

# THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

## NOTICES

### Guest preacher – 30<sup>th</sup> May

Ruth Hutchings, our Deanery Network Youth Church minister, has agreed to be the guest preacher at the 9.30am and 11.00am services on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May. This will be a great opportunity to be inspired by our specialist ministry to young people and understand how the church increasingly works most effectively alongside, but in harmony with, traditional parish ministry. Please give Ruth your support.

### Secondary Schools worker

Charlie Day, our Secondary Schools Worker, will sadly be moving to pastures new at the end of this academic year. Charlie has done amazing things, often working alongside Ruth Hutchings and others, to gain a foothold in places not always accessible to the church. He has been a great youth worker in Coniston too. We wish Charlie well in his next venture. Sadly, it is not yet clear whether NISCU and the Coniston Churches will be able to find the funding necessary to replace Charlie. Please pray for this ministry too, and for Ruth and others as they seek to find ways to continue the work that Charlie has so expertly started.

### Appeal for donations, furniture and equipment

Ruth Hutchings and Stephen are hoping to expand Network Youth Church provision, based in Broughton, offering a weekday evening of unstructured drop-in and detached youth work, permanently set up in Broughton Methodist Church. We will seek a wider range of young people, from a wider area, than is currently possible through Meeting Point, but intend that this work will help sustain and grow our Thursday Meeting Point group in the Parsonage Room. We will be looking for volunteers, and we urgently need to provide suitable furniture, TV and games equipment, and above all we need donations to enable us to buy good quality things. *Please consider whether you can help. We have set an ambitious target of being ready by the end of this term.*

### New weekday group

A new home group will be starting from the week of 21<sup>st</sup> June, the brainchild of Liz Riddell, who will be known to the congregations in Ulpha, Broughton and Kirkby. The plan is to meet weekly, on a weekday morning to be decided, with time for refreshments open to all, before prayer and informal study together for those who would



like to. The group will be starting with a gentle introduction to the Gospel of Mark, using the well-known *Lifebuilder* series from SPCK/IVP, which has recently been revised and republished. Please speak to Stephen or Liz to register your interest!



Our local community radio station, Cando FM, provides a 30-minute slot to the Barrow Mission Community, currently at 10.30am on Sunday morning. Revd Robin Ham, the pioneer minister in Barrow, is appealing to churches within the area to support this work financially. The weekly slot costs about £1600 per year and is an innovative way to reach the non-churchgoing audience tuning in to community radio. Please speak to Stephen if you are able to offer a small donation.

### Save the date

Charlotte and Stephen are planning a mid-afternoon open garden on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, to start making up for the lack of opportunities to meet everyone during lockdown and restrictions. Please pop it in your diary!

## WALK4WHEELS

BRINGING HEALTHCARE TO BURUNDI

Please consider donating to the *Walk4Wheels* project:

<https://www.kepplewray.org.uk/bethesda-project>

### Kirkby – APCM and Electoral roll

In Kirkby, it is time to make sure that you are on the electoral roll, as we will shortly be fixing the date for our APCM (which this year must occur by the end of June). Electoral roll forms here:

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Application-for-Enrolment-Electoral-Roll.pdf>

### Plant sale for Christian Aid

Following the success of the pop-up plant sale in The Square at Broughton last year, a similar event will run this year, in The Square (Methodist Church if wet), from 10am till 2pm on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May (Thursday and Friday of Christian Aid week).



A reminder that you can give directly to Christian Aid via <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> or by calling 020

7523 2269. An electronic version of the traditional envelope can also be used, accessible at <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/>

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Isaiah 55:1-11

*During Easter Season, priority is given to readings from Acts.*

### Acts 10:44-end

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### Psalms 98

- <sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gained him victory.
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication  
in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.
- <sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing together for joy  
<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

### I John 5:1-6

*A reading from the First Letter of John*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### John 15:9-17

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St John. Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.*

### Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.