

Welshpool & Bro Hafren Methodist Circuit



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Beyond the pandemic

"Let's have eggs and bacon!" I said that back in 1969 when my wife and I, newly married, were working on a (non-ritzy) American summer camp for emotionally disturbed children. In a planning meeting, someone suggested we should have a week of breakfasts from around the world: coffee and croissants from France, for example. So, I piped up with my "eggs and bacon" idea, to which the camp director gently said to me, "Very good John but have you forgotten this is a Jewish camp?".

I knew very well that a charity, The Jewish Philanthropists of New York, ran Camp Rainbow, and that almost all the children and staff were Jewish. I also did not mean to give offence but it was a sharp lesson to me as to how much my



sensitivity to people of other faiths and practices had to improve.

Today, thank the Lord, anti-semitism is repudiated by all right-minded people. This includes the modern Methodist Church of Great Britain, to which we belong. I say "modern" because our Methodist history is not unblemished, when it comes to antisemitism. I was

reading John Wesley's sermon on the use of money recently and was shocked to find, almost as a throwaway remark, antisemitic words on Wesley's part.

Today, Methodism tries to avoid such bigotry and, by this, seeks to live out part of its prophetic ministry.

During the current COVID pandemic, the Church, both local and national, has continued its pastoral ministry by its innovative use of "virtual" worship, prayer and meditation.

Beyond the pandemic, the Church must not only continue this ministry but concentrate on its prophetic mission, if it is to be what God wants it to be in our new future. In this regard, many churches, including our own, as well as other Christian groups, have already set out their stalls on some of the most important issues the world faces.

It was great to see the churches in action last year on the issue of antiracism, particularly with regard to the Black Lives Matter movement.

Christian Aid, among others, is calling for tax justice as a way of redistributing wealth in a world where many are ultra-rich, often through indefensible ways, whilst many, many others don't have enough to eat. Without doubt, Christian Aid is one of God's prophets today.

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Many church bodies, including our own, have said they will not put their investments into businesses based on ecologically destructive practices. Happily, there are prophetic individuals who try to ensure churches keep to their commitments. This is being done at the moment within the Methodist Church, where there is a question as to whether some of our Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund is invested in fossil fuel extraction.

Another of today's prophets is the Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg. Her story is now globally known: Greta, at age 15, began a protest about the world's destruction of creation through climate change, by going on strike from school and then sitting, alone, outside her country's parliament. "Crazy!" many said. This prophetic action reminded me of the prophet Ezekiel, who, to get across

God's message, also carried out similarly "crazy" actions. One included lying on the ground on one side for days on end, and then turning over and doing the same thing on his other side.

Greta Thunberg has wisdom beyond her years; some suggest this is the result of her Asperger's condition, which helps the

teenager see things in black and white, right or wrong. This

brings to my mind the story of another remarkable youngster. He was just twelve-years-old, and, as part of a larger group, on a city visit with his parents. At the end of the visit, the group headed for home but, unknowingly, the boy somehow got left behind. A day later Yes, yes....., I know! You are way ahead of me. It is, of course, St Luke's story of Jesus being found by his parents in Jerusalem's Temple debating with adult religious leaders, and doing so with a maturity well beyond his years.

So, I ask myself, could Jesus, like Greta Thunberg, also have had Asperger's? As I do this, I hear my college New Testament tutor's response to another outlandish biblical interpretation I once offered: "It's this kind of thing, John, which leads to films like The Robe being made!"

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I do believe, however, that Thunberg and the many more

young people who march, protest and work for a just, loving and happy world are true prophets for our time. I also believe that, in our own way, we can all be God's prophets by what we say and do. And much joy that will bring God, and us.

John Newbury

*Editors' comment:
South Lanarkshire Council
and Manchester City Council
have both named a
road-gritting machine
Gritter Thunberg!*

I haven't done a burglary
I didn't rob a bank
I haven't been shoplifting
I didn't steal a tank.

I feel I'm doing porridge
For what, I have no clue
I've been in solitary lockdown
For more than a month or two.

