all! Number 8 was the tricky one and only 2 people got it right !!

As a result, the next quiz number 78 is completely different.

It is much easier AND I'm running out of subjects!! Having found over 70, isn't bad, but I am struggling now!!

Here are the answers to quiz NO. 76 'Water, Part 2'

1. RESERVOIR.
2. HAIR WASHING or SHAMPOO
3. SEA
4. WATER BABIES
5. SURF BOARDING or WATWER SPORTS .
6. MERMAID
7. BOOTS
8. SINGING IN THE RAIN
9. SWEATING or PERSPIRATION
10. WATER HOLE
11. LEAK
12. CHANNEL
13. WATER WAY or SCALES AS ON A FISH I accepted!!
14. WELL
15. OCEAN
16. SWIM SUIT
17. STEAM
18. TEARS or CRYING
19. DEW
20. WATER WHEEL
21. WATER CYCLE
22. WASHING or LAUNDRY
23. CRUISE LINERS or SHIPS or CRUISE COMPANIES
24. SEA HORSE
25. SPRING.

As I have already said, the next quiz is VERY different, and so easy, that even the children will be able to help!! Good luck and have fun!!



Central's



1st Anniversary



Community
LUNCH

Sunday 5th May

Everyone Welcome

Still only £5.00

**Don't forget to sign your name
on the board.**

Wear a hat or tie just for fun!