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- JUNE 2021



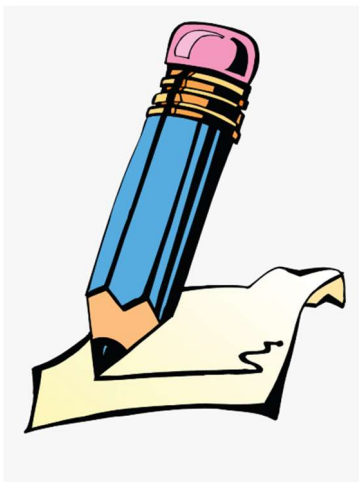
Verse of the Year: 'Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes' – Isaiah 54:2

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Welcome to our new Wymondham Baptist Church Magazine. The aim of the magazine is to offer something of interest to everyone. The aim is that we include pieces of interest and snippets of news. If you can contribute anything, we invite you to do so. Please don't be shy. You can either email the Office (office@wymondhambaptist.org), or drop a paper copy of your contribution into the Office by the last Sunday of the month and it will be included in the following month. We hope to have something for the children and young people as well as items for the adults. The first thing we want your help with is what to call this magazine - ideas to the Office please.

I plan to email out the magazine to everyone on our email list and also have a few printed copies available for anyone who would like one.

So please think about what you might be able to contribute to the next issue.



Dates for your diary -

Sunday 6th June - Worship at 9.30a.m. and 10.45a.m.

Monday 7th June - Roots Café open 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Thursday 10th June - Leadership Team Mtg.

Friday 11th June - Roots Café open 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Sunday 13th June - Worship at 9.30a.m. and 10.45a.m.

Monday 14th June - Roots Café open 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

**Friday 18th June - Paul at EBA Ministers Conference
- Roots Café open 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.**

Sunday 20th June - Worship at 9.30a.m. and 10.45a.m.

Monday 21st June - Roots Café open 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

**Thursday 24th June - EBA Home Mission
Grants Committee Meets
7.30p.m. - Summer Programme Mtg**

Friday 25th June - Roots Café open 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Sunday 27th June - Worship at 9.30a.m. and 10.45a.m.

Monday 28th June - Roots Café open 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

Thursday 1st July - Leadership Team Mtg.

Saturday 3rd July - TWAM collection

Do not meddle in other people business

Read the newspapers or watch any TV talk show and you will discover meddling is big business. While mothers-in-law sometimes have a reputation for being Meddlers, they have not cornered the market. Men, relatives, co-workers, and well meaning friends also tend to interfere.

Unlike gossips, meddlers like to gain personal information directly from their subjects. 'What size is that outfit you are wearing?' How much did you pay for your house?

How much did that car cost you?....

Often these kind of questions serve no purpose other than to serve a shallow mind. Yet some people genuinely want to help, or even pray about your situation, but not meddlers. So learn to keep your inquisitive mind within the bounds of what is appropriate.

The reason people that mind their own business are so successful is because they have so little competition.... So do not meddle!...



Has anyone got any questions???...

MISSION NEWS - MISSION FOCUS FOR JUNE - TWAM

Tool collection at Wymondham Baptist Church



Azizi's story:

Azizi lives in Uganda. He had a happy childhood but during his teens his family rejected him when someone made a false claim about him. His future looked bleak until someone from a church befriended him and arranged for him to join a scheme to train as a carpenter. After graduating he was given a tool kit containing all he needed to start a small carpentry business. This he did and was soon able to sell items of well made furniture. His business flourished and he was eventually able to take on another two young men, being given more

tools for them to use. Azizi has received training and a carpentry tool kit .



Namugwama from Uganda has received training in tailoring and a sewing machine and will be able to start a small business to support her family

Maria's story:

Maria also lives in Uganda. Her father abandoned the family and her mother ran a small shop to make a little money but there was not enough to enable Maria and her brother and sister to go to school. Maria longed to learn tailoring but there was no money to pay for a course. One day she heard of an organisation called Mindset which trained people in tailoring and other skills. She asked and was given a place on a course, where she also learned some business skills. At the end of the course she was given a sewing machine and haberdashery kit. She set up in her mother's shop and was soon making school uniforms and other clothes for neighbours. Now she

encourage and build up today? If you are interested in thinking about this some more, you can join the EBA [relational church](#) Zoom conversation on 9th or 10th June - details and log in below.

