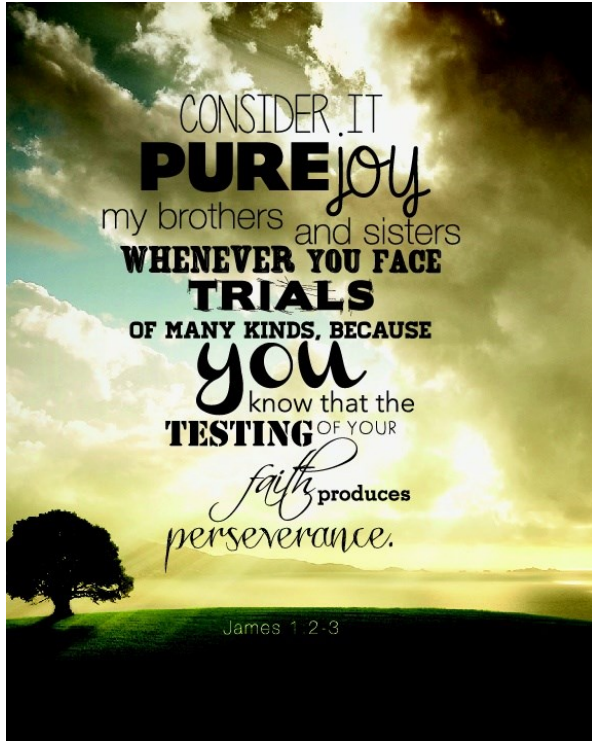


ASPIRE



November 2020

Christ Church Haydock URC

www.christchurchhaydock.co.uk

A word from the Editors

As we enter into another national lockdown, the theme for this month's edition of Aspire is endurance - don't give up!

To some, the prospect of another few weeks of lockdown, isolation, restrictions and loneliness is absolutely heart-breaking. However, although life is challenging at the moment, we have a Mighty Saviour who promises to give us the strength and the power to get through it.

An article entitled 'Never Give Up' is a particularly encouraging read given the current situation, which echoes the famous words of Winston Churchill, uttered in a speech to students of Harrow School in England during World War 2 "Never give in — never, never, never, never, give in!".

Furthermore, we don't just want to 'get through life' during lockdown, we want to enjoy life during lockdown and experience that inner joy and peace that comes from knowing Jesus. Therefore, over the next few weeks, let's all work together as a church to support one another, pray for one another and look for new and dynamic ways of spreading the Good News and praising God.

Online services will continue to be posted to the church website and Facebook each week and many of our church congregation are still 'thinking outside the box' of ways to raise money for our Church in the absence of the Christmas Fayre.

As you will read, Doreen has already raised a fantastic sum of money from the sale of marmalade, pickles and chutney.

There has also been some exciting new developments for the fabric of Christ Church URC and, although difficult decisions have been made and there are some large challenges ahead, God has blessed us with a plan to allow worship to continue at Christ Church Haydock URC long into the future.

*"Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever."*

God bless, take care and stay safe.

Brian, Mike and Jo xxx

NOTICES

FLOWER MINISTRY

These were the people who received flowers from the church over the last month:

Joyce Molyneaux and Dyllis Cunliffe

CLOTHING COLLECTION

If you have any old or unwanted clothes that you no longer use, please consider donating them to the church's clothing collection. All money raised will go towards Church funds. If you would like any picking up, please call Neil Fairhurst on 01744 635163.

LEPROSY MISSION & BARNARDO'S

After 20 years of collecting the boxes and distributing information for these worthy causes, we feel it's time for us to retire and give others the opportunity to take over. We will be in touch, in the coming weeks to arrange collection of boxes in December. Many thanks. M & S

WATCH OUR CHURCH SERVICES

For those of you who may not know, although our church building is not open, church still is! Malcolm and other members of the church have been working hard on putting together digital services each week. These include God's Word, worship songs, sermons, kids slots etc. Each of these are filmed separately and put together into a mini movie which can be viewed on either our Facebook page or our church website.

Facebook: Christ Church Haydock URC

or

www.christchurchurchaydock.co.uk

For those of you who don't use the internet, the service is also available on dvd which will be delivered to your own front door. If you would like one of these dvds, please contact Brian on 01744 608826 or 07840 173990.

THE SAD PASSING OF A DEAR FRIEND

It is with great sadness that a very dear friend and sister in Christ, Edna Swift, passed away on Monday 26th October. Her funeral will be held at church on the Monday 7th December at 12:45 p.m. followed by a service at Green Acres at 2:00 p.m.

