

MAY 2022

Contact

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Family Worship
10.30am

Wednesday

Congregational Café
11am – 1pm

Scoffs
12 noon
(2nd Wednesday only)

Thursday

Rainbows Baby & Toddler
Group
9.30am

Friday

Badminton
7.30pm

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Hello Friends,

You may be familiar with the phrase 'people come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime' and perhaps wonder why God brings certain people into your life and then lets them go?

There are often occasions when we find different people knocking at our doors at different times. They enter our lives to fulfil some need or a purpose or to support us on life's journey. Depending on the kind of lessons we most need to learn, they stay for a reason, a season or a lifetime.

When someone is in our life just for a particular reason, it is often to meet a need we have prayed for. God has sent them to assist us through a difficulty, to provide guidance and support or to aid us physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They are there only for the reason God needs them to be and then they part ways. The prayer has been answered and it is now time for them to move on and sometimes God will remove them from our life completely.

People who come into our lives for a moment, or a 'season,' are usually the ones who will reflect something back to us about ourselves, or they have a bit of information or insight that they can share with us. They may teach us a lesson that will add to our growth or they may bring us an experience or make us laugh and bring us joy. They may teach us something we have never done before and even give us a new perspective on life.

And people that are in our lives for a lifetime may be here to teach us the big lessons in this lifetime and those things we must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation.

Lifetime relationships are a gift from God. These are the relationships we are blessed to have with our family and close friends. People who come into our life for a lifetime make our life easier. They remain a part of our life and walk with us, hand-in-hand in every way. Cherish them and feel thankful that God has placed these people in your life.

For a large part, the nature of life is constantly changing, but God often has a way to bring us closer to some people that we need in a certain period of our life. Maybe God put them in our path because we need to learn something about ourselves or because they need to teach us something?

Many people believe that we never meet anyone by accident and that every person that comes into our life is for a particular purpose, even if we are not able to see it yet and therefore, we must value their presence as they are sent from God.

God's promise that 'I will never leave you nor forsake you' is found in multiple books of the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments. Once we let God into our lives, we can be assured that he is always with us and he will stay with us for a lifetime if we let him. God is on our side and he will look after us. He has proven himself and he wants to guide us on the right path, but can only do so if we let him.

Think about the people in your life over the years. Whether they were there for a reason, a season or a lifetime, accept them and treasure them for however long they were meant to be part of your life.

With all good wishes - Liz

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE
CONGREGATIONAL CAFÉ WILL BE CLOSED
ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY DUE TO THE
NEW TO YOU SALE.**

APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals by arrangement with the Minister

OFFERTORIES

3rd - April - £96.50

10th April - £125.71

17th April - £133.55

24th April - £107.12

Standing orders - £616.00

Total £971.76

Other Income

Toddlers - £100.00

Afternoon Tea - £53.00

Disco profit - £359.00

VISION SUNDAY

Sunday 8th May

Just a reminder about the special service at 10.30am to discuss the future of our church. Further information is on the way!

We would love you to be a part of it and hope to see you there!

Flower Rota May 2022

1st -

8th - Cath Gallagher

15th - Gill Fletcher

22nd - Kay Jardine

29th - Jean Voss

JUNIOR DISCO

Friday 20th May

7pm to 9pm

Volunteers needed to help out as usual!

NEW TO YOU SALE – THURSDAY 5TH MAY/JUMBLE SALE – FRIDAY 6TH MAY

- ❖ Any new to you can be now brought up to church and put on the stage.
- ❖ Help is needed at 9.30am on **Sunday 1st May** to put tables up and bring bags down and also after the service to begin sorting.
- ❖ Sorting will continue at 10am on **Monday 2nd May**.
- ❖ Volunteers are needed from 10am – 8pm on **Thursday 5th May** to man the stalls and the café and again on **Friday 6th May** from 7pm.
- ❖ Further help is required at 8.30pm on **Friday 6th May** to take tables down.

As this event is one of our main fundraisers of the year, your help (in whatever capacity) would be most appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 5th June

Whit Sunday service and procession of witness followed by Jubilee Lunch & Street Party

Friday 1st July

Fashion Show by Poppet's Place of Lees

Saturday 9th July

Simon's Band

FURTHER DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

CAKE SALE



After the service on
Sunday 15th May

All welcome

Upcoming Events – May 2022

Sunday 1st May	10.30am	Family Service Traditional Faith Lunch Sort New to You
Monday 2nd May	10am	Sort New to You
Thursday 5th May	10am – 8pm	New to You Sale
Friday 6th May	7pm	Jumble Sale
Sunday 8th May	10.30am	Vision Sunday Special Service
Wednesday 11th May	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 15th May	10.30am	Family Service Communion Cake Sale
Wednesday 18th May	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Friday 20th May	7pm - 9pm	Junior Disco
Sunday 22nd May	10.30am	Family Service
Wednesday 25th May	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 29th May	10.30am	Family Service
Monday 30th May	7pm	House Group at 17 Radcliffe Street

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