Three meals a day I cook myself
Watch TV when I like
Then round and round the carpark
I walk for exercise - with tyke.

It's all down to some damn virus
It's hit us all for six
We have to stay six feet apart
Till they tell us we can mix.

I haven't seen a shop for months
Or ridden on a bus
Families are strangers
It's just me - not us.

Someone to bring our shopping
Sometimes with a little treat
If it wasn't for this kindness
We wouldn't ever eat.

I curse this blinkin' virus
That keeps us locked in time
I'd feel that I'd deserve it
Had I committed some big crime.

So - when this cruel virus wavers
And freedom's on its way
I'll walk right through the car park
To a brighter new sunshine day.

*Written by Jean Kelly, a friend of **Babs Owen, Newtown.***

A Prayer for Easter

A simple cross of simple wood
Upon a hilltop silent stood
And on the cross a simple man
Was crucified - it was God's plan.
He gave his son to cleanse our sin
But what a mess the world is in.
Oh God you must be in despair
To see such mayhem everywhere.



Yet standing here on Easter morn
While watching such a perfect dawn,
That simple cross just seems to me
A symbol of eternity.
So on this special day of days,
Man rues the error of his ways,
Prays that forgiveness, peace and
love
Come to the world from God above.

Paddy Jupp

*Submitted by **Shan Calvert, Newtown***

Spring Thoughts

As I am writing this I am wondering where we will be in three months' time when I write the next letter. I don't think any of us expected still to be locked down at this point, most of us thought that once we got 2020 behind us we would be on our way out of the pandemic, but sadly not.

When I started to reflect on this and talk to other people about it, the overwhelming comment was 'I don't know what day it is anymore'. We have no patterns to our days, even our Sundays are not marked out anymore. It is strange how much we rely on telling the time, the calendar, and our routines. An often said phrase is that we are 'creatures of habit', and this indeed seems to be so, but when every day looks exactly the same as the previous one...

Remember that things are changing, and that where we are when you first get this magazine will not be where we are when the next one comes out. Not least because we will have been through Lent and the wonderful celebration of Easter, and it will be wonderful this year, no matter how we celebrate it.

Many of you will know that I have been grappling with the intricacies of Zoom over the past few months and now we are starting to prepare people across the Circuit to be able to use it. It means that we can see each other without masks at last, and I might be able to get to know people's names! However, this is not without its own difficulties as not everyone has access to a computer or smartphone. I am hoping that soon, small amounts of mixing will be allowed, so that people can bubble together for worship and meetings, meaning that not having access to computers won't be an issue.

Jesus was very good at getting the good news out to people, as were the disciples and they had no such aids. So the challenge for us is not just to share the good news with one another but also with strangers. We never know how much faith, if any, the stranger has, but we do know that people have been changed even from a simple conversation. So as life begins to open up so conversations will happen. Below is a very interesting version of The Creed which was written by two 14 year old boys. Their insight and the way that this is worded for today really speaks to me. See what you think.

A Statement of Faith

*We believe in God,
who made the sun and the sky, the stars and the sea,
who calls us to live responsibly.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ,
who became human
who healed the sick
who talked to children
who made friends with sinners.
He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.
His light continues to shine in darkness.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires the scriptures
and whose breath we breathe.*

*We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another
offering a welcome to everyone
old and young
rich and poor
strong and weak.*

*We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers
workers for justice
brothers and sisters
a light for our world. Amen.*

*Written by two fourteen year old boys at a worship workshop on Iona.
Eggs and Ashes by Ruth Burgess & Chris Polhill.*

Wishing you a peaceful and reflective Lent.
May the Spirit of Jesus Christ soar in our souls this Easter.



Jacquie

WHO KILLED DAVID JONES?

David Jones aged 82 died from Covid 19 within 28 days of being tested. For some he is a statistic within the 100,000+ who have died but for his family he was a husband, a brother, a father and a grandfather. Someone whom they loved and will be greatly missed.

It leaves many asking the question: "Who killed David Jones?"

"It can't be me" the Prime Minister says
"I'm lost and bewildered, stuck in a maze.
It's U-Turns here and U-Turns there
Responsibility here, the buck's lost & don't know where!"