THE VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

See what's available below.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A huge thank you is given to everyone who purchased goodies from our virtual shops. Much money has already been raised and I'm sure there'll be more to come in.

Cake stall—Thank you to those of you who bought our baking. An amazing £405.00 has been raised: a brilliant result!

Winter Baskets—Thank you to those who purchased one of these, Neil has raised £105 in total: another amazing amount!

DAVID LEIVSLEY CAPTION COMPETITION

Much fun was had reading all the amazing and creative captions to go alongside the picture of David on a plank over 3ft of water. The winning caption was awarded to Roy Dunn whose caption was, 'I figure when you are down, the only way left is up.'



MOTHER'S PANTRY PICKLES

A big "Thank You" to all who purchased the marmalade, pickles, chutney or donated to this effort. The sum of £75 was raised towards our 'virtual' Christmas Fayre. God bless you. Doreen x

CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Handmade Christian Christmas cards will be available to buy. They are available in packs of 8, size 5x7", assorted fronts but the same verse inside and will cost £5.00 per pack. Please order before October 31st by calling Lesley (01744 451890 or 07814 186621). They will delivered out in the beginning of December.

CHOCOLATE AND SWEETS

Girls Brigade will be a running virtual chocolate and sweet shop. If would like anything in particular, please contact Becky (07979 947719) to discuss orders. Please place your orders before 15th November and deliveries will be made at the beginning of December. Becky will create a more specific stock list for next month's magazine.

GRAVE POTS

Grave Pots will be being made on 30th November and being delivered the following weeks. If you are interested , please order by ringing Doreen (01744 736108).

RAFFLE

There will be a Christmas raffle available. The raffle will be drawn between the 1st and 3rd December. Please feel free to buy or sell raffle tickets. Contact Sandra for raffle tickets (01744 635163).

Prizes include:

Two different food hampers

Sweet hamper

Two different toiletries hampers

Ladies gardening set

Large llama stuffed toy

Christmas essentials

Handbag and purse

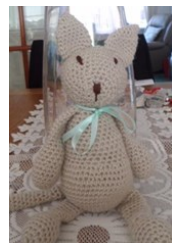
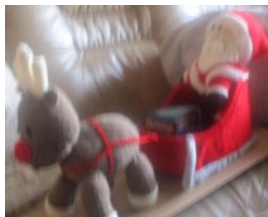
CHRIST CHURCH'S VERSION OF THE BODY SHOP

A range of toiletries and beauty gift sets will be available to order and buy. Small gift hampers can be made up with a selection of different products customised to your requirements. Please ring Sue (01744 608826) for orders before 15th November. Deliveries will be made at the end of November. Please see next page for more options.



HAND-MADE DOLLS AND TEDDIES

A range of handmade cuddly toys are available. They are all £8 each, except for the Santa sleigh with reindeer and chocolate which is £15. To order contact Sandra (01744 736108) or Mari (01744 607156).



CHRISTMAS FAYRE GIFT SETS



Boots Boxed Trio Hand Cream - £3.00
50ml each of Rose, Magnolia and Lavender



Enchanted Grace Gift Set - £7.00
100ml shower gel, 100ml body lotion
100ml Eau de toilette spray



Dove Boxed Gift Set : £7.00
225ml body wash: 250ml body lotion
1ml reed diffuser.



M&S Woodspice Box Set - £4.00
75ml shower gel, 100g talc,
75ml amber shower gel, 100g amber talc



Sanctuary Travel Bag - £7.00
250ml body wash, 60g salt scrub
75ml luxury bath float, 50ml body butter



Baylis and Harding Boxed Gift Set -£5.00
100ml body wash: 50ml body lotion
100ml shower cream: 50ml hand cream

Body Shop Boxed Gift Set - £15.00
250ml shower gel,
75ml body polish,
50ml body butter,
100g soap,
body polisher.



Floral Gift Set - £3.50
200ml body wash: 100ml body lotion
100ml body scrub sponge. —
100ml body scrub.



THE CHURCH BUILDING

Proposal to take the building work forward

On behalf of Eric and myself, we would like to thank you all for all your support on this difficult proposal we had to make. It was difficult because we, as you, have many memories going back many years, it was hard for us to propose this, but we couldn't find an alternative. We tried to satisfy as many as we could by retaining some of the old and creating something new. We believe that this is the way forward and that our Father God was in it with us, firstly preparing our hearts and we believe preparing your hearts in accepting this proposal. It was with sadness that we proposed it, but let it be with excitement that together we go forward so that the name of Jesus may be glorified in Christ Church for many, many years to come.