One of the *potential* weaknesses in our Baptist way of being church is that we can end up with the false belief that we are *individual* and *independent* congregations and I am left wondering if this is a Biblical way of thinking? God has called each of us to join His people and perhaps as local congregations we need to reflect more on the things we can do together well as we learn to share resources, gifts and our experiences together. Together we can accomplish so much more and this may be within our existing churches or it might be that as groups of churches that we could work together to birth something new and to resource new missional adventures.

Thinking about your own faith and that of the congregation that we are a part of, perhaps it is time to ask whether we are content being a strand alone or whether it is time to commit to being fully woven into the rope!

Zoom Conversation on Relational Church -

Wednesday 9th June @ 9.30a.m.

Thursday 10th June @ 1.30p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/98894192499?pwd=YXFpNUc5NUFiNFhob25TbIBQTDZFdz09>

Meeting ID: 98894192499

Passcode: EBAconnect

Graeme Ross (EBA) wrote on 25th May:

As I was praying earlier this week I was reminded that the *strength of a rope is determined by the amount of strands that are woven together* and it dawned on me that a rope is a helpful metaphor for what God intends His Church to be. There is only so much we can do alone, but when we are woven together our strength and effectiveness is multiplied.



Did you know that there are 57 references to ‘one another’ (eg love one another, encourage one another etc.) in the New Testament? In other words, there are 57 commands from Jesus that can’t be obeyed if we try to live out our faith alone.

Do we need to repent of an individualistic attitude towards faith? Is it time to pause and consider, who is God weaving you together with? Who are your sisters and brothers in Christ who he is calling you to walk alongside? How can we work with God, rather than resisting as he weaves us together? Who can we

also specialises in making smart bags and backpacks. Her brother and sister go to school and they all have a better diet.

What do these stories have to do with Wymondham?

The tools which Azizi and Maria were given came from an organisation called Tools with a Mission which is based in Ipswich. They collect used tools which they refurbish, pack into trade kits and ship to Africa where they are given to those who have been trained, so they can create a livelihood. The tools come from people who no longer need them and are willing to donate them.

Do you have tools you no longer use or need?

If so, Wymondham Baptist Church in Queen Street will be having a collection day on Saturday July 3rd from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Tools for carpentry, building, agricultural work, car mechanics, electricians, plumbers are all welcome, as are sewing and knitting machines, haberdashery items, desktop and laptop computers. We hope to see some of you. For more information go to TWAM.co.uk or phone 01953 602692.



NEWS FROM RACHEL SPENCER IN PARIS

After six weeks of lockdown things are opening up again here in France, and little by little life is starting to get back to normal. Last weekend my church enjoyed getting together for an outdoor service - fortunately the weather stayed warm and sunny for us, although the rain rolled in later that evening!

A change to the eligibility criteria a couple of weeks ago meant that I was able to get my first dose of the Pfizer vaccine last week. A number of my friends and teammates have also been vaccinated and so we will soon be able to get together safely. Over the next couple of weeks I hope to be able to restart the Bible study group that we had begun before lockdown. I've been able to get hold of a copy of Luke's gospel in Uzbek, which is my muslim friend Irene's first language. Please pray that Irene will be excited to read the Word of God in her own language and for good conversations to come from what she reads.

Please remember these and other friends in you prayers.



8. Bake the cake in the preheated oven for 1 hour and 10 minutes to 1 hour and 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and cool for 10 minutes in the pan. Remove cake from the springform pan and peel off the parchment paper. Finish cooling on a rack. Dust about 1 tbsp of powdered sugar over the top of the cake after cooled. Serve it warm or cool.

