

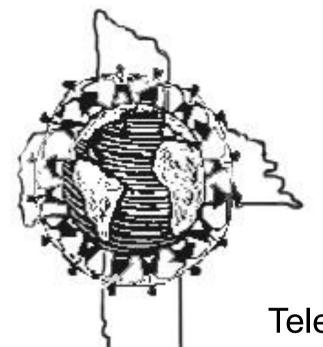
IDLE BAPTIST CHURCH



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SEASONS

It says in Ecclesiastes 3:1 -"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

Then in vs. 11 - "He has made everything beautiful in its time..."

It's nearly time to enjoy the warmer weather as Spring and Summer approach.

This week I was walking round the park while my grand daughter was having a bike ride. She spotted some daffodils and then proceeded to tell me they are one of the first signs that Spring is here - they're doing the Seasons in her reception class!!! I enjoyed her little lecture and tried to look surprised as she covered all the facts.

It is an exciting time as we make plans for outings and holidays. It's also a time to get busy in the garden as bulbs come up as well as the weeds, and round our complex we see more people coming outside for fresh air and a chat.

We give grateful thanks to the Lord for this time and we feel blessed to be His children, enjoying all the beauty around us.

Denise

BMS Birthday Scheme

We wish the following friends a very happy birthday.

May

19th Fileen

Dorothy 29th



Christine

BMS Birthday Scheme

The following is a letter I received when I sent our last donation for January, February and March.

Dear Mrs Walker.

Christine and Samuel are terrified when the storms come. Because of the changing climate in Uganda where they live, dramatic hail and lightning storms are more intense. And not only that, but deforestation in the area has left their home without protection from strong winds and lightning strikes. In the past, they've lost half their crops because of hail, and there is no telling what damage could befall their home - or themselves - in seasons to come. But thankfully, you're standing with Christine and Samuel as the face an uncertain future.

Idle Baptist Church's recent gift of £90.00 to the BMS Birthday Scheme means that Christine and Samuel have received support from BMS World Mission Agriculturist Genesis Acaye to grow trees around their home, as well as sturdier crops. Because you gave Christine and Samuel's home is better protected and they're able to earn enough

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money to have security for the future. And that's not all. Idle Baptist Church's gifts to the BMS Birthday Scheme means that children in Nepal are getting crucial education, people in Thailand are hearing the gospel for the first time, refugees arriving in Greece are finding safety and so much more.

Christine

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Mothering Sunday



Our thanks to Dorothy and Roy for supplying the lovely daffodils.

The ladies always appreciate them.

NOTICE BOARD

DATE		PREACHERS	STEWARDS	TEA & COFFEE
April	7	Gaynor (Communion)	Doug	Elizabeth
	14	Paul Allen	Rosemary	Christine
	21	Cath Mawson	Audrey	Denise
	28	John Wilson	Eileen	Eileen
May	5	Paul Allen (Communion)	Helen	Doug
	12	Gaynor	Elizabeth	Rosemary
	19	Paul Severs	Doug	Helen
	26	Geoff Forder	Christine	Lesley
June	2	Allen Holmes (Communion)	Audrey	Eileen

DATE		COMMUNION	FLOWERS
April	7	Audrey	Patricia and Stephen
May	5	Denise	"Volunteer please"
June	2	Rosemary	Roy and Dorothy

IF YOU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE COVER

QUIET ROOM

In this busy life it is often helpful to

"Take Time Out"

be guiet for a few minutes and have time to think.

Please feel free to use our Quiet Room.

It is open whenever the building is in use.

Use this quiet space and seek God's presence.

ALL ARE WELCOME

The next edition of the Messenger will be available on

Sunday, 26th May, 2024

Please let me have anything you would like to see in that edition by

Sunday, 2nd June, 2024



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Thine be the glory.

#Thine be the glory is a favourite Easter Hymn celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and the victory He has won for us.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

The first two lines and the chorus are based on 1 Corinthians 15 v 55-57 "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The third line of the verse is based on Matthew 28 v 2.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

The fourth line is based on John 20 v 5 - 7.

(John) bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Verse 2

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;

Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;

let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing; for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

The first two lines of this verse probably echo the feeling of the disciples when Jesus appeared to them.

In Luke 24 we read how Jesus had appeared to a couple of the followers of Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They then went and told the 11 disciples about this.

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

The second two lines of this verse go back to 1 Corinthians 15 v 57. We must be thankful that death has lost its sting.

Verse 3

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

The first line of verse 3 recalls the doubts Thomas had when the disciples told him Jesus had risen.

John 20 v 24 – 28.

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my visit our website:- www.idlebaptistchurch.co.uk

finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

The second line of the verse has echoes of Philippians 1:21,

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

The third line of the verse takes inspiration from Romans 8 v 37 - 39.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The last line compares our journey through this life and into the next to the Israelites crossing the Jordan to get into the promised land. See Joshua 3. Just as the Lord safely brought the Israelites through the Jordan so through the resurrection of Jesus we are saved from the power of our sin and will be raised with Christ on the last day.

"Thine be the glory" was written by Edmond Louis Budry, a Swiss protestant minister, in 1884. Budry was inspired to write it by the death of his first wife. Originally in French, it was first translated into English in 1923.

Peter

*WORLDNEWS

REFLECTIONS ON COP28

Back in December, we asked you to pray for COP28, the United Nation's annual conference on climate change.

Please keep standing with others around the world and keep praying for communities impacted the most by environmental degradation and the effects of climate change.

Pray for young people around the world to have hope in God for their futures and to become leaders in their communities who will pave the way in restoring the damage done to God's creation.

Pray for the women in Uganda and around the world who are dependent on firewood and wells for the daily needs of their families, especially as these resources become more difficult to access due to deforestation and climate change. We pray for peace and collaboration in their communities.

Pray for those at risk of domestic violence, exacerbated by the pressures of climate change and poverty. Pray that God's justice will flow, and that in the face of climate breakdown, people will still be treated with respect and dignity.

Women in the world, irrespective of geographical and territorial boundaries, social status, or age, have been affected in many ways by environmental crises.



Join with us, and the people on the frontline of creation stewardship, in prayer.

Please pray that God may provide comfort, refuge, and guidance to overcome the difficulties women are facing knowingly or unknowingly, through careful stewarding of creation and adaptation and mitigation responses and strategies.

We thank God that improving the environmental sustainability at Guinebor II Hospital, Chad also means that pregnant women and their babies can benefit from improved treatment conditions.



Discover more about how climate change and global warming are affecting communities around the world.

WEEKLY DIARY

Sunday	10.30am	Service of Christian worship Includes Communion on the First Sunday in the month
Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Well Connected Café Second Monday of the month
	7.30pm - 9.30pm	W.I. Third Monday of the month
Tuesday 1	0.30am to 12 noon	Firm Roots Cancer Support Group First Tuesday in the month
10.00am to 12.00 noon		Coffee drop in First & third (& fifth) Tuesdays
1	11.00am to 12.45pm	"Memory Tree" Second and fourth Tuesdays
	5.30pm & 8.00pm	Slimming World
Wednesday	9.30am - 12 noon	Table Tennis
	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Brownies and Rainbows School Term Times only
Thursday	3.00pm & 8.00pm	Slimming World
Friday	9.00am &11.00am	Slimming World
	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Guitar Class
Saturday	10.00am - 2.00pm	Art Club