The UK leaders ask "What's the fuss?
We're busy saving lives so it cannot be us.
Poor David Jones, it's such a shame
But we can assure you, we aren't to blame".

"Follow the science" is what they all say.
Scientists busily find the right way.
Ministers dither, the opportunity's missed,
A few more lives will join the death list.

Tiers and slogans change before our eyes
STAY HOME, EAT OUT, WEAR MASKS, SANITISE
Self isolate, how far is near?
Guidelines or rules, now is that all clear?

They go to the beaches, they go to the hills
They go out to party, they're living for thrills.
Then killjoys are warning "Cut out the frills"
So cocktails alone, it's the mixing which kills!

A loving husband, father, and Granddad too
Being in a bubble helps us get through.
We gave him hugs and kisses everyday,
How he caught the virus we cannot say.

.....
*“No one blames me” says a shocked Lord
“That is a treasure I’ll gladly hoard.
Yet no one owns up to take the blame,
That has got to be such a dreadful shame.*

*I the Lord of the sea and sky
I have been hearing my people cry
I who have made the stars of night
I am now making their darkness bright.*

*Praise to all who’ve heard my call
To come and help the broken, those who fall
They are my saints, each and everyone
Following in the footsteps of my Son.*

*David Jones, you are now with me,
We join together in one great family.
Hundreds and thousands now mourn their lost,
But I have to ask, “why such a cost?”*

*Who killed David Jones and the others?
People who forgot their sisters and brothers.
Love your neighbour as **yourself** my Son said,
What is happening, is when you love **self** instead”.*

The Lord has spoken. Amen

John Harbron



Dog Quiz

Can you work out the canine clues to breeds, sayings and famous cartoon dogs?

	CLUE	ANSWER
1	Is this the allsorts hound? (7,5)	
2	To be found in a square ring (5)	
3	A butterfly (French?) (8)	
4	A very grave dog (10,5)	
5	Apart of Canada? (8)	
6	A clean (5)	
7	Can you spot me? (9)	
8	I in a bush (anagram) (5,3)	
9	Put this in your ear Wallace? (6)	
10	He's got a sore throat (5)	
11	A European carer of sheep (6,8)	
12	Its' raining outside (3,7,4,3,4)	
13	A resident of the previous Chinese capital (9)	
14	The founder of the Cistercians	
15	He's lovely with Custard? (7)	
16	Found in France (6,7)	
17	White Rose dog (9,7)	
18	Peanuts! (6)	
19	Could make you very cross or you might prefer the chocolate version? (7)	
20	Lassie was one (5,6)	
21	Not the sheriff (6,4)	
22	A sort of sleuth or detective (10)	
23	Soviet space dog (5)	
24	A very important Viking (5,4)	
25	Best not to wake them (3,8,4,3)	
26	The Queen's favourite (5)	
27	Phone (Cockney rhyming slang) (3,3,4)	
28	Noise made by a tree(4)	
29	Potassium 1X (2)	
30	What some people do to cream (7)	

If you are really stuck (barking up the wrong tree!) the answers are on page 23.

Jon Purcell

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Mrs Eleri Williams
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Mrs Maureen Douglas
Mr John Harbron
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Mrs Andrea Davies (on trial)

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Church & Hymn Books	Times	07-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar	28-Mar
		3rd Sun in Lent	Mothering Sun	5th Sun in Lent	Palm Sun
		John 2:13-22	John 19:25-27	John 12:20-33	John 12:12-16
Welshpool	9.00				
H ON	10.45	Jobling	Jones HC	Smith	Evans
Sf WB	6.00				
Cefn	10.00				
H ON	6.00				
P Llifor	2.30	Evans HC	AACG	Rowell	AACG
H Sf WB					
Newtown	10.30	Evans HC	Harbron	Bond	N Evans
H Sf WB	6.00				
Caersws	10.30	P & P UM	Evans HC	Burkill	Jobling
H WB					
Trefeglwys	10.00	Davies		Evans HC	
H M					

