



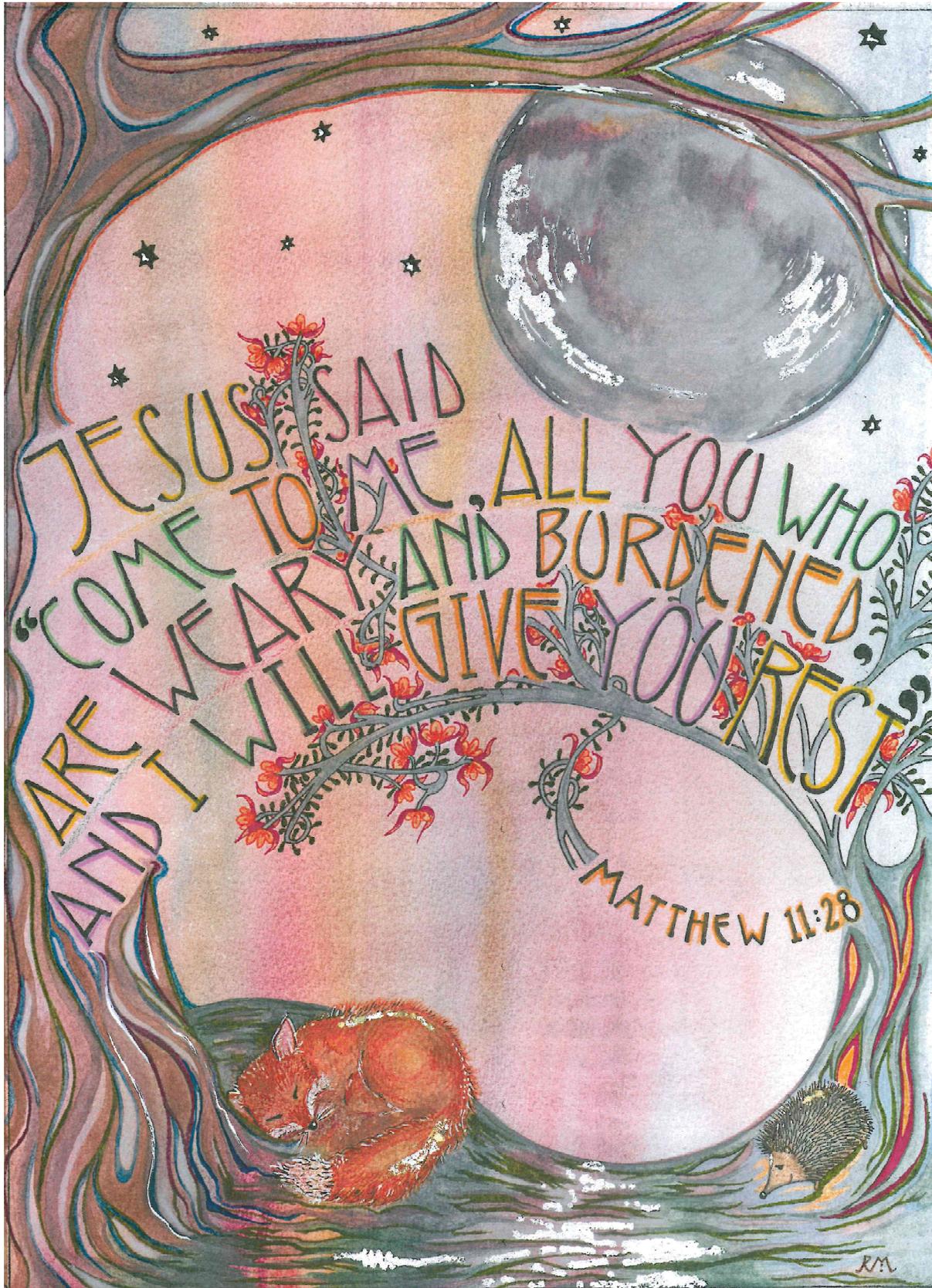
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Dear friends,

As we near the start of the Tokyo Olympic Games (postponed from 2020), my thoughts go back to London in 2012. Team GBR recorded their best ever Olympic performance in living memory, amassing 65 medals including 29 golds and our Paralympics team won a further 34 gold medals. At Rio de Janeiro in 2016, amazingly, we came second in the medals table, with 67 medals. Stunningly, back in 1908, when we first hosted the games, we topped the medals table taking 56 of the 110 gold medals awarded!



Although the International Olympic Committee remains steadfast that the games will take place, there is a good argument that the games should be cancelled due to the Covid risk. I pray that wisdom prevails.

