

Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church

March Newsletter 2024

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	Morning Service 10.30 am (Communion on 2 rd Sunday each month)		Evening Services To be Announced
Monday		Ladies Fellowship. 2pm-4pm 1 st Monday of the Month.	Bible Studies — Every two weeks, Speak to Liz for Zoom link
Tuesday			Deacons Meeting 2 nd Tuesday in the month
Wednesday		Craft & Chat 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays of the Month. 2pm -4pm	Church Meetings. to be announced.
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday	Prayer Breakfast 2 nd Saturday in the Month Breakfast 9.00-9.30am Prayer 9.30-10.00 am		

Sunday Flowers	Donated by
3rd March	In Loving Memory of Mum from Nicky.
10th March	In Loving Memory of Joan and Jack Robinson. Carol
17th March	In loving Memory of a dear husband; wife Anne, Daughter Mandy, son in law Dave and Grandchildren.
24th March	In Loving Memory of Duncan Gledhill Love Molly.
31 st March	In Loving Memory of Dale from Mum with Love.
Flower Secretary	Please contact Pauline or Susan to donate flowers 655615

OTHER EVENTS

**Visiting Preachers 3rd Steven, 10th Frances (Communion, Mothers day) 17th John J 24th Simon (Palm Sunday) 31st Liz (Easter Sunday, Communion)
Friday 8th 7.30pm Prayer meeting**

Minister	
Secretary	John Stephenson 655615 07908340697
Treasurer & Assistant	Frances Brown & Chris Garner
Caretaker	Pauline Stephenson 655615
Craft & Chat	Frances Brown 306307
Prayer Breakfast	Frances Brown 306307
Ladies Fellowship	Frances Brown 306307
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Dear Friends

Well this year we managed to leave Wales without any noticeable repercussions; no visits to hospital and no earthquakes! Frances had everything working like clockwork and it was a great weekend. The sound of laughter was never far away and it reminds me of Proverbs 17:22, "a cheerful heart is good medicine", and sometimes that is just what we need. If any of you are watching 'The Chosen' (a wonderful faith based series following the life of Jesus and His disciples) we see laughter and humour in Jesus relationships with people.

When I was a kid, the Sunday School summer outing went all of 9 miles from Seamer to Filey. We had our lunch in a Methodist church hall. There was a painting on the wall supposedly of Jesus calling the children to himself and blessing them. He was in a very serious pose, sat up very straight, holding His hand above them to bless them. That image of a stiff, stern, aloof, not connected Jesus stayed with me for a long time.

Jesus, our earthly Jesus, was a warm, kind, compassionate man. He walked alongside people. He drew people to Him by the very nature of who He was and gave each person the option to grow in their relationship with His Father. He would laugh, he would engage with people and obviously had a deep love for the children. When He was blessing them, I don't believe it would have been like the picture in Filey church hall. I believe He would have talked with them, laughed with them, picked them up in His arms, sat them on His knee.

Now, we know the Lord Jesus is in Heaven seated at the right hand of His Father. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. So, He is also still the same kind, compassionate, loving Lord who now prays for us in all our troubles and weaknesses. He longs to guide us into a deeper relationship with Himself, so we can change and grow in our faith - to be more like Him.

We have a special month ahead of us, with baptisms, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. May the Lord bless us richly during this special season.

With Christian love and affection

Liz

PS Whether he is called, Simba, Kiara, Aslan or Judah - beware - the Lion is coming!