

Contact

JULY/AUGUST 2024



Dear Friends,

I'm sure you are all familiar with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and, chances are, if anyone is visiting the coast or the beach this summer, there will be a lifeboat station nearby.

The brave volunteers of the RNLI have been saving lives at sea for 200 years and since the charity launched its first lifeboat in 1824, the RNLI has saved more than 144,000 lives at sea. The RNLI's volunteer lifeboat crews provide a 24/7 rescue service in the UK and Ireland and seasonal lifeguards often patrol our busy beaches to help keep visitors safe.

Since 1824, the RNLI has pioneered developments in lifesaving at sea and across the years many things have changed, but the story of the RNLI continues to be one of courage, dedication and commitment as their lifesavers have shown unfailing bravery and selflessness as they work towards their goal of saving people in desperate need at sea.

Across their 200-year history, RNLI lifesavers have answered the call to rescue. Day or night. On calm seas or in ferocious storms. If someone is in peril at sea, the RNLI will do all they can to save them.

Lifeboat crews and lifeguards are particularly known for their courage; courage in doing what is right and necessary despite difficulty or the threat of real or apparent danger.

And we know that scripture is also full of stories of individuals displaying remarkable courage and one of the Hebrew words translated shows that courage means 'to show oneself strong.'

Abraham showed courage in obeying God's command to leave Haran for a land he would show him. Jacob showed courage whilst facing a brother who had vowed to kill him and Joseph displayed courage whilst enduring prison for a false charge, then facing Pharaoh who wanted him to interpret his dreams.

Then there's Moses who was courageous when he confronted a hostile Pharaoh and commanded him to let God's people go and Joshua who led one military campaign after another against entrenched foes. We also know that Gideon faced an overwhelming Midianite army,

David faced an overwhelming Goliath and Daniel confronted a den of lions.

However, there is no greater example in the Bible of courage than that of Jesus himself. Jesus' entire life was one of courage—from calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee to standing firm against the temptations of Satan in the desert. Perhaps his most courageous and selfless act is when he overcame sin and death by sacrificing himself on the cross so that we might have everlasting life.

Each of these people had to *take* the courage their actions required. They took the action they believed was right, in spite of the fear they experienced at the thought of taking it.

However, the most important thing the Bible says about courage is what ought to be the basis of our courage. It is the promise of God's presence, power, and perseverance with those who have put their faith in him.

As Christians, we can only be courageous by having faith and confidence in the fact that God is with us and for us. Not only does such confidence inspire courage but it can also dispel our fears. True courage means believing that God is with us at all times and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

'With courage, nothing is impossible' - Sir William Hillary, RNLI founder 1824.

With all good wishes for a lovely summer - Liz

Dear friends,

I would like to say a very big thank to all at Springhead for your love, care, prayers and support over these last few weeks. I am pleased to say I have improved on a daily basis and I am now 100% better and back to my old self.

The only sad thing is that I am not able to drive for 6 months and for someone who enjoys driving and nipping here and there it's quite frustrating!! But that pales into insignificance when I consider what I have to be thankful for.

God has been so good to me as you my friends have and again, I say "thank you so much".

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

God Bless, Liz Dean

DIARY – July/August 2024

Monday 1st July	6.15pm 7pm	Social Committee Deacons Meeting
Sunday 7th July	10.30am	Family Service led by Frank Wroe Barbecue
Friday 12th July	7pm – 9pm	Junior Disco
Sunday 14th July	10.30am	Family service led by Ali O’Brien Church Meeting
Sunday 21st July	10.30am	Family service led by Colin Carter Cake Sale
Sunday 28th July	10.30am	Family service led by Catherine Booton
Sunday 4th August	10.30am	Family service led by Jock Moiliet Lunch
Sunday 11th August	10.30am	Family service led by Mary Jones
Sunday 18th August	10.30am	Family service led by Colin Carter
Sunday 25th August	10.30am	Family service led by TBC

Regular Activities

Sunday

Toddler Sundays 10am – 11.30am

Monday

Exercise Group 2pm

Wednesday

Scoffs 12 noon (2nd Wednesday)

Thursday

Rainbows Toddler Group 9.30am

Friday

Badminton 6pm

Offertories

2nd June - No Service

9th June - £83.25

16th June - £54.55

30th June - £77.40

Standing orders - £735.00

Total £950.20

Other Income

Badminton donation - £70.00

Cong Fed Grant - £3,000.00

DEACONS MEETING

There will be no deacons meeting in August. The next meeting is on

Monday 2nd September at 7pm

Flower Rota

July/August 2024

28th July – Nan

4th August – Jean

11th August – Karen

25th August - Nan

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER BARBECUE!

On Sunday 7th July, we will be holding a barbecue after morning service.

Everyone is very welcome to stay and join us for food and fellowship.

SCOFFS

Just a reminder that the lunch club is taking a break over the summer and will be closed in July and August.

It will be back at 12 noon on Wednesday 11th September. Thanks to Sue and Simon for all their hard work during the year.

TODDLER SUNDAYS

The Sunday toddler group will also be taking a break over the summer so that Joan and Allan can have a well earned rest!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The next meeting is at 6.15pm on *Monday 1st July*

JUNIOR DISCO

Friday 12th July - 7pm – 9pm

All additional volunteers would be much appreciated

CHURCH MEETING

The next church meeting is after the service on *Sunday 14th July*

Everyone is welcome to stay and attend the meeting

CAKE SALE

The next cake sale is following the service on *Sunday 21st July*

Any donations of cake would be gratefully received

LUNCH

The next themed lunch is after the service on *Sunday 4th August*

All welcome to stay and join us

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