When I think of the Olympics, I think primarily of the athletics which for me, is most reminiscent of the ancient Olympics, which were very much part of Hellenistic culture at the time of Jesus and the apostle Paul. So not surprisingly the New Testament uses many sporting metaphors related to the games, to describe life as a follower of Jesus.

The apostle Paul, aware that he was coming to the end of his life, wrote to Timothy, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

When we watch people like Usain Bolt run, we know that it is a dream that will only be achieved by an elite few. Although now retired, his world record of covering 100m in 9.58 seconds hardly seems possible. Prizes are few with only the first across the line receiving the gold medal. But when we enter the race that Jesus has set out for us, there is an everlasting prize for everyone who believes and trusts in him as Lord and Saviour. Everyone who chooses to enter that race receives the golden crown and is grafted into the royal family as brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Usain Bolt may not be the fastest man alive anymore, since he is now retired, and yet his world record time of 9.58 seconds still stands and is 0.11 seconds faster than the second fastest time. Usain is also a professing Christian and his greatest victory is still to come.

Yours in Christ

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We are very grateful to Becky Mason who made the beautiful picture you see a copy of on the front cover. Read about how she made it on page five and come to see the original in church.

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All pictures of children must have parental permission to publish. Aly**

Our first ever National Park

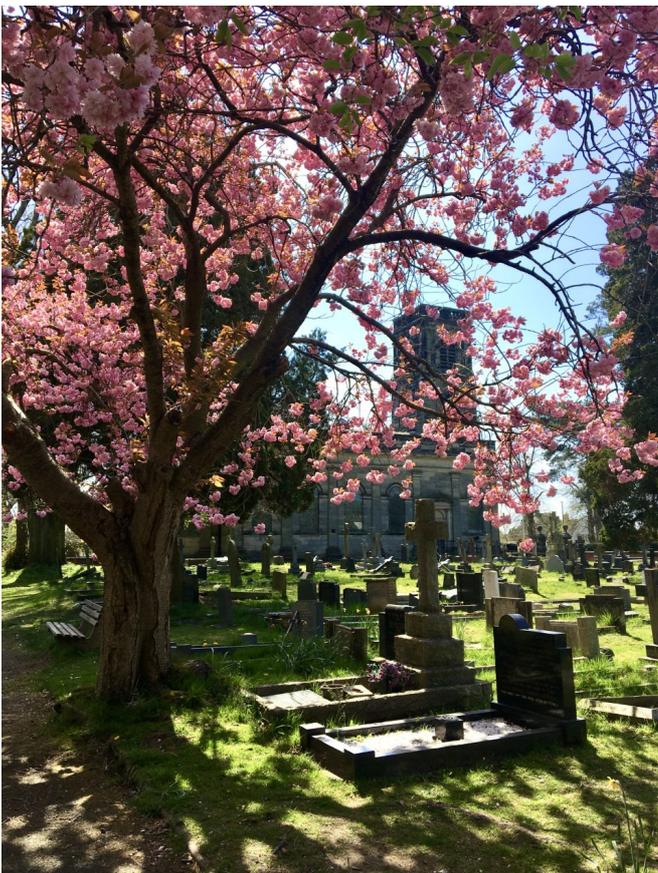


Seventy years ago, on 17th April 1951, the Peak District National Park was established. It was Britain's first national park, and it was formed partly as a result of a mass trespass on Kinder Scout – the highest point of the park – just under 20 years earlier, which helped gain open access to moorland that had previously been in private hands and closed to walkers.

The precise effect and extent of the trespass, in which Young Communists were prominent, is still widely disputed by rambling associations.

The Peak District is mostly in Derbyshire, but includes parts of Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Staffordshire and Yorkshire. It is usually split into the higher Dark Peak and the gentler White Peak, in the centre and south of the district. Altogether it covers 555 square miles, it is reckoned that 20 million people live within an hour's journey of it.

It contains only one town – Bakewell – but several others, such as Buxton, are on the fringes. It is now the fifth largest of the 13 national parks in England and Wales. The land within it is a mixture of public and private ownership, and there are many planning restrictions imposed by the national park authority to prevent inappropriate development.



What a beautiful spring-time view of our church. Thanks so much to Paul Newton for allowing us to use it.

WHAT PRICE CHILDCARE IN NIGERIA?

For more than 20 years Professor Richard Solomon Musa Tarfa has run orphanages for unwanted children in Northern Nigeria.



That came to an end when on Christmas Day 2019, armed police invaded and searched his orphanage in Kano State and transported nineteen children who resided there to a state children's home. Both the Professor and his wife were detained for a while and, although Mrs Tarfa was released soon after, Professor Tarfa was kept in prison while further investigations took place. Subsequently, he was made to accompany the officers on a similar

raid to the Du Merci orphanage in Kaduna state on 31 December. The building was searched and eight children residing there were transferred to the Nassarawa Children's Home in Kano State while Professor Tarfa was returned to detention.

