



Wesley's Blog

Give thanks for your vaccine .

Below is a News Release giving details of the District's partnership with Christian Aid, encouraging people to give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccine and providing an opportunity to help others in crisis across the world. You can make a donation via the following link:

<https://events.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/yorkshirewestvaccineappeal>

If you would like to donate but are unable to do so on line, please send your donation to the circuit office and they will arrange to pay it into the appeal.

“The vaccine is bringing with it a deep sense of relief and hope for families across the UK and we saw that many people wanted to express their gratitude by reaching out to others. This is good news for us all and we genuinely give thanks for how fortunate we are. However, we are acutely aware that this good news is not being experienced equally across the world. While the pandemic affects all of us, it has highlighted the deep disparities in how communities and families are able to protect themselves both within our country and around the world. My hope is that people will give generously to the work of Christian Aid from a place of thanksgiving and a desire to see all people being able to live safely. Whether people can give just a few pounds or a much larger sum, it will be an opportunity to share hope and love with our brothers and sisters across the world who do not have the benefits we have.”

Revd Kerry Tankard | Chair of District



Rev Rach Ward will be running the Circuit discipleship group during Holy Week using the BBC series 'The Passion'. This will be at 7pm Monday to Thursday on zoom

Maundy Thursday

at Headingley 10.30am - Rev Mark Godfrey HC - all welcome

At Cookridge 7pm - Rev Jo Lightowler - all welcome

Please contact the circuit office for church contact details to be able to book for either of these services which we hope to be in person.

Good Friday

On Zoom 9.30am - Rev Mark Godfrey

On Zoom 2.30pm - Rev Keith Hunt

On Zoom 7pm - Rev Rach Ward - Scripture and Hymns

On Zoom 9pm - Deacon Guy Austin-Bride -Night Prayers

Zoom links will be sent out closer to the time.

There will also be a written service that spans Thursday and Friday plus a podcast.

At the end of his sermon the minister told his congregation that Jesus had called him to another church. The congregation then sang 'What a friend we have in Jesus'.....

An Easter story

The church was filled to capacity on Easter Sunday morning. After the sermon the minister added a few kindly and impromptu remarks. 'My friends', he began, 'It is a delight to see so many strange faces in the congregation this morning. I welcome you one and all; and if it should happen that I do not see some of you again until next Easter, I take this opportunity of wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!'

This may not be a true story but it's an interesting thought.

EASTER - Author unknown

The miracle of Easter,
So old yet ever new,
Brings its special blessing
Of happiness to you,
And as the coming springtime
Adds new beauty to each day,
May God look down and bless you
In a very special way.

IT IS EASTER - author unknown.

It is Easter. A warm soft breeze replaces the icy blasts of winter; the smell of rich damp earth warmed by the sun fills the air; young tender buds appear on trees that yesterday seemed barren, and tiny crocuses lift their lovely heads to the sun. The earth is responding to the touch of spring and giving of it's beautiful gifts to delight the heart of man. Just as spring awakens the earth and stirs it to activity, Easter awakens the soul of man and arouses in him a divine restlessness, a desire to share his inner spiritual joy with others. It is small wonder that his heart is filled with a desire to give the message of Christ to others.

While taking a seminar on efficiency, a businessman presented a case study on his wife's routine for cooking breakfast: 'After a few days of observation, I determined what was slowing her down and suggested ways to speed up the process.' 'Did it work?' a member of the audience asked. 'It certainly did. Instead of it taking her 20 minutes to cook my breakfast, it takes me only seven.'

The local coffee shop knows how to make sure that children are well behaved. A sign advises parents: 'All unattended children will be given two shots of espresso and a free puppy.'

A little bit of sunshine is magical indeed
It fills the world with colour,
It wakes the sleeping seed.
A little bit of sunshine from a kindly face
Can make this dreary planet
A very happy place.

Twice a year, we change the clocks for summer and winter hours. Twice a year a normally punctual assistant arrives late to work the Monday after. 'Do you have a problem remembering to go forward or back?' the boss asked. 'Oh no', she replied pouring herself a cup of coffee. 'What gets me is staying up until 1am to change my clock.'
Don't forget to put yours forward Saturday 27th!

During a catechism lesson in a country village, a priest asked a child, 'Why is it that in our prayers we ask the Lord for our daily bread and not bread for 2, 3, 4, or 10 days? 'I suppose', replied the child, 'it's so that the bread will be fresh.'

Feeling gloomy? Perhaps this will help you feel more light hearted.
A smile is a silent laugh; a grin is a smile to yourself that shows; a chuckle is a small laugh, sometimes genuine, sometimes forced; a chortle is a wonderful word coined by Lewis Carroll of 'Alice in Wonderland' fame, meaning a cheerful chuckle and a little laugh. And a laugh, a true laugh, that is happiness set to joyous music. May that joyous music ring in your heart today.

Tom loved growing vegetables so much that he filled his front garden with cabbages amongst the flowers. One day, his neighbour leaned over the gate and said, 'You've got so many caterpillars on your cabbages, Tom, that I can almost hear them munching. You'll have to put salt on them.' 'Nay, lad', replied Tom. 'If they don't like them as they are, they can do without.'

TO SOMEONE SPECIAL
You hold everything together
You keep everything in place
That's why I hope to always see
A smile upon your face.

Children in families are like flowers in a bouquet. There's always one determined to face in an opposite direction from the way the arranger desires

With Easter coming you may need to remember the following .

The rules of chocolate

If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

Chocolate-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

The problem: how to get two pounds of chocolate home from the supermarket in a hot car. The solution: Eat it in the car park.

Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite, and you'll eat less.

If I eat equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate, is that a balanced diet? Don't they actually counteract each other?

Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger. Therefore, you need to eat more chocolate.

Put 'eat chocolate' at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Now isn't that handy?

If not for chocolate, there would be no need for tummy-control underwear. An entire garment industry would be devastated. You can't let that happen can you?