

Stay at Home Church Notices 9th May 2021

Dear Friends,

Here are the notices for this week:

Christian Aid E-envelope

This Sunday is the start of Christian Aid Week, a familiar time in the calendar when those red envelopes come tumbling through the letterbox, but sadly not this time. This year, to limit the possible transmission of the coronavirus, Christian Aid has come up with the nifty idea of e-envelopes to enable people to donate safely online through their own church's registered e-envelope, and our church now has one of these. You can donate this way at:

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/bolton-road-methodist-church-?channel=copy>

Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May

Like 2020, there will be no house to house collections locally this year due to continuing concerns about Covid risks, but you can still give using the paper envelopes in church, or the e-envelopes above. You can also give by supporting our young people who are willing to wash your cars for you on Saturday **22nd May from 1.00 pm** onwards. What's more they will even be baking cakes and scones to offer you a wonderful afternoon tea. Of course, you may want to just come for the afternoon tea. Put this date in your diary!

Christian Aid was founded in 1945 as the relief and development arm of the British Council of Churches, and has served the needs of many millions of people since. This Sunday we are blessed to have Helen Howe, the national Church Relations Manager from Christian Aid, leading our service, where you can learn much more about the vital work that Christian Aid continues to do across the world to combat poverty and to address issues such as access to clean water. You can book to come to the service below.

Sunday worship, 9th May

If you want to book your place for this coming Sunday's worship, you can do so at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-morning-service-tickets-153217063361>

If you need help with booking, please contact your pastoral visitor.

Flowers

The flowers in church this week are provided by Pauline Wilcox in memory of her Dad.

Church keys desperately needed

Do you have a set of church keys that you are not using or likely to in the foreseeable future (even when things get back to normal)? Keys need to be purchased at great cost from Italy in a batch of 40. I would like to avoid having to do this. Please contact me at brettstukay@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible if you are able to hand your keys in. Thank you, Stuart Brett.

Covid test at home before coming to church

As you may have seen in the news or in the Bury Council Covid update, the government recently made COVID-19 rapid lateral flow tests available to everyone completely free of charge, and is encouraging us to use them every 3 or 4 days if we are mixing with other people, (though this can be as little as weekly if you only really get out and about on Sundays).

You can order them for free, delivered to your home, on this website: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Alternatively, you can collect them from pharmacies and local testing centres. Each pack contains enough for 7 tests.

Kathy has said she will be taking the test each Sunday morning before coming to church and encourages everyone to do the same. It's not pleasant but she says "it will make me feel much more confident about meeting people in church, knowing that it's very unlikely that I'll be spreading the virus to anyone". It's worth remembering that many people including school children and their teachers have been doing this test twice a week for months.

If you take the test on Sunday morning, remember that you will need to do it before breakfast and allow 30 minutes for the result. Alternatively, you could take it the day before as the result lasts for up to 48 hours.

Virtual Coffee

The next virtual coffee meeting will take place on Zoom after the Sunday service at 12 noon on Sunday 9th May. You can phone in or join online by clicking on the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87088407630?pwd=bFprc3ZRcmVNZEV0TGMyRFkycUg3QT09>

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Evening Prayer Thursdays 7.30-8.00pm

Join us for a short prayer service each Thursday. The Zoom link is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87088407630?pwd=bFprc3ZRcmVNZEV0TGMyRFkycUg3QT09>

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Kathy's Absence

As we know, Kathy's operation was successful. We now give thanks for the news that radiotherapy will be sufficient in destroying any further sign of the cancer, rather than resorting to chemotherapy. Another answer to prayers. We look forward to seeing her back at church when she feels well enough.

Please note, until further notice, if you have anything you want to go into the notices they must reach this email address - brmcnotices@gmail.com - by 4.00pm on Wednesday.

Best wishes,

Ross

(On behalf of the Church Stewards)