Gardener's Corner

Now we have got wet and windy May out of the way we can hopefully enjoy June relaxing in the garden and keeping the outside looking good. The important jobs to do during June are to

- Keep hanging baskets and new plants well watered
- Mow your lawns weekly, trim the borders and hoe to keep the weeds down
- Use water wisely, don't waste water in the home, use it to water the garden
- Get young children involved in the garden, I can assure you they will enjoy it.



Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180°. Line a 9" springform pan with parchment paper and grease the sides of the pan.
2. In a large mixing bowl, toss together the washed and dried blueberries and cornstarch(I use icing sugar sometimes and it is just as good) until the berries are well coated. Set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the butter, sugar, vanilla and lemon zest until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, and mix well after each addition.
4. Add the ricotta cheese, directly to the butter mixture.
5. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Remove the creamed mixture bowl from the stand mixer and sift the dry ingredients into the batter, then fold with a spatula just until combined.
6. Gently stir in the lemon juice, if using (highly recommended). Add 2 1/2 cups of the blueberries to the batter and fold them in.
7. Transfer the batter into the prepared pan and spread the batter evenly to the edges. Add the remaining 1/2 cup of blueberries over the top, pressing them down lightly.

TRY YOUR HAND AT THIS VERY SIMPLE WORDSEARCH

MEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WORD SEARCH

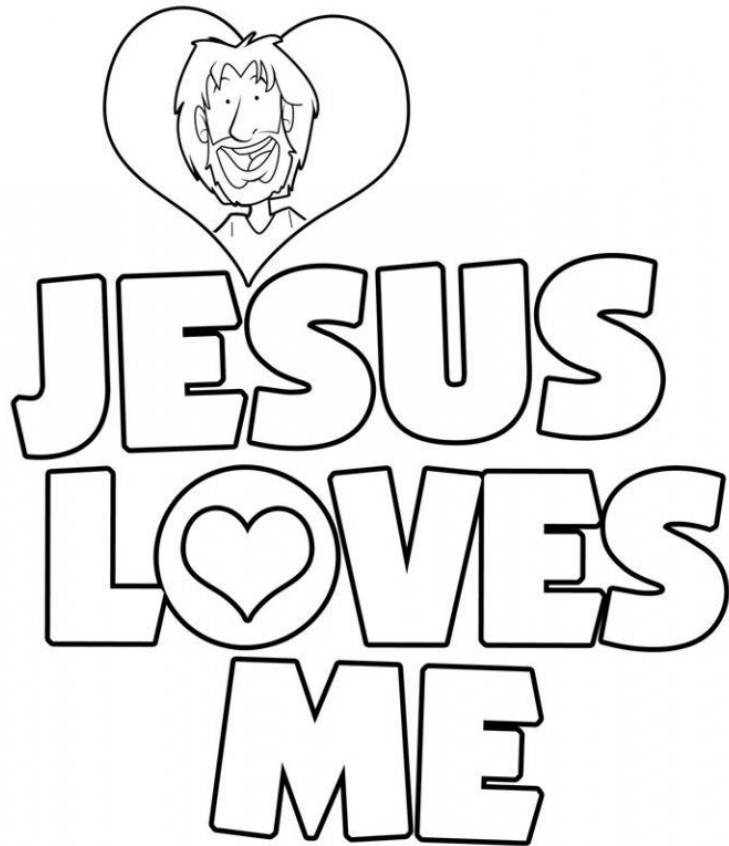
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Can you find these names:-

Simon, Philip, Nicodemus, John, Judas,

Paul, Jairus, Mark, Peter, James

A PICTURE TO COLOUR



Recipe for June



**Blueberry and
lemon ricotta
tea cake**

Ingredients:-

- 3 Cup fresh blueberries
- 3 tbsp cornstarch (icing sugar works well too)
- 1 Cup butter, softened
- 1 Cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- zest from 2 lemons (about 1 1/2 tsp)
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 Cup ricotta
- 2 1/2 Cup all-purpose flour (can use gluten free flour)
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
- powdered sugar, for dusting

We all face an immediate climate emergency, where action must be accelerated urgently to prevent further damage to God's Earth. And those suffering right now must be supported to adapt to the changed climate before many are pushed back into poverty. To confront these multiple challenges we need to have a greater reach, and a more effective global presence. We need to be one.