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04-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr
Easter Sun	2nd Sun of Easter	3rd Sun of Easter	4th Sun of Easter
John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18
Jones	Bond	P & P	Evans HC
WCT Church House			
Jobling		Evans HC	
	N Evans		P & P
Evans HC	AACG	Harbron	AACG
Evans HC	Jobling	P & P	Bond
Harbron HC	Chiplin	P & P	Jobling
Smith		Harbron HC	

Church & Hymn Books	Times	02-May	09-May	16-May	23-May	30-May
		5th Sun of Easter	Christian Aid Week	7th Sun of Easter	Pentecost	Trinity Sun
		John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27;16:4b-15	John 3:1-17
Welshpool	9.00					
H ON	10.45	N Evans	Jones HC	Harbron	Jubilate Pentecost Praise	Evans HC US
SIF WB	6.00		Church House C.Aid			
Cefn	10.00	Davies		Smith		@ Welshpool
H ON	6.00		Evans HC		Harbron	
P Llifor	2.30	Evans HC	AACG	Jobling	AACG	Rowell
H SIF WB						
Newtown	10.30	Evans HC	Williams	P & P	Smith	Burkill
H SIF WB	6.00					
Caersws	10.30	Smith	UP C.Aid	Bond	Evans HC	Davies
H WB						
Trefglwys	10.00	Burkill		Evans HC		Chiplin
H M						
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REFERENCES USED IN THE PLAN

BOOKS

H Hymns and Psalms
M Methodist Hymn Book
ON Methodist Hymns Old & New
S The Source
StF Singing the Faith
WB Methodist Worship Book

SERVICES

AA All Age Worship
AACG All Age Cell Group
ATS Afternoon Tea Service
BAP Baptism
BC Breakfast Church
BTCS Back to Church Sunday
CA Chapel Anniversary
CAP Christians Against Poverty
C&C Carols and Christingle
CHS Community Hymn Singing
CMM Christian Music Ministries
Cov Covenant
CS Carol Service
EO Easter Offering Dedication
FF Flower Festival
HC Holy Communion
HF Harvest Festival
Jub Jubilate
LA Local Arrangement
LS Lambing Service
P&P Prayer and Praise
SKS Sankey Service
SoP Songs of Praise
SS Sectional Service
TF Welshpool Transport Festival
WCT Welshpool Churches Together
UnS Circuit United Service

UNITED SERVICES

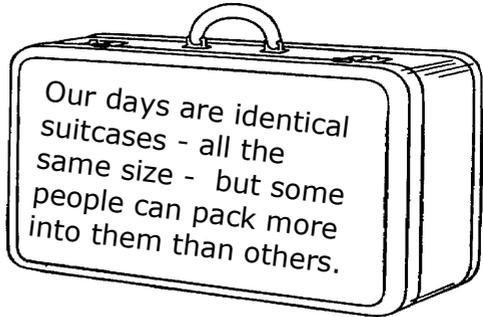
UA at Anglican
UB at Baptist
UM at Methodist
UP at Presbyterian
URC at URC
UW at Welsh Chapel

OTHER

T Transport Required
TS Trial Service

All Ages Pages

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "Thank You"? *William A Ward*



POWER OF THE CROSS

Cross out all words that may be considered a sin or something that would be wrong in God's eyes.

BITTERNESS	JESUS	CHEATING	WICKEDNESS	JEALOUSY	GOSSIP	SAID
HATE	UNFAITHFULNESS	FILTHY TALK	FATHER	LYING	IMMORALITY	LAZINESS
FORGIVE	ARGUING	STUBBORN	SLANDER	COVETING	IDOLATRY	SLANDER
MURDER	THEM	KILLING	BLASPHEMY	ADULTRY	FOR	SELFISHNESS
STEALING	SLANDER	RAGE	STINGY	THEY	GREED	DO
SWEARING	ENVY	ARROGANCE	NOT	PRIDE	GLUTTONY	QUARRELSOME
FOOLISHNESS	KNOW	COMPLAINING	LUST	HYPOCRACY	IMPURITY	STEALING
WHAT	GAMBLING	THEY	RACISM	WICKEDNESS	ARE	WORRY
UNKINDNESS	PRIDE	DOING	DOING EVIL	BOASTING	ANGER	DISOBEDIENCE



As Jesus died on the cross between two criminals, He asked His Father to do something very special for all of us. Write down the remaining words, in order, on the lines below to find out what Jesus said.