It appears that Professor Tarfa was initially accused of not having a licence to operate an orphanage. However, once his wife produced documentation proving the orphanage was duly registered to operate, the charges were allegedly changed to criminal abduction of minors. It would appear that the real reason for the police action is simply that he was running a Christian orphanage.

Since 1996 the Professor and his wife have cared for children in their two orphanages. The care they provide has received positive reports and the children and young people view them as their parents. Apart from children, the centre accommodates young women who are pregnant out of wedlock until they give birth, reconciling them whenever possible with parents who had rejected them due to social stigma.

Children from the Du Merci Centres in Kano and Kaduna States in Nigeria published a statement challenging the detention of the co-founder of the orphanages, Professor Richard Solomon Musa Tarfa, on his 55th birthday. In the statement, they condemn the detention of the professor and the charges levelled against him, saying: "The centre provides accommodation for all children brought to the



home, we view them as parents and we are educated and cared for until we are able to live successful independent lives. He is not a criminal; his only offence is the love he shows to all of us." Meanwhile the children remain in the government-run Nassarawa Children Home where conditions are extremely poor. They are reportedly exposed to mosquitos and the cold; they are made to share small beds and they complain of insufficient food. They are not permitted to leave the premises to attend their school or church and have complained of being mistreated on account of their religious beliefs.

On the positive side, the Professor has now been released on bail after nearly a year in pre-trial detention.

CSW supporters have campaigned for all charges to be dropped. At the same time, as a result of CSW's advocacy, the British High Commissioner in Abuja, and the UK Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, raised the case with the Nigerian authorities.

Professor Tarfa's trial is due to resume on 1st June when it is hoped to have a ruling. In the meantime sixteen of the children are still in state custody. Twelve are in the government-run Nassarawa orphanage, three have been sent to another orphanage in a remote location while one (Moses) was transferred to hospital, having suffered first degree burns when his mosquito net caught alight. CSW is working alongside Professor Tarfa, seeking urgent interventions from the UN and in the UK and US to secure their release.

In summary, please pray for

- All charges to be dropped.
- All sixteen of the children to be returned home, particularly the three youngest who were transferred to a remote location (Destiny, Emmanuel and Mercy).
- Moses's healing from burns, particularly on his hands; that he won't require plastic surgery, or be discharged prematurely.

You can get updates on Professor Tarfa and the Du Merci orphanage case at: csw.org.uk/dumerci-case.

Keith Davies, Regional Ambassador, CSW.

Becky's Artwork - How it was made

Aly gave me such soulful, soothing scripture to inspire this artwork and I was immediately drawn to nature. What could be more reassuringly restful than the rustle of leaves on branches above?! Jesus is reaching out his arms with these words- like outstretched branches from a steadfast tree, offering sanctuary and rest.

I felt the artwork needed to be colourful and uplifting, whilst also restful and restorative. I took inspiration from the nurturing nature and wildlife surrounding the Salt Line.

My artwork is mixed media. For this piece I used a lot of water colour, starting with a wet on wet wash for the background, after hand stretching the paper overnight. Once thoroughly dry, I sketched out the lettering and other details. Then I added another layer of water colour on the tree, moon, fox etc, working on each item bit by bit. It's a long process, requiring a lot of hours and a steady hand! After all the paint was complete, I added areas of pastel and coloured pencil and inked in the lettering.

After a few final touches, the very last stage was to add gold, silver and copper leaf to give the impression of moonlight.

And all of this without waking the fox and hedgehog once!

Rebecca Mason

And we are very grateful to Becky, it really is a gorgeous piece—Ed



Inclusive lifelong education for children with disabilities

Accelerating Community Transformation

An IcFEM production@2021

Success stories of IcFEM Education and Skills Empowerment pillar for children living with disabilities (A journey of transformation in disability)

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FLAVIA WANJIKU

Flavia is 18 years old, deaf and living with physical challenges in the lower limbs. She lives with her grandparents.

She attends St. Antony Special School in Webuye courtesy of school fees payment by Cheshire Disability Services Kenya and IcFEM support.

She has learnt so many skills in the school and is very efficient at household chores like laundry work.

She has accepted her condition and is moving on with life



Flavia washing her own clothes (in above photo).



