



***JESUS** helped his disciples understand who he was by giving them pictures they could relate to. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring the **'I AM'** statements of Jesus in our video talks.*

On Friday, the country celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE day. Looking at some of the news reels from May 1945, things were certainly very different from our present circumstances. Not least the huge crowds, packed together like sardines, that came to listen to Winston Churchill. Here are some of his words from that day 75 years ago:

"I say that in the long years to come not only will the people of this island, but of the world, wherever the bird of freedom chirps in human hearts, look back to what we've done and they will say "do not despair, do not yield to violence and tyranny, march straightforward and die, if need be, unconquered."

Looking back and remembering are important things to do, especially when it comes to remembering the lessons of the past. Sociologist Robert Bellah, once said, "healthy nations must be 'communities of memory'".

In the Bible, God often encourages his people to remember. He knows how prone we are to forget, especially regarding what he's done for us. To help them remember, God gave them visual reminders. In 1 Samuel chapter 7, it was a stone set up after God gave Israel a great victory against their enemies. The stone was to be called *Ebenezer*, which means "stone of help." From then on, every time an Israelite saw the stone, he would have a tangible reminder of the Lord's power and protection. These days we remember Christ's death through the act of Communion, where we take the bread and the wine, reminding us of his body broken and his blood shed.

A couple of weeks ago in this newsletter, Michele Ovenden encouraged us to produce prayer squares of fabric. One day these will be sewn together and made into a quilt or banner as a way for us as a church to remember this strange episode in our lives and to look back on the lessons that we have learnt: what it felt like to be apart; what God taught us in the stillness; to praise him for all that is past and trust him for all that's to come.

Even if you've never picked up a needle before, can I encourage you to do so. Even I'm going to give it a go! It would great for as many people as possible to contribute to this project and have something beautiful to show at the end of what was a difficult time.

God bless.

Peter.

Our Sunday Service:

Please join us (online!) for our Sunday Service. Go to Exwick Community Church's Youtube Channel, and find the Service for today. We'll gather at 11 am to 'share' as a family together. You can then sing along to the songs on the video, words below!

SEEDS

A challenge for those who had some of my seed packets: I would LOVE to see the stages of loveliness they are producing either in your pots or garden (or both). Please send photos to me if you can so I can ooh and arr in the appropriate places (no, I don't want to see the failures). This request is to all those involved in our little adventure, (that is, all except Colin.....don't ask!!!).

God bless you all & keep safe, Denise

The Pope is calling all denominations and creeds to a **Day Of Prayer on 14 May.**

4/8/1918: King George V called for National Day of Prayer and 100 days later Armistice was signed to end WW1

22/5/1940: King George VI called for a National Day of Prayer and thousands queued round the block to pray in Westminster Abbey.

Immediately, a violent storm grounded the Luftwaffe over Dunkirk and a great calm descended on the Channel, the like of which had not been seen for a generation. 335,000 troops were rescued from Dunkirk beaches.

What might come from this day of prayer?
(See PRAYER, next page.)

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

John 10:11

Good morning, trust you are all well.

Last evening I should have been part of a zoom meeting. I could not figure out how to join this time.

I found out later I should have copied and pasted (I thought that was to do with wallpaper hanging) then I should have put it in my Webb browser (now totally confused. What do spider watchers have to do with anything?)

I sat down in the living room and Dorcas asked me if I was OK. My one word answer of no spoke volumes. She then asked if I'd like a cup of tea. My nod of the head said even more.

A verse from the Bible popped into my head: Song of Solomon 2 v 15 'Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes.'

This verse means keep your eyes open for the little things. I thought of all the big things in life I have seen coming and dealt, but it's the little things that slip through the net, that catch us unawares.

After a good talk with myself I took note of Colossians 4 v 3 'Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful.'

May God keep us all safe and watchful in these times

God bless John & Dorcas



"It's a very user-friendly model."

Sunday Worship Songs

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NO OTHER NAME BUT THE NAME OF JESUS

No other name but the name of the Lord
No other name but the name of Jesus
Is worthy of glory and worthy of honor
And worthy of power and all praise

His name is exalted far above the earth
His name is high above the heavens
His name is exalted far above the earth
Give glory and honor and praise unto His name

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THERE IS POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS

We believe in His name
We have called on the name of Jesus
We are saved we are saved
At His name the demons flee
At His name captives are freed
For there is no other name that is higher
Than Jesus

There is power in the name of Jesus
Like a sword in our hands
We declare in the name of Jesus
We shall stand we shall stand
At His name God's enemies
Shall be crushed beneath our feet
For there is no other name that is higher
Than Jesus

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OUR CONFIDENCE IS IN THE LORD

The source of our salvation
Rest is found in Him alone
The Author of creation
We will not fear the evil day
Because we have a refuge
In every circumstance we say
Our hope is built on Jesus

He is our fortress we will never be shaken
He is our fortress we will never be shaken
(REPEAT)

We will put our trust in God
We will put our trust in God

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DAY OF PRAYER: 14 MAY

*For all that is good, thank you.
For the love of family and friends, thank you.
For the kindness of good neighbour and Samaritan
stranger, thank you.
May those who are vulnerable, hungry or homeless,
experience support
May those who are sick, know healing
May those who are anxious or bereaved, sense
comfort
Bless and guide political leaders and decision-
makers, with wisdom
Bless and guide health workers and key workers,
with strength and well-being
Bless and guide each one of us, as we adapt to a
new way of living
And may the light shining from our windows
Across road and wynd, glen and ben, kyle and isle,
Be reflected in our hearts and hands and hopes
Amen*

SHEEP CHALLENGE!

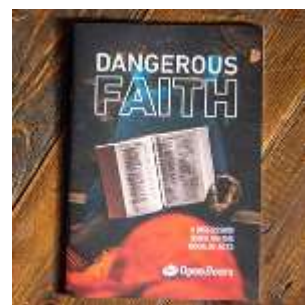
As we are thinking about Jesus, the Good Shepherd this week, your challenge is to make a sheep. Use your creativity, and what you have lying around the house. Then post a photo of your sheep onto the Exwick Community Church FaceBook page for us to marvel at! (If you can't access the page, send your photo to thesalisburys@blueyonder.co.uk and I will post it for you.)



Bible Study online

If you would like a midweek Bible study, please join us on www.zoom.us, Meeting ID: 727 9974 8791 Password: 5mEcVp
MONDAY 11th May at 7:30 p.m., then every 2nd Monday.

We will be studying the Book of Acts, with material from Open Doors. Before the meeting, watch the video: 'Acts Part One', from 'Dangerous Faith,' <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/dangerous-faith/>, or read Acts chapter 28.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Hilary and Jimmy, John, Ena and Bunty, John and Jessie, Andrew S., Margaret C., Bill and Carol, Ann, Roger and Jonathan, Brian and Marion S., and their family, Alex C., Nick L. and his nephew Tom, young families in Exwick who are struggling with this lockdown.



Friday Friendship online!

Join in on Fridays at 10am for 40 minutes of chat over a cuppa (make your own!). You will need to download the Zoom app onto your smart phone/tablet or computer. Go to Google apps or direct to www.zoom.us. Enter the Meeting ID: 738 8875 6789 and Password: 8FrDCW. We hope to see you there!