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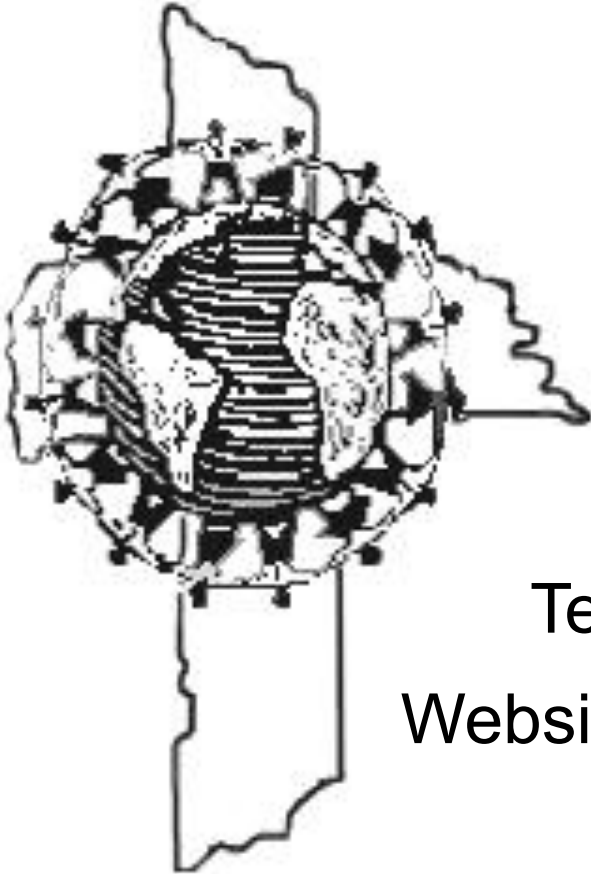
IDLE  
BAPTIST CHURCH



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## **SPRINGTIME AND RENEWAL**

As I write this, the gardeners are back at our Complex cutting the lawns; my Camelia has started to bloom and the daffodils are flourishing around Idle village. A definite sign of Spring and renewal.

I have noticed over the last year that new energy seems to be returning to our village as new shops open. There seems to be greater collaboration between businesses giving a positive atmosphere and I try to support the local people.

In the book of Nehemiah it talks about him having a vision and he shared it with enthusiasm, inspiring Jerusalem's leaders to rebuild the walls.

When God plants an idea in your mind to accomplish something for Him, share it with others and trust the Holy Spirit to impress them with similar thoughts. Often God uses one person to express the vision and others to turn it into reality. When you encourage and inspire others, you put teamwork into action to accomplish God's goals.

I hope the new Spring season inspires and energises everyone and may you all enjoy a very Happy Easter!

**Denise.**

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## BMS Birthday Scheme

We wish the following friends a very happy birthday.

Happy  
Birthday

May

19th

Eileen

29th

Dorothy



Christine

As my health has deteriorated during the past 16 months, I have often got in a 'dark mood'. Unable to do all I used to do and feeling useless. The words of this Hymn/song came to me. It was often sung as a solo in a service in my early youth!

*If I can help somebody as I travel along*

*If I can cheer somebody with a word or song*

*If I can show somebody they are travelling wrong*

*Then my living shall not be in vain.*

*No, my living will not be in vain*

*No, my living will not be in vain*

*If I can help somebody as I travel on*

*I know my living has not been in vain.*

*I thank all those who are helping me as I travel along.*

**Shirley.**

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## **Pastoral**

At our recent Church Meeting we discussed how we might improve the Pastoral care in our Church.

There are several ways we can all help with this.

Paul Allen and Gaynor are willing to visit anyone who would like a home visit if they are feeling unwell. So give them a ring if you would like a visit.

We have a prayer book in the vestibule which you are encouraged to use, so we might pray for those you personally feel need prayerful help. At the moment it is only used by a few people.

The Messenger is also a source of information. Starting with the June/ July edition, please let me know of anyone who is ill, or has other needs for our prayers. I will then make sure they are included in the "Pastoral" section.

If you are unable to help with the more physical duties at Church, a phone call to anyone who needs a chat would be a very important part of ensuring them they are not forgotten. It is also just as good a way to be of service.

Hopefully these suggestions might be of use to us all, helping us become more caring within our Church family.

**Christine.**

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**I saw this in “The People’s Friend Magazine in February**

**A Community Prayer**

Let us always be generous,  
In thought, word and deed,  
Sharing a smile with a stranger  
Our helping a neighbour in need.  
Treating all others respectfully,  
May we keep an open mind,  
Leaving no place for prejudice  
And plenty of time to be kind.  
Let us hunger for understanding,  
To grow in wisdom each day,  
And where there is grief or conflict,  
May we help peace find a way.

*By Laura Tapper*

**It seemed so appropriate during these troubled times we are living through. Pat W**

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## **A Poem with a Message for Adult Daughters and Sons.**

When an adult child hugs their Mother  
It's so much more to her,  
It opens up a memory box  
To times of yesteryear.  
It takes her back to your childhood  
When you sat upon her lap,  
When she settled you after the scariest dream,  
Or put you down for a nap.