GODFREY OLUMASI

Godfrey Olumasi is a 25 year-old deaf and dumb youngster. He attended St. Antony special school and later proceeded to St. Bridgit Secondary School courtesy of CDSK sponsorship in partnership with IcFEM. He did building and construction training. He makes bricks (above photo 1), constructed his own house (he stands in front of the house with Leonard Wanjala, the IcFEM Bethesda Pool Programme Coordinator). He does maintenance contracts for St. Brigit and makes a living independently.



BRIGHT AMASE

Bright is a 25 year old youngster who attended Kakapel Special School and joined St. Bridgit Special Secondary School courtesy of IcFEM partnership with CDSK who sponsored her. She had vocational training in hairdressing and dressmaking.

She did so well that St. Bridgit employed her to train other deaf girls in dress making and she is also a house mother in the same school.

She is independent and no longer a burden to her parents, proof that disability is not inability at all!!

Highlights

- **Interventions include club foot correction for children and eye surgery (partnership with ROPE)**
- **Cleft lip and hare lip corrective surgery (Smile train and IcFEM -DMH partnership)**
- **Mobility aids provision (partnership with Wheels for the World)**
- **Special needs education sponsorship (CDSK/IcFEM partnership)**
- **Establishment of Disability Parent Support groups by IcFEM (two established)**

**YOUR SUPPORT IN PRAYER & IN KIND
STILL NEEDED**

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ICFEM BETHESDA POOL PROGRAMME-INTERVENTION FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES (PLWDs)

Registered as a Missionary Society, IcFEM – Mission works with communities under three objectives of Evangelism, Community development and Mercy and Justice to accelerate positive community transformation through dutiful works of faith in service to God. It is interdenominational. The strategy is through community conversation

groups ‘fellowships’, five fellowships form an LTU (equivalent of an administrative unit called a Ward)

IcFEM service to the community is through pillars and Bethesda Pool is one of the pillars. Each pillar has its leadership comprising between three and five committee members who are involved with project

identification and implementation.

IcFEM plays a facilitative / enabling role to the communities in partnership with different people and organizations, Cheshire Disability Services being one of them.



Christ Church Youth

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It's ok not to be ok.

Whilst I realise you won't be reading this until a couple of weeks after I've written it, I'm actually writing this article at the back end of Mental Health Awareness Week 2021, and this year more than any other I think it's important for us all to recognise where we are at in terms of our mental health, and to do our best to look after ourselves and each other.

The pandemic and associated periods of lockdown, restrictions, and social isolation have had a huge and sometimes unseen impact on everybody. My recent conversations with some of the young people we're working with have highlighted that, even though conventionally graded GCSE exams aren't happening this year, teenagers are feeling a great deal of pressure to do well, and mental health issues like anxiety, depression and feeling overwhelmed are rife amongst this generation.

So here are ten top tips for looking after our mental health from the mental health foundation, along with a few of my own practical suggestions thrown in!

1. Talk about your feelings

"Talking about your feelings can help you stay in good mental health and deal with times when you feel troubled."

If someone whom you trust asks you how you're doing, don't just respond with "I'm doing ok" or "I'm fine" - whether you're doing well or not, try to make it a habit of talking about how you're really doing.

2. Keep active

"Regular exercise can boost your self-esteem, help you concentrate, sleep and feel better."

Maybe this summer as restrictions start to end, try a new hobby to keep yourself active. There are many local sports and activity groups who would appreciate your support, and you might make some new friends at the same time!

3. Eat well

"Your brain needs a mix of nutrients in order to stay healthy and function well, just like the other organs in your body. A diet that's good for your physical health is also good for your mental health."

Try something new to make eating well fun! One of our church members recently started theming their meal plans around particular countries, and so far has had Korean, Mexican and Sri-Lankan weeks!

4. Drink Sensibly

"We often drink alcohol to change our mood, but drinking is not a good way to manage difficult feelings."

5. Keep in touch

“Even if you can’t catch up with someone face to face, give them a call, drop them a note, or chat to them online instead. Keep the lines of communication open: it’s good for you!”

Think about who you may have fallen out of touch with over the past year, and maybe think of a way of reaching out to them.

6. Ask for help

“None of us are superhuman. We all sometimes get tired or overwhelmed by how we feel or when things don’t go to plan. If things are getting too much for you and you feel you can’t cope, ask for help.”

As well as friends, family, and church family, there are many other mental health services who you can reach out to. Samaritans, Mind, Papyrus, and the Central Cheshire Wellbeing Hub are a few who are worth noting.

7. Take a break

“A change of scene or a change of pace is good for your mental health.”

Whether you’re revising for exams, keeping up with work pressures or juggling family commitments, take some time out to do something different, or something that you enjoy. Taking breaks helps us to keep things in balance.