T

here is light at the end of the tunnel,
There is calm at the end of the storm
There is rest at the end of a journey
And a hearth that is welcome and warm.



There's a star on the top of the mountain
You can touch when the last crag is scaled.
There's a certain reward for the faithful
at the point where they think they have failed.

There's a spring at the end of the winter
And behind the black cloud it is blue
There's a song at the heart of your sorrow
And happiness waiting for you.

Patience Strong



A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen" the boy responded. His cousin was amazed. "How do you know that?"

"Easy" the little boy said " all you have to do is add it up, like the bishop said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer".

Q What kind of motor vehicles are in the bible?

A Jehovah **drove** Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a **Fury**.

A David's **Triumph** was heard throughout the land.

A **Honda**... because the apostles were all in one **Accord**.

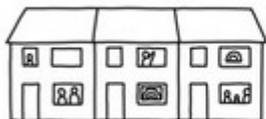
Submitted by **Phil-Eve. Senior**, Newtown



BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE
PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE
UNEMPLOYED AND THE
SELF-EMPLOYED



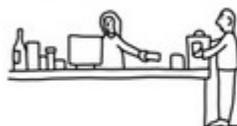
FOR THEIR NEED OF
GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE
CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE
PURVEYORS OF SCARCE
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE
CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND
FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF
OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE
REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE
GOD DESPITE THE
MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE
TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN
STEADFAST AND
CONSTANT IN
DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF
GOD AND WITH HIM THEY
WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE
BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS
ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY
SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR
ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY-WE PRAY-
THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

TEXT: JAYNE MANFREDI

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY
DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL
WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE
BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL
WORKERS, THE AMBULANCE CREWS,
THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE
ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND
THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH
WORKERS; THE DEACONS,
PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING
PRESENCE IN A HURTING
WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO
SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE
PARENTS.



FOR THEY ARE COPING
ALONE WITH THEIR
RESPONSIBILITIES AND
THERE IS NO RESPITE

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS;
ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO
WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE
GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND
THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN



BUT THE HATS REMAIN

A MYSTERY BY A. NON. MOUSE

Chapter 1



It was 10 o'clock on a wet and windy August morning, Freda Swarbrick was pacing up and down the manse. She had cleaned it to within an inch of its life with her twin Elsie, and now they were waiting for the new minister to arrive, along with the removal van.

'What time did she say she was getting here?' Freda asked.

'Said that she'd be here at least an hour before the removals. They're due at 10.30'.

'Appen she's been held up'. Freda said in her broad Yorkshire accent.

In typical Yorkshire fashion Freda put the kettle on and they both sat down at the breakfast bar to have a drink. In the distance the telephone rang.

Elsie rushed to the telephone, but by that time it had gone onto

answerphone. She came back into the kitchen shaking her head. 'It wasn't her' she said. 'At least I think it wasn't'.

'What do you mean you think it wasn't?'

'Well it was all very muffled and there was a lot of noise. It sounded like a café or the motorway services.'

'So was it Claire?'

'The minister? Yes, I think it was?'

'Think?'

'Well I couldn't be certain with all the noise ...'

'Oh you really are useless at times!'

'Don't get annoyed with me, I told you it was difficult to hear, and there is nothing wrong with my hearing.'

This type of banter continued on for several minutes, until the sound of a large lorry was heard in the driveway. The removal men had arrived. The doorbell rang and suddenly the twins



were face to face with the men. The tall, dark haired one said: 'Bringing in the bedroom furniture first, where's it going?'

'Upstairs' said Freda.

'I got that, it's bedroom furniture. Ask Claire where she wants it.'

'Claire isn't here.'

'She been delayed?'

