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The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



**The Newsletter
Of Newbridge-On-Wye,
Baptist Church,
May 2021**

FROM THE MINISTER

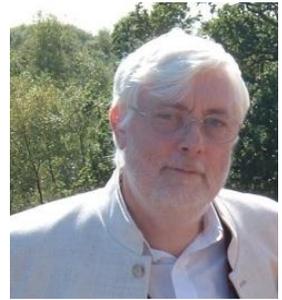
There will be many who are breathing a sigh of relief with the easing of the lock-down restrictions and the return to some semblance of normality.

There will be others who still feel a sense of frustration, as there are places they can't visit and people they are longing to see whom they can't get to. There will be others who have found a new style of life through the lock-down who are not looking forward to or wanting things to return to how they were before.

I suspect that what we have lived through over this last year and what we are to a certain extent still living through, will have changed us and everything around us, so that things will never be quite the same as they were before.

On Sunday 23rd May we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, a day in the life of the church when things were changed forever. The disciples were meeting together in an upper room, nervous, not knowing what the future would bring, afraid of the authorities who had put Jesus to death. They were praying for guidance: what did Jesus, whom they had followed for the last three years, the Jesus they had met with in human form after the resurrection, the Jesus they had seen taken up into heaven, want them to do next? The answer came as wind and flame when the Holy Spirit descended upon them, transforming them from a rag-taggle group of fishermen and tax-collectors into courageous followers of Jesus, proclaiming the good news of life in all its fulness and life everlasting. The same Holy Spirit that transformed the lives of the disciples is still at work, and he is able to transform the lives of all who come to him today. When Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be "born again", he was saying that it is possible for people of whatever age to have their lives transformed, made anew, for things never to be the same again. We shall be re-opening the chapel for public worship on 2nd May. The service will only have a semblance of normality: we will still have to maintain social distancing (2 metres), we must still wear face coverings, we will not be allowed to sing, or share a cup of tea or coffee after the service. But some things will remain the same. The Risen Jesus, who promises to be with his people whenever they meet together, will still be with us – unchanged by all that has happened over the last year – and as we meet with him, we will be blessed.

If you are not sure that you want things to return to how they were, why not come along and see what Jesus can do to transform your life as he did that of the disciples?



SERVICES* AT PENTREF



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| Sunday 2 nd May | 10:30am | Misha Pedersen |
| Sunday 9 th May | 10:30am | Rev Andrew Wyton (Communion) |
| Sunday 16 th May | 10:30am | Rev Steve Wallis (Don't let anything get in the way of your relationship with Jesus) |
| Sunday 23 rd May | 10:30am | Rev Steve Wallis (Communion) (Pentecost) |
| Sunday 30 th May | 10:30am | Rev Steve Wallis |

(*All subject to change in the light of any change to the Covid-19 regulations)

REGULAR MEETINGS ON ZOOM

Sunday 5:00pm Evening Worship
with communion on the first and third Sundays)
Thursday 2:30pm Bible Reflection with Prayer

To get a link to join the Zoom Meetings please email
the secretary at: Elsa.harflett@hotmail.com

The deadline for the June edition is Friday 21st May
Please send to steveoncomputer@aol.com



PRAYER

Each month at various times people from the Chapel get together to pray. If you have any prayer requests you can email them to me at steveoncomputer@aol.com putting 'Prayer Requests' in the subject bar. Alternatively put them in an envelope marked 'Prayer Requests' and put it through my letter box. 'Cartref' (On the main road opposite the mile post.)

This newsletter is aimed to let the whole village know what is happening at the Baptist Church.

We intend to continue putting this newsletter out monthly to every home in the village.

We would like the newsletter to be a service to the village and will happily publicise events organised by other groups. If you have an event you would like included in future issues, please contact either Steve or Elsa.

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