8. Do something you’re good at

“Enjoying yourself can help beat stress. Doing an activity you enjoy probably means you’re good at it, and achieving something boosts your self-esteem”

Maybe think about something you’ve enjoyed doing in the past. I recently started kayaking with The Oakhanger Project, and whilst I wouldn’t say I’m good at it, it’s something I enjoy and it’s hard to stay stressed for long when you’re surrounded by nature!

9. Accept who you are

“We’re all different. It’s much healthier to accept that you’re unique than to wish you were more like someone else. Good self-esteem helps you cope when life takes a difficult turn.”

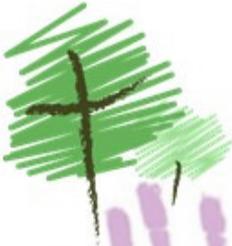
With the increasing popularity of social media, it’s easier than ever to compare ourselves with others and think they’re doing better than us, but as the old adage goes, ‘Comparison is the thief of joy’. If we can learn to accept ourselves as we are, and as God accepts us, we’ll be much happier and healthier for it!

10. Care for others

“Caring for others is often an important part of keeping up relationships with people close to you. It can even bring you closer together.”

Jesus commanded us to love one another, as he loved us, and that’s not something to take lightly. Sometimes we get too busy with looking after ourselves and forgot to look out for others who are in need of help - both those around us, and further afield. The pandemic has exposed a deep vein of inequality across the world, and we have the unique opportunity as we rebuild society to go back to no only a ‘new normal’ but a better normal, where we care about others, not just ourselves.

Top 10 tips created by <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk>. Check out their website for more information and advice on looking after your mental health!



Messy
Church

OUTDOORS

The Big Party

Bring your own picnic
(and something to sit on!)

Family Time Together

Having Fun, Exploring Faith

Sunday 27th June 3pm

At Christ Church Alsager

Book via church office by Wed 23rd June

christchurchoffice@hotmail.co.uk 01270 872291

www.christchurchalsager.uk

Christ Church Families

Join us online or in-person as we have fun exploring faith.
All welcome!

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We are excited that we are able to run some services and activities in our church, church hall and grounds again as restrictions continue to ease. Keep up-to-date with the latest information on what we are doing via our email updates and information put out on our Facebook pages.

RAIN OR SHINE Outdoor Toddler Sessions Mondays 1:30-2:30pm

Calling all parents and toddlers, join us for some fun outdoors on Monday afternoons. Rain or shine we will be there - exploring, wandering and wondering around Christ Church grounds, so come prepared whatever the weather! Booking essential on a weekly basis via the church office. Please ensure you maintain social distancing during the sessions. As we are outdoors, masks are not required, but if you wish to use the toilets, please do wear a mask. To book contact the church office on christchurchoffice@hotmail.co.uk or 01270 872291.

MESSY CHURCH OUTDOORS Sunday 27th June 3pm

Family time together, having fun and exploring faith. The theme is 'The Big Party' so bring your own picnic (and something to sit on!). We will enjoy activities around Christ Church grounds, then gather together to share some thoughts, sing some songs and enjoy our picnics. Please book via the church office: christchurchoffice@hotmail.co.uk or 01270 872291 by midday on Wednesday 23rd June.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SERVICE Sundays 11am in Church Hall

Especially for children, running alongside the 11am service in the church hall, we have lots of fun being explorers and worshipping together, as we engage with God and faith. We have Bible teaching with stories, videos, puppets, actions and play. We worship in creative ways using signs and actions, musical instruments and flags (no singing at present). We play non-contact games and do craft activities. A real action-packed time! Social distancing is maintained between children from different households during sessions. Parents/carers need to pre-book places for their children each week; to book a place for your children on a particular Sunday please email: christchurchoffice@hotmail.co.uk or telephone: 01270 872291 by Wednesday midday.

PARENT CHAT Mondays 10:30-11:30am via Zoom

A group of parents with children of all different ages who meet together to encourage and support one another. If you would like to join us you are most welcome, simply contact Rachel (details below), to get the Zoom details.

Rachel Mason (Children and Families Leader)

Email: families@christchurchalsager.uk





Fruit of the Spirit

How fruity are you?

Activities

1. Fruit Pompoms

You will need: Wool, cardboard, scissors

What to do: Cut out two identical cardboard circles with a hole in their middles, like a doughnut shape. The size of the circle will be the size of your pompom, so you decide how big you want it! Hold the two circles together and cut a slit from the edge to middle in both. Holding the two circles together, wrap the wool (choose the colour you want for your fruit) evenly around the sides of the circle, from edge to middle, using the slit to get the wool to where you need it. Continue wrapping the wool around, until the hole in the middle is filled in. Then use scissors to cut the wool between the two cardboard circles all the way around. Cut a length of wool (this will form the stalk of your fruit) and tie a tight knot around the middle of the pompom. Now you can remove the cardboard circles and trim the pompom to make it into the fruit shape you want. You could then add extra bits, such as leaves to make it look more like the fruit you want. For more detailed instructions on how to make a pompom and specific fruit pompoms look online.