'I'm afraid it looks like it.'

Freda tutted, and you could sense her disapproval. She went to the stairs and gesticulated to the removal men that they should go upstairs. Both the sisters followed them as they moved around looking at each room in turn and working out where they thought that the furniture should go.

'We'll start with the beds then.' One of the men said and they went downstairs and out to the van.

Freda and Elsie stayed upstairs and decided to be nosey and look in the fitted wardrobes. 'There's stuff in here' said Elsie.

'She left some things when

she came down the other week. She said it was so that you would know that she was coming back.'

'It's all boxes, do you fancy a look?'

'Elsie, you can't do that, what's in those boxes might be private.'

'Since when has that stopped us before?'

Elsie laughed and moved over to the boxes with a twinkle in her eye. She picked a square box with a lid out of the bottom of the fitted wardrobe, and took the lid off. 'Ooh, look at this...'

'Look at what?' Freda said.

'It's a hat box.'

'I know that silly, but it's not got a hat in it'.

Her face went white.

To be continued.



The Best of All is God is with Us

We need God's help.

It helps to have prayers either on our own or with others, but never forget to talk to our Father.

We will worship with other people and should listen for God's teaching in the Bible and in the world. This will make worship *real*.

Learning and Caring

May God help us to care for other people and ourselves. Let us learn more about our faith and let us be generous and hospitable.

Service

We help people around us and further afield. Help us to care for creation and all the things that God offers to us. When we see injustice help us to overcome this.

Evangelism

Make us less shy, so we aren't afraid to admit God loves us. Help us too to be ready to talk about Jesus. Also being ready to make other people feel this is normal and natural.

Eileen Jobling

Yesterday has gone forever,
Forget it - let it go.
Look forward to a happy heart,
Tomorrow's yours you know.
Tomorrow is just a dream away,
So make that dream come true,
Tomorrow is for you.

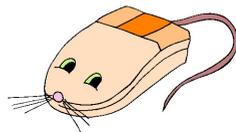
Submitted by Doreen Robinson, Newtown



Solution to Dog quiz on page 10

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3	A butterfly (French?) (8)	Papillon
4	A very grave dog (10,5)	Greyfriars Bobby
5	Apart of Canada? (8)	Labrador
6	A clean (5)	Sweep
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10	He's got a sore throat (5)	Husky
11	A European carer of sheep (6,8)	German Shepherd
12	It's raining outside (3,7,4,3,4)	It's raining cats and dogs
13	A resident of the previous Chinese capital (9)	Pekingese
14	The founder of the Cistercians	St Bernard
15	He's lovely with Custard? (7)	Rooibark
16	Found in France (6,7)	French Bulldog
17	White Rose dog (9,7)	Yorkshire Terrier
18	Peanuts! (6)	Beagle
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21	Not the sheriff (6,4)	Deputy Dawg
22	A sort of sleuth or detective (10)	Bloodhound
23	Soviet space dog (5)	Laika
24	A very important Viking (5,4)	Great Dane
25	Best not to wake them (3,8,4,3)	Let sleeping dogs lie
26	The Queen's favourite (5)	Corgi
27	Phone (Cockney rhyming slang) (3,3,4)	Dog and bone
28	Noise made by a tree(4)	Bark
29	Potassium 1X (2)	K9
30	What some people do to cream (7)	Whippet

Editorial



One of the positive things to come out of this pandemic has been the use of technology, with many people learning new skills and embracing technology more than ever before. Rev Jackie referred to the use of Zoom for meetings.

Q. Do you know the collective noun for people sat Zooming?

A. A punnet. Why? A punnet of satsumas!!

We appreciate not everyone in the Circuit has access to technology, however for those who do, we've redesigned the Circuit website. Why not check it out?

www.wbhmethodists.org.uk

We do hope that the lockdown will end soon and the services planned this quarter will be able to take place but do check with your chapel locally.

Sincere thanks to our many contributors to this bumper edition; we couldn't do it without you.

The next issue covers the summer; please send items for inclusion by **mid April 2021**, though we are happy to receive articles at any time by post:

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