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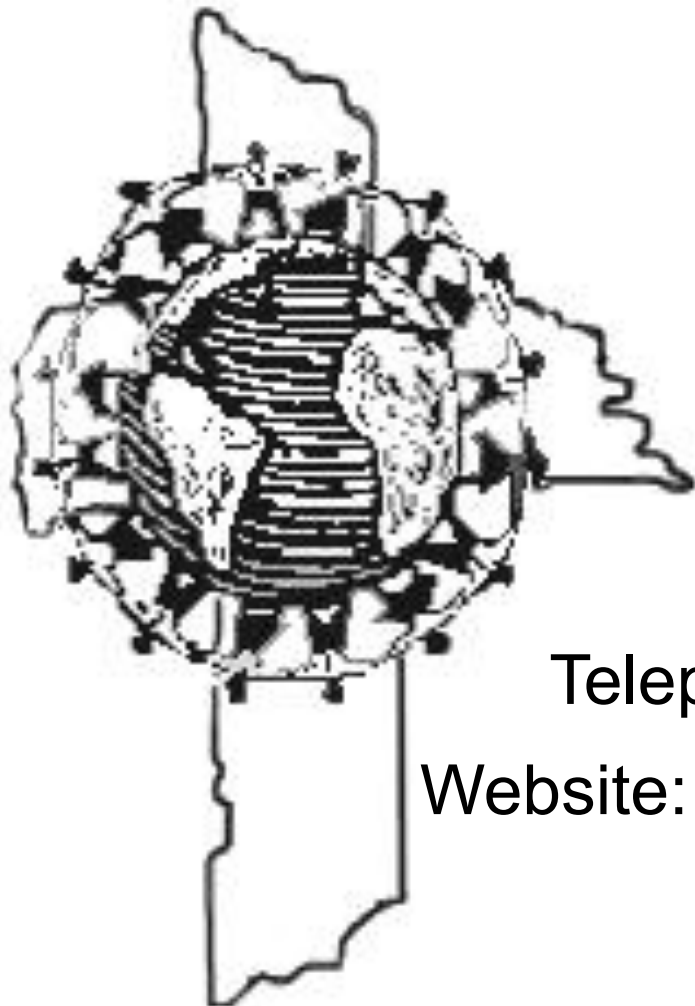
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HOPE

I had every hope that 2025 would be a good year, but it didn't get off to a great start when we had very heavy snowfalls starting on the 5th January. For the next 8-10 days we were totally iced in round our property and our cars were balls of snow and ice. I was having flashbacks to Lock Down and feeling a bit miserable.

Then I noticed the verse on Our Daily Bread cover from Genesis 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

This was God's promise after the Great Flood.

Now I see signs of Nature coming back to life with little bulbs pushing their green heads through the cold soil and I feel hopeful again. In the coming days we'll see the beautiful Spring flowers in all their glory.

So I am still feeling positive about 2025 being a good year as my Hope is restored.

Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Denise



WORLDNEWS

1.2 million
~~1 million~~ displaced in Lebanon.
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BMS Birthday Scheme

We wish the following friends a very happy birthday.

Happy
Birthday

February

6th Roy
12th Helen

April

2nd Ann



Christine

Bereavement - Derek Heaton

We were sorry to hear that Derek had sadly passed away on October 26th. Eunice and Derek came to worship with us shortly after we had reopened the Church after Lockdown. They had recently moved to live in Stonebridge and had been looking for somewhere to worship.

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Derek had been unable to attend services with Eunice for quite a while.

Derek's funeral was held in Church on 27th November, followed by a reception at Stonebridge.

We continue to assure Eunice and all the family of our prayerful concern at this sad time.

Christine

(This was intended to be in last years December January edition of the Messenger but, unfortunately, it had already gone to be printed.)

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NOTICE BOARD

DATE		PREACHERS	STEWARDS	TEA & COFFEE
February	2	Peter & Elizabeth <i>(Communion)</i>	Doug	Lesley
	9	Gaynor	Rosemary	Eileen
	16	Paul Allen	Christine	Rosemary
	23	Brian Gamble	Elizabeth	Denise
March	2	Chris Edmondson <i>(Communion)</i>	Eileen	Christine
	9		Stephen	Elizabeth
	16	Jim Small	Helen	Doug
	23	Paul Allen	Christine	Helen
	30	Paul Allen	Elizabeth	Rosemary
April	6	Gaynor <i>(Communion)</i>	Doug	Christine

DATE		COMMUNION	FLOWERS
February	2	Christine	Pat
March	2	Eileen	Christine
April	6	Audrey	Patricia and Stephen

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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, 6th April 2025

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

by

Sunday, 30th March 2025

Milton

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My song is love unknown,

“My song is love unknown,” has 7 verses so we will consider the first 4 verses in this Messenger and the other 3 in the next Messenger.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1 v 14

The hymn “My song is love unknown,” emphasises the reason Jesus came to live on earth. The words tell of the love God has for each of us shown through Jesus. Even though Jesus did and said many good things along with healing the sick, he was misunderstood, rejected, condemned and crucified. Below are some Bible verses connected with each verse.

1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour’s love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?

To make us acceptable to God, Jesus died for each one of us.

In Romans 5 we read:

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Jesus said:

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15 v 13 – 15

Paul wrote to Titus:

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. Titus 2 v 11.

2. He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

During his life on earth people often rejected Christ, just like the prophet Isaiah said they would.

*He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

Isaiah 53 v 3

Jesus said:

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10 v 45

Paul wrote:

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 1 Cor 2 v 8

3. Sometimes they strew His way,
and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for His death
they thirst and cry.

This verse tells of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and a few days later a crowd shouting for his crucifixion.

In Mark 11 we read about the triumphant entry into Jerusalem:

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Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

But in Mark 15 we read about a crowd shouting for his crucifixion.

⁹ “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, ¹⁰ knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

¹² “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

¹³ “Crucify him!” they shouted.

¹⁴ “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

4. Why, what hath my Lord done?

What makes this rage and spite?

He made the lame to run,

he gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries!

yet they at these

themselves displease,

and 'gainst him rise.

Jesus was condemned despite the good teaching he had given and the many healings he was responsible for.

Matthew tells us,

When John (the Baptist), who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

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Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

Matt 11 v 2 - 5.

Two examples of this from Matthew's gospel:

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man.

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

Matthew 9 v 1 - 8

Two Blind Men Receive Sight.

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

"Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."

Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him. Matt 20 v 29 - 34

(To be continued in the next Messenger.)

Peter

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WEEKLY DIARY

Sunday	10.30am	Service of Christian worship <i>Includes Communion on the First Sunday in the month</i>
Monday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Well Connected Café <i>Second Monday of the month</i>
	7.30pm - 9.30pm	W.I. <i>Third Monday of the month</i>
Tuesday	10.30am to 12 noon	Firm Roots Cancer Support Group <i>First Tuesday in the month</i>
	10.00am to 12.00 noon	Coffee drop in <i>First & third (& fifth) Tuesdays</i>
	11.00am to 12.45pm	“Memory Tree” <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays</i>
	5.30pm & 8.00pm	Slimming World
Wednesday	9.30am - 12 noon	Table Tennis
	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Brownies and Rainbows <i>School Term Times only</i>
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

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