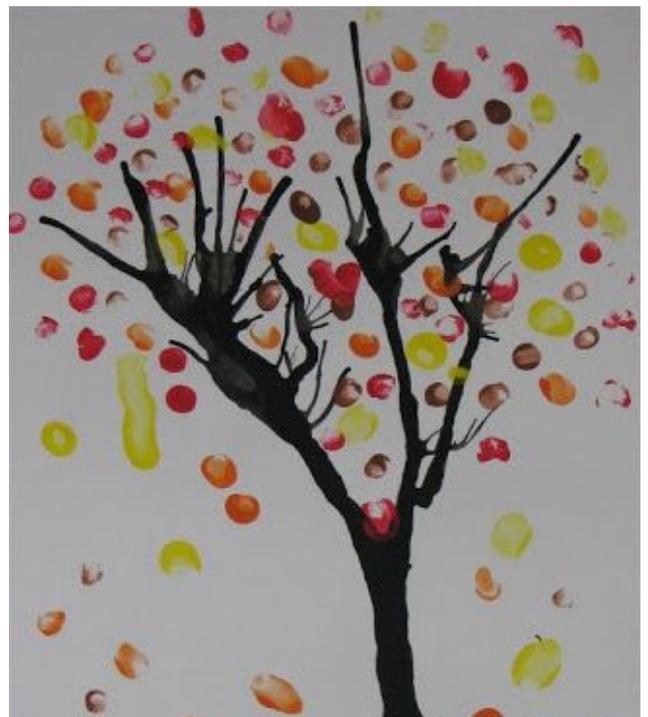
Talk about the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control. Perhaps you want to choose a different kind of fruit to illustrate each of these. Which of the Fruit of the Spirit do you find the hardest to be?

2. Tree Blowing

You will need: Plain paper, straw, paint brushes, paint (brown and other colours), water

What to do: Prepare a suitable place for blowing paint around! Use some water to make the brown paint a bit runnier than usual. Then blob some paint onto your piece of paper and then blow it with your straw to create a tree shape. When you are happy with your tree shape, use your finger or a paint brush to paint fruit on your tree.

Talk about what fruits/qualities did Jesus show in his life? Can you think of any examples of him showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness or self-control?



3. Fruit Smoothies

You will need: Blender, 1 cup yogurt, kefir, or buttermilk, 1/2 cup frozen fruit (berries work well), 1/2 banana, Ice cubes (*this is a suggestion of ingredients, feel free to experiment with your own*).

What to do: Add all ingredients to a blender and process until smooth. Serve chilled or at room temperature.



Talk about the way God wants us to be with those around us, showing the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. How fruity are you? Which fruit do you need to grow in most at the moment?

4. Sunflower Planting

You will need: Sunflower seeds, space in the garden or a plant pot and compost

What to do: Find a suitable place to plant some seeds in your garden or put some compost into your plant pot. Then poke a few sunflower seeds into the soil or compost, make sure you space them out so they have room to grow. Cover up the seeds with just a small amount of soil or compost. Watch and wait for your sunflowers to grow! *They will need sun and water to grow, so if they do not get this by being outside, place the pot in a sunny place and water when needed.*

Talk about how God wants to grow the Fruit of the Spirit in us by his Spirit so that we are slowly transformed to be more like Jesus. This growing takes time, like the sunflower seed takes time to grow into a plant and flower. God is a patient gardener!



Celebration

Sing the song 'The Golden Rule' by Nick and Becky Drake, you can find it on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=se6gQUVscnw

Read about the Fruit of the Spirit in the Bible in Galatians 5:22-23. Why not check out this song about the Fruit of the Spirit too: www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-hrxEjWxkE

Chat about the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

Can you think of examples of people showing these fruit to you or other people?

Can you think of examples of Jesus showing these fruit when he lived on earth?

We all need to grow in these fruit. Which of the fruit do you think you need to grow in most at the moment? Do other people agree?

Prayer: *Father God, thank you that you are a patient gardener who wants to grow the Fruit of the Spirit within each of us, and that by your Holy Spirit you slowly transform us to be more like Jesus. Help me to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control a little bit more each day. Amen.*

Children's Corner

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
2 Sam 6: 1-10, 2 Chron 13, 15:1-28

Copies of God's Laws for the Jews were kept in a special holy chest - the Ark. It had been stored at Keriath Jearim for 20 years...