Brought to unity

Thankfully, well before the pandemic, a group of TearFund-connected Christian relief organisations across the world were forming plans to come together as the Tearfund family. In March 2020, the worldwide Tearfund family was formed. It's a group of eleven independent organisations from around the world that all share a set of common values. Our member countries include: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Ireland, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

By uniting as one, we can have a greater influence on the world, stewarding our resources more effectively, speaking out more powerfully with one voice, raising more support and mobilising even more of the global church.

New rallying call

As part of marking this next chapter, we have a new rallying call, which we hope and pray will bring together more support from Christians around the world:

Poverty is not God's plan. You are.

TRY TO BE TACTFUL



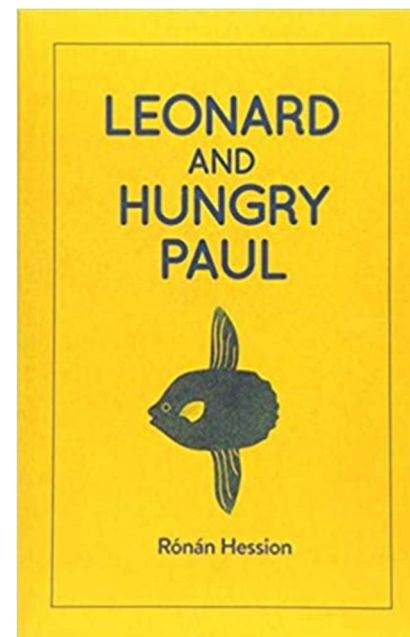
Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response to everyone. While honesty is always the best policy it is not a license to say whatever you want..

So what is the remedy?

Yield to the Holy Spirit's leading, doing that will help you develop the emotional discipline necessary for stifling tactless remarks.

Looking for a good read?

Title:



What's it about?

The story of 2 ordinary men trying to find their place in the world and their quiet friendship.

Why read this?

.....because it's funny,
gentle, kind, warm-hearted
....with great characters!

(Leonard and Hungry Paul is highly recommended by all at Kett's Books and is our 'One Community, One Book' title for this year.)

Pause For Thought

**Therefore I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices.
(Romans 12:1)**

Walter Lewis Wilson was an American doctor in the nineteenth century. A visiting speaker once asked him, 'Who is the Holy Spirit *to you?*'

Wilson answered, 'One of the Persons of the Godhead - teacher, guide, Third Person of the Trinity.' The visitor continued, 'You haven't answered my question.' Wilson opened up with real candour, 'He's nothing to me. I have contact with him and can usually get along just fine without him'

The following year, Wilson heard another speaker, who bellowed from the pulpit, 'Have you noticed that our verse in Romans 12 doesn't tell us to whom we should give our bodies? It's not the Lord Jesus, He has his own body. It's not the Father. He remains on his throne. Another has come to earth without a body. God gives you the indescribable honour of presenting your bodies to the Holy Spirit to be his dwelling place on earth.'

Wilson was struck to the core and rushed home to seek the Lord. He fell on his face and pleaded with the Lord: 'My Lord, I've treated you like a servant. When I wanted you, I called to you. Now I give you this body from my head to my feet It's your body from this moment on.'

The next morning, Wilson was working in his surgery when two women arrived trying to sell him advertising. He immediately led them to Christ.

The previous night's surrender had enabled him to access new power from on high. From that day on his life entered a new dimension of evangelistic fruitfulness. He went on to pioneer a church plant, a mission organisation and a Bible college.

Excerpt from 'Choose Life', S. Guillebaud

We are Family

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Written by Nigel Harris, Tearfund Chief Executive

'I have given then the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity.'

John 17:21-23

Jesus spoke these words as part of a final prayer before his betrayal, which led to his crucifixion - but ultimately to glory through the resurrection. It is a call for unity, and we can see throughout the Bible that God delights when his people come together as one.

Global challenges

Over the past year, the whole world has faced one of the biggest challenges for a generation. But the global pandemic is just part of the picture. Extreme poverty is still rife in many countries in the world, with Covid-19 only making things worse.