If she holds you a little tighter  
She's keeping those days alive,  
Remembering how she hugged you  
When you were four or five.  
So, when you hug your Mother  
Don't be quick to break her embrace,  
Let her hold you a little longer  
And relive those days she can never replace.

**Rosemary**

# NOTICE BOARD

DATE		PREACHERS	STEWARDS	TEA & COFFEE
April	6	Gaynor Hammond <i>Communion</i>	Doug	Elizabeth
	13	Paul Allen	Rosemary	Eileen
	20	Cath Mawson <i>Easter</i>	Audrey	Denise
	27	<i>To be announced</i>	Eileen	Christine
May	4	Paul Allen <i>Communion</i>	Helen	Doug
	11	Gaynor Hammond	Elizabeth	Lesley
	18	Brian Gamble	Christine	Helen
	25	Geoff Forder	Doug	Rosemary
June	1	<i>To be announced</i>	Rosemary	Christine

DATE		COMMUNION	FLOWERS
April	6	Audrey	Patricia and Stephen
May	4	Denise	<i>Volunteer please</i>
June	1	Rosemary	Dorothy and Roy

**IF YOU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE COVER**

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# QUIET ROOM

In this busy life it is often helpful to

## “Take Time Out”

be quiet 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, 1st June, 2025**

Please let me have anything you

would like to see in that edition

by

**Sunday, 25th May, 2025**

**Milton**

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## Thank you from The Memory Tree

Thank you to the Church Membership for giving us another donation of £200 to support our work with people with dementia and their carers. The money will help us to keep providing friendship and support to local people affected by dementia at our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. Idle Baptist Church has supported us from the beginning and we are grateful for the ongoing help and encouragement. It helps us to keep faith and believe that this work is the Lord's will and blessed by God. May He continue to bless us all in the work we do at Idle Baptist Church:

*"May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us;*

*Establish the work of our hands for us –*

*Yes, establish the work of our hands." (Psalm 90: v17)*

**From Elizabeth, on behalf of everyone at The Memory Tree**

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### **Mothering Sunday**



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

The ladies  
always appreciate them.

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## My song is love unknown,

In the last Messenger we looked at the first 4 verses of “My song is love unknown.” We now look at the final 3 verses.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3 v 16 & 17*

Verses 5 and 6 are based on the suffering and death of Jesus, and his burial. The last verse is the Christian’s response to the previous verses.

5. They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
to suffering goes,  
that He His foes  
from thence might free.

This verse tells how the crowd wanted Barabbas to be freed rather than Jesus.

Matthew 27 v 15 - 20

*Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.*

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*While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."*

*ut the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.*

Acts 3 v 14 & 15. Peter speaking

*You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.*

*You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.*

6. In life no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home;  
but mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.

Early in his ministry Jesus said: *"Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*

Matthew 8 v 20

After his crucifixion Jesus's body was put in a tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea.

Matthew 27 v 57 - 60

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## The Burial of Jesus

*As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.*

7. Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like Thine!  
This is my Friend,  
in Whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

In this verse we see the reason for, and our response to this story of love.

Some verses from the writings of Paul give us a good indication

### 2 Corinthians 5 v 15 - 19

*And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

*So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

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Ephesians 3 v 17 - 19

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

Galations 2 v 20

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

We continually praise God for the love he has shown us through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ.

Samuel Crossman (1623-1684) was an Anglican clergyman with Puritan sympathies. As a result he was ejected from the Church of England in 1662 but rejoined in 1665. He wrote "My song is love unknown" during this period ministering outside the Church of England. It was first published in 1684.

In Britain "My song is love unknown," is normally sung to the tune "Love Unknown" which John Ireland wrote especially for the hymn in 1918. The hymn's popularity has grown since about 1960, probably helped by this tune.

**Peter**

# JUSTICE for CHILDREN



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## WEEKLY DIARY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Service of Christian worship</b> <i>Includes Communion on the First Sunday in the month</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2.00pm - 4.00pm</b>	<b>Well Connected Café</b> <i>Second Monday of the month</i>
	<b>7.30pm - 9.30pm</b>	<b>W.I.</b> <i>Third Monday of the month</i>
	<b>7.30pm - 9.30pm</b>	<b>Walking Netball (W.I.)</b> <i>Fourth Monday of the month</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.30am to 12 noon</b>	<b>Firm Roots Cancer Support Group</b> <i>First Tuesday in the month</i>
	<b>10.00am to 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Coffee drop in</b> <i>First &amp; third (&amp; fifth) Tuesdays</i>
	<b>11.00am to 12.45pm</b>	<b>Memory Tree</b> <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays</i>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Slimming World</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am to 12 noon</b>	<b>Table Tennis</b>
	<b>2.00pm to 3.15 pm</b>	<b>Memory Tree Gentle exercise class</b> <i>Third Wednesday in the month</i>
	<b>5.00pm &amp; 8.00pm</b>	<b>Brownies and Rainbows</b> <i>School Term Times only</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3.30pm, 5.30pm &amp; 7.30pm</b>	<b>Slimming World</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am, 10.30am &amp; 5.30pm</b>	<b>Slimming World</b>
	<b>1.00pm - 4.00pm</b>	<b>Guitar Class</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am - 2.00pm</b>	<b>Art Club</b>

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