When king David made Jerusalem his capital, he decided to bring the Ark there.



David brought his soldiers and a huge crowd came too



They put the Ark on a new cart and set off down the hill.



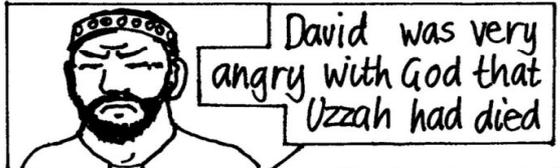
The oxen stumbled, and Uzzah thought the Ark might fall off the cart.



He forgot the Ark was holy and held on to it.



David was very angry with God that Uzzah had died



Then he thought of God's power and was very afraid.



So he left the Ark stored at the house of Obed Edom.



David realised that they had not treated God's Ark with respect.



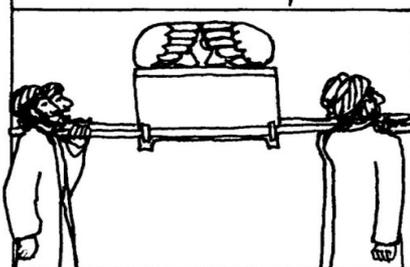
He talked to the Levites, the tribe that God had chosen to be His priests.



They organised musicians and trumpeters, and people to carry the Ark.



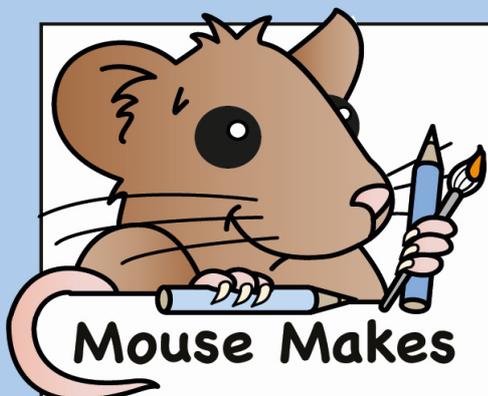
God's holy Ark was treated with respect.



Everyone cheered and sang as the Ark was carried into Jerusalem.



Children's Corner



Mouse Makes



JESUS HEALS

Who was the first person Jesus healed?
John 4:46-54

Who did Jesus heal from fever?
Mark 1:29-31

How was the the paralysed man brought to Jesus?
Mark 2:1-12

Jesus **healed** and made the...

SICK	ABLE
DEAD	WALK
BLIND	FORGIVEN
DEAF	ALIVE
CRIPPLED	SPEAK
SINNER	MOVE
MUTE	SEE
PARALYSED	WELL
DISABLED	HEAR



Where did the demons ask Jesus to send them when he drove them out?
Mark 5:1-20

How long had the man by the pool been disabled?
John 5:1-15

What did Jesus say made the woman well?
Matthew 9: 20-22



*"There are **many** things that Jesus did. If every one of them were written down, I suppose the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."*

John 21:25

How many men were healed from leprosy?
Luke 17:11-19

What did Jesus heal Bartemaus from?
Mark 10:46-52



Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, how many days had he been buried?
John 11:1-45

Chocolate Bar Fridge Cake



Go On, I dare you!

Easy to make for the family, mix and match your favourite chocolate bars and make them into one big cake!

Great for an activity with the kids during half term

*Cost
£6*

*Prep / Cook Time
2 Hours Max*

*Difficulty
3/10*

Utensils

*Spatula, Mixing Bowl
Rectangular loaf tin
Hob and Pan, Clingfilm*

INGREDIENTS

300g/10½oz dark chocolate chopped into small pieces

300g/10½oz milk chocolate, chopped into small pieces

100g/3½oz unsalted butter, diced

100ml/3½fl oz double cream

3 chocolate honeycomb bars

*2 chopped to 4 pieces
1 crushed to decorate*

- I used Crunchie Bars

2 chocolate nougat or crispy cereal bars chopped to 4 pieces

- I used Double Decker Bars

METHOD

1 Boil the Kettle, you only need enough to keep it boiling on the hob in a pan to melt the chocolate. Break 600g of chocolate and cube 100g of unsalted butter (I'm sure salted butter is just as fine!) into the bowl, put the boiled water in the pan, place the bowl on top and let the chocolate melt - slowly. Don't let the water touch the bowl.



