



A scripture to ponder: -

***'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy spirit.'***

Romans 15:13

### **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> September**

No 8 am Service at St John's, but all are welcome at Blendworth Church for Holy Communion

### **10 am ALL AGE SERVICE**

All are warmly welcomed to join us in worship, but this service is a monthly effort to make worship particularly suitable for families with children, as well as the largely adult congregation.

Preacher: Raymond

*Readings:*

2 Timothy 3 v 16

John 5 v 39-40

James 1 v 17 - 27

### **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**9 am Little Fishes Toddler Group** for bumps, babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their mums & dads, grandparents, childminders... a chance to meet up with other families, enjoy playtime, bible stories, singing, refreshments and friendship.

### **THANK YOU, BARBARA!**

After 30 years of dedicated service as Flagmaster/mistress for the flagpole on the Green, Barbara Openshaw is passing on the baton.

The Parish Council is holding a celebratory thankyou to Barbara around the **Flagpole at 6.45pm.**

All are welcome.

Barbara is well known to us, being (amongst other things), a stalwart attender at St John's 8 o'clock services.

### **Monday Evening Zoom Prayers**

7.30pm – 8.15 ish.

Zoom ID 852 8403 5699

Passcode qtPJV6

### **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

1.15 – 3 pm Circle dancing in the church hall. Plenty of old favourites and a couple of new ones from around the world. Come and dance in the new season with Mel and Rosemary.)

Queries to 07960 241788

### **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Morning Prayer 9 am in the church.

### **FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**QUIET MORNING** for all who would like to get away from the stresses and demands of everyday life, just for a few hours, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 am to 12.15pm.

Coffee, tea and biscuits available.

Come and enjoy a time of quiet prayer, bring a book or knitting. Bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay and have a chat, 12.15 – 1.00 pm.

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## HOMEGROUPS

Have you thought about trying an informal bible study group one afternoon or evening a week? Speak to Valerie Palmer or Mandy Monahan, and they can suggest the options. This is also a good way to make friends, if you are new to the church?

The Tuesday evening group starts the new term with a Bring and Share of Nibbles this week, and a chance to catch up with what how we have spent the summer break.

## PRAYERS

Give thanks for our Prayer Ministry team, who were kept busy last Sunday.

Please continue to pray for little Cordelia, and her family. Mandy gave us an update last week, and although Cordelia (4) is responding very well to the chemo, she is also suffering side-effects.

Pray for others in our church family and community also dealing with serious health challenges.

Remember those amongst us and our community who are struggling with bereavement or loneliness.

Please pray for the Little Fishes families, and the leaders, as we start again after the holidays. Especially pray 9-11 am Monday!

Pray for all the staff and schoolchildren starting a new term; some at a new school.

Pray persistently for our church, and those in leadership.

Alison Myall reports that Women's Fellowship should be meeting on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, but that unless someone can take over organising a lift for one lady, she is afraid that sadly, after more than 100 years, they cannot continue. Please pray for these ladies and their situation.

When you hear or read the news, whether of Government, World Affairs, Politics.... Make them a matter of prayer, not just information?

## LOOKING AHEAD -

### Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>

8 am HC Rev Wendy Kennedy

10 am Chris Hollis

### Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>

8 am HC Sarah Baker

9 am Croissant Breakfast

10 am HC Sarah Baker

### Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>

8 am HC

10 am Zoë Skinner

### Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>

8 am HC Rev Stuart Cleaver

10 am Rev David Power

*Please send any NEWS for NEXT WEEK to [daphneyoungs@gmail.com](mailto:daphneyoungs@gmail.com) or phone 023 9241 2964. Thank you.*

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