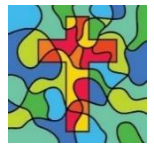




WELLINGTON TEAM CHURCHES NEWSLETTER



For 2nd and 9th May

Spotlight on our Zambia link in Mwenda

There has been a Team link with Mwenda for a considerable number of years. I was very fortunate to be in the group that visited, first in 2007 and again in 2010. Mwenda is an extremely remote area in the Luapula Diocese in the north of Zambia, with dirt roads and very basic living accommodation. The people though were very welcoming, giving us the best they had to offer in food and accommodation. We soon learnt that Zambians worship The Lord with enthusiastic singing and dancing, and that The Mothers Union is a constant source of help and support to the Church throughout Zambia.



It was also clear how deep their faith is; they have so little in material possessions, but they trust God for everything. There is much we can learn from them. Following our visit we raised funds to support a sewing project with the help of Monica Kaole MU. This was at a time when they were without a Priest ministering to them, and they told us that the sewing project had been like a light in the darkness to them. We have also worked with them to build a Priest House.

The water supply to the house is the current project, now that the electrical work is complete. Once connected, Bishop Robert Mumbi has said it will enable a Priest to live there. Communication has been a huge issue, especially in the early years.



Mobile phones and WhatsApp though have given life to the link. Purity Kaputo is our correspondent, is the PCC Secretary and teaches in Mwenda School. Even so, this past year it has been more difficult to keep in contact. Coronavirus has reached even these remote places, making life more difficult than it already was. Even transferring funds between our Diocese and Luapula Diocese was fraught with problems. It is not only about raising funds but developing relationships, learning from each other of how to follow Christ. To live and tell the story whether here or in Mwenda. If you or anyone you know would like to know more about our link or would like to be in contact with Purity, please contact me junebest@btconnect.com

Christian Aid Week

The members of our team churches have always been very generous during Christian Aid week, and it is coming up from 12th to 18th May. Please consider making a donation this year, either direct to them or via your Church Treasurer.

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Online Worship Sunday 2nd May and Sunday 9th May

- Worship podcasts are taking a break in May. You may like to try one of the free worship apps using your smart phone. Lectio 365, Time2Pray or Daily Prayer. If you would like help setting these up please ring Christine Winhall on 01823 663253
- 10 am 'The Home Service' church worship in your front room from Tone Deanery. 10Radio 105.3FM
- 7pm John Young's Sunday evening hymns with reflections. Available by clicking on the Team Facebook page and from there on John Young's page. This can also be viewed later

Worship in our churches – please worship locally or online

- **Sunday 2nd May**
Stawley 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Bradford on Tone 10.00 a.m. Lay led service
- **Sunday 9th May**
Ashbrittle 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Bradford on Tone 10.00 a.m. Lay led service
West Buckland 10.00 a.m. Lay led service
Nynehead 10.45 a.m. Lay led service
Rockwell Green 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion
Runnington 5.00 p.m. Lay led service

Lectionary Reading and Collects

Sunday 2nd May – Easter 5

Acts 8:26-end, Psalm 22:25-end, John 15:1-8

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 9th May – Easter 6

Acts 10:44-end, Psalm 98, John 15:9-17

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

Points for Prayer

- ✚ Your prayers are asked for Steven Priddle and Louise Smith who were married on 28th April in Bradford on Tone Church.
- ✚ Give thanks for the nine Easter Story telling services held for children of St John's Primary School and two for children in Langford Primary School.



Other News

A request from Jean Figg - she knits children's cardigans which she donates to the Womens' Refuge and she would be very grateful to receive any donations of any surplus double knitting wool. Please contact Sharon in the office if you have any.