

The Edgehill Churches

Parish Link



What are you focussing on?

Nov 2023

And finally... I always remember the News at 10 with Trevor McDonald. Now 'Sir' Trevor, he always made sure to leave his viewers with a funny story to finish. Like the story about Bingo the dog, using his maths skills to help teach children how to count. When asked to count to three, he'd bark three times. When asked what two plus three was, he barked five times!

The Bibles 'and finally' section is a bit more sober, but wait, because it ends well. Towards the end of Matthew's Gospel the disciples come and ask Jesus about the signs of the times and what will happen in years to come. Jesus says to them:

'You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth-pains.

Matthew 24:6-8

Jesus said these things over 2000 years ago and yet it often seems that he could have been saying them to us, this week. Uncannily accurate, there has rarely been a time in the last 2000 years when there has not been a conflict of some sort going on somewhere.

Our hearts go out to all caught up in the current conflict in the Middle East. Suddenly, an invasion, hostages, rockets and death once again stares us in the face from our TV screens and radios. There is a clamour for humanitarian help. Whatever must Jesus feel, the place he wept over and wished he could 'gather as a bird under his wings'. Undoubtedly both sides will claim victories, and both will suffer defeats. Perhaps the real defeat is to the hopes for

peace, once again shattered in the collapsing buildings in Gaza and the faces of those taking refuge in UN buildings. We continue to pray, pray for the war to be both contained and constrained, and perhaps above all, for peace, however long it takes.

We often only get to hear or see the bad news side of things, the calamities, war, earthquake devastation, what we rarely hear about is the good news, the amazing charity work, the scientific breakthroughs or the efforts for peace and reconciliation, such as those going on in the Sudan, Yemen and yes, even in the Ukraine.

There is perhaps not much we can do to help in these disasters, donations always help, prayer, but what about things closer to home. MIND, the mental health charity talks about a 'pandemic of loneliness', people who live alone, isolated, with no family, often feeling very low. Do you know anyone like this? Is this how you sometimes feel? The good news is that help is at hand, at our local churches and community groups, at numerous clubs and societies including the WI, Bridge Club, Amateur Dramatics and Gardening, all here in our Kineton village. Take a look at the back page!

Jesus leaves his disciples with a message of love and hope. He promises to always be 'with us' even in the darkest of times. He is our Good Shepherd, who never leaves or forsakes us and who reminds his followers that nothing in all creation can ever separate us from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ.

That's good news indeed!

Rev Tina Booker (Kineton Methodist Minister)





WHERE IS GOD WHEN LIFE HURTS?

Wednesday 15th November at 7pm at Kineton Primary School

With so much pain and death being caused by wars, earthquakes, famines, etc, people often ask, 'Where is God in all this?' and 'Why doesn't God do something?' **Big Questions** evenings explore big topics in a relaxed informal environment.

There will be a multimedia presentation and discussion all washed down with cheese and wine (or coffee and cake)

To help us plan for numbers, please contact Barry

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NOVEMBER SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES							
	Kineton		Combroke	Radway	Ratley	Warmington	Shotteswell
5th		10.00am		8:30am	10:30am		8:30am
		Simply Celebrate		Communion	Communion		BCP Comm
12th	10.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	8.30am
	All Age Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance
19th	8.30am	10.30am		10.30am	6.30pm		8.30am
	BCP Comm	The Table Brunch		Communion	Communion		Communion
26th		10.30am				10.30am	8.30am
		Morning Worship				Communion	Communion

SHOTTESWELL LUNCH

Saturday 4th Nov, 12.30 - 2pm, Shotteswell Village Hall



Come and join us for some good company over a light lunch. Small raffle with proceeds in aid of St Laurence Church, Shotteswell. Details from Pauline on 01295 730687 or pauline.tarrant@hotmail.co.uk

SIMPLY CELEBRATE

Sunday 5th Nov <u>10am</u> St Peter's Kineton



Come for time with

Come for **breakfast** to begin the service. A time with God for everyone, with drama, activities, fun, songs and more.

Our young people help lead the service, if your young people would like to take part, please contact

Liz at lizhostelofson@yahoo.com.

A TIME TO REMEMBER At St Peter's Kineton and online on Sunday 5th Nov at 4.00pm

A short service of reflection and tranquillity to remember with thanksgiving those who have died and whom you hold in your heart with love.

We will be remembering those who have died recently or very many years ago; from those who have lived a long life, to babies lost during pregnancy.

If you'd like someone who has died and is special to you to be remembered by name in this service contact

Matthew at mtr.arnold@googlemail.com
All are welcome.



St Peter's invite you to join us for

SUNDAY SCHOOL

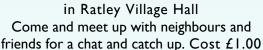
at Kineton Primary School

on <u>Sunday November 19th</u> from 10:15-11:30 For children ages 4-11

An action-packed time for children, where parents can drop them off at the school, and pick them up later from church. Details from Liz at lizhostelofson@yahoo.com.

TEA & CHAT

Friday 24th Nov 3pm-4.30pm





MEET & EAT IS BACK

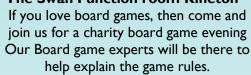
Tuesday 7th Nov, 12 noon - Kineton Methodist Hall.

Meet & Eat is restarting with a soup lunch on the first Tuesdays every month. All Welcome! Details: Alison rev.alisonabbott@gmail.com 07923 442970.



Charity Pop-Up Board Games Café

Friday 17th Nov at 7.00pm at The Swan Function room Kineton



Come with a group of friends, or come along to meet some new ones

Adults and ages 14+ only

(under 18's must be accompanied by an adult)

We'll plan to eat at 7 and start playing at 7.30. It helps our planning if we know numbers, so please register for a place on Eventbrite (see QR code) or with Charlotte at



charlotte helene93@hotmail.com

Bereavement café

THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

A weekly drop-in group

Mondays 2:15-3:30pm Scout Hut, Kineton

Grief and loss of any type is painful and isolating. Come and join us in a safe, gentle environment for tea/coffee and a chat.

More info from Matthew at mtr.arnold@googlemail.com

RADWAY'S TEA, CHAT & PLAY Every Wednesday 3pm –5pm in the Village Hall All ages are welcome from babies to grandpas!



PINTS OF VIEW

The White Swan, Kineton Sunday 26th Nov at 6pm

Each month we explore a theme or story from the news.

SIMPLY PLAY

Wednesdays 9.00am-I lam
St Peter's Kineton in term time



Come and catch up with friends over coffee and cake whilst your toddlers enjoy our new soft play area. More details Liz lizhostelofson@yahoo.com