Thank and God bless,
Eric and Brian



Never Give Up

Ever feel like quitting? Just giving up because things are too hard, overwhelming, and painful? The Bible has a very clear answer to that defeated feeling: don't! That's right – don't quit when things get tough in your life.

If today you find yourself plunged into a problem you think is impossible to dig your way out of, then this article is just for you. You can win. You can succeed. But, you may have to endure the suffering and discomfort needed to arrive at victory. Success does not come easy.

Let's take the example of Jesus. It is said of Him, "who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame..." (Hebrews 12:2). The word, "endure," means to abide under or to bear up courageously under suffering. The passage refers to Christ's crucifixion, which took away the penalty of sin for all those who place their faith in Him. However, the principle applies to us, too, as we live out our lives.

Did you know that Jesus actually wanted to quit on the way to the cross (Luke 22:42)? But, He kept going because of the reward, success, victory, and joy that were His from accomplishing His goal. To Him, the reward was worth the cost. Winning, not losing, consumed His mind.



Many times people give up just short of achieving their goals and dreams. If they had endured just a little longer, then victory and triumph would have been theirs.

Your dream might be getting through school, but study is so hard. Don't quit. Your goal might be finding a good job, but all you face is rejection. Don't quit. Your desire may be to repair a broken relationship, but you encounter hostility and disdain. Don't give up (if the relationship is right for you). Maybe it is a bad habit you need to replace. Don't give up. Maybe your burden is a wayward son or daughter. Don't give up on them.

Have dreams and goals for yourself. Work hard to achieve them, but realise there will be difficulties and discouragements on the road to your success.

You and I can follow the famous words of Sir Winston Churchill that he uttered in a speech to students of Harrow School in England on October 29, 1941, "Never give in — never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.



Churchill had the same determination as did Jesus. So can you and I. Remember, don't quit.

Sunday 8th November 2020
Through a Narrow Door



This last summer, my wife and I built a dog run on the side of our house. It mainly consisted of putting a fence and gate up to keep our Labrador Retriever, Molly, in one area. Neither one of us had put up a fence before, so it was a learning experience. It turned out nice, and most importantly, it keeps our dog contained. Jesus said that to enter into heaven is like going through a narrow door. Not everyone will find it or go through it.

Luke 13:24

“Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.”

Sunday 15th November 2020
One Sacrifice



When we are finally in heaven, we will see Jesus seated at the right hand of His Father. All the glory will be given to Him because of His death. His atoning work on the cross was the one sacrifice all of us needed to be restored to a right relationship with God. The chasm that was impossible to cross was bridged by the cross Jesus died on. One day every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.

Hebrews 10:12

“But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,”

Sunday 22nd November 2020
Take the Worry Out of Your Life

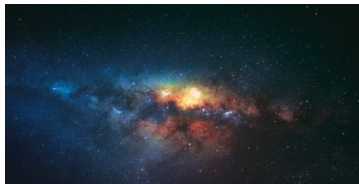


COVID has made some aspects of life easier. Take grocery shopping, for instance. Now you don't have to go into the store anymore. You can log into your computer and order everything you need, and it will be delivered to your doorstep in a couple of hours. It is more expensive, but easier nonetheless. Did you know that Jesus tells you to take the worry out of your life? He tells us to seek His kingdom.

Luke 12:31

“And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

Sunday 29th November 2020
It Can't Be Explained



Science tries to explain the mysteries of the universe. They let us know why events we don't understand happen like earthquakes happen. When something happens that can't be explained, they simply say that it can't be explained. When events are happening in our lives, we have a sovereign God who is in control.

Job 11:7

“Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than heaven—what can you do? Deeper than the depths below—what can you know?”

FINANCIAL REPORT— SEPTEMBER 2020

BUILDING ACCOUNT

Income

Donation from Doreen Hyde for marmalade sales £100.00

Expenditure Nil

Balance as of 30/09/20 £9712.88

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Income

Offertories £1574.00

Donations in Loving Remembrance of Neville Eden £100.00

Donations in Loving Remembrance of Les Chadwick from family
and friends £200.00

Donations in Loving Remembrance of Irene Greenough £20.00

Other donations £335.00

Government Grant for caretaker work (September) £273.94

Government Grant for youth pastor work (September) £665.89

Youth Pastor Envelopes £120.00

Expenditure

Servicing of the fire extinguishers £105.60

Rest routine items

Overall Income in September 2020 £3450.78

Overall Expenditure in September 2020 £4225.33

Balance as at 30/09/20 £21802.16

(Includes £2683.71 for Youth Pastor & Youth Mission Work)

INFORMATION

National Savings Bond still £2000.00

Savings Account £12471.15

Ray Clare