2 Whilst the chocolate and butter is melting, place clingfilm in the inside of the tin. You will pour the mix into this soon, and you want to be able to get it out of the tin when it is set



3 Whilst mixing away, cut up the chocolate bars (I Used 3 Crunchies and 2 Double Decker bars)



4 Now the chocolate and butter has melted, remove from the heat and mix in the cream.

Stir the cream into the mix until it is smooth - this may take a few minutes



5 1 - Pour 1/3 of the mix into the clingfilm lined tin

2 - Place alternate cut up chunks of the Crunchie and Double Decker bars into the mix - Layer No 1

3 - Cover over with the second 3rd of the chocolate mix to complete Layer No2 with the remaining Crunchie and Double Decker bars

4 - Cover over with the last of the mix

5 - Decorate with remaining Chunks on top if you haven't used them all!



6 Put the cake into the fridge for a couple of hours to set.

Kids - this is where you get the bowl and spatula to lick clean!

Prayer in the park

Saturday 5 June

Join with us to pray in your local park for climate change and our creation, global neighbours, and world leaders.

Prayer in the park is a day of prayer for the climate in our local green spaces on World Environment Day, Saturday 5th June. Just a week before world leaders meet in Cornwall for the G7 summit, it's a powerful opportunity to pray for decisions that create a better world for us all – especially the poorest communities across the world.

Join in by heading to your local park or other outdoor spot and lifting up prayers for the climate crisis. You can do this alone or with others (making sure you

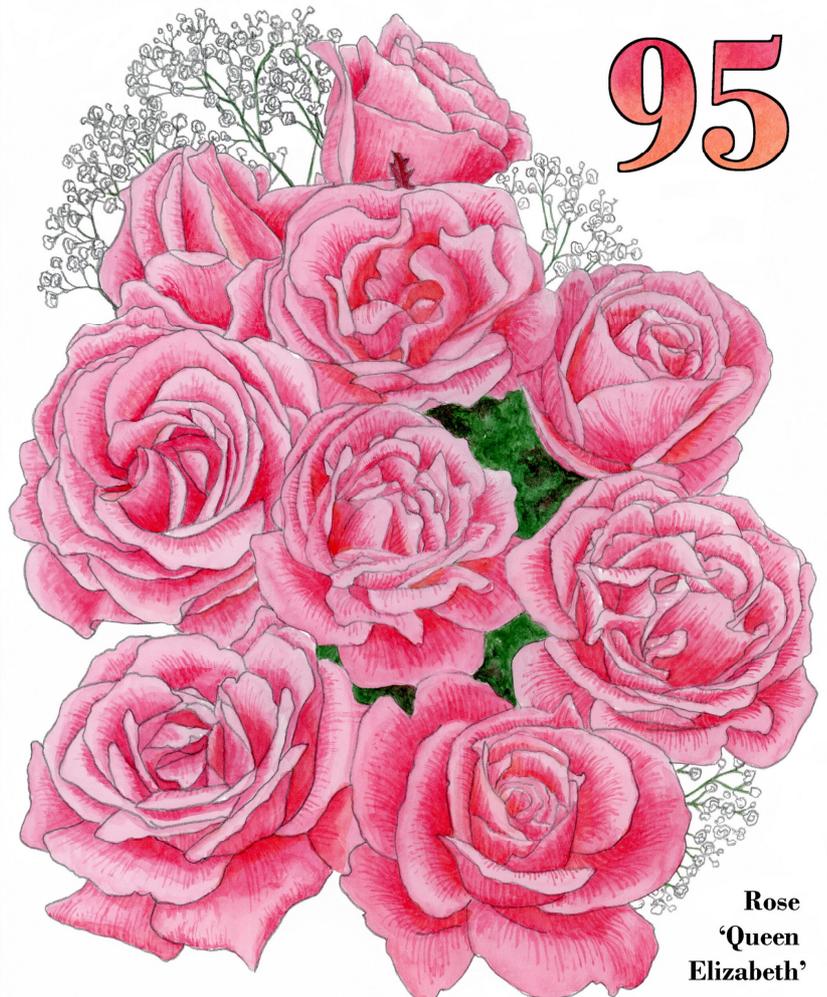
follow coronavirus restrictions). Don't forget to pop a reminder in your calendar, or join Tearfund's Facebook event. For our on-line readers, here is a link to audio and written prayer points:

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News from Oakhanger

Oakhanger News for June 2021



Psalm 121 reminds us

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My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.”

At Oakhanger we look to the outdoors for encouragement and inspiration and we look to the Lord our God for strength and salvation.

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Activities will be open from the end of May. Please note that registration is essential as numbers will be limited in order to enable us to ensure a safe environment for you.

Dates for your diary:

24th to 30th May is National Go-Canoeing week. Join a taster session at Brereton on Wednesday 26th May between 4pm and 7pm and on Saturday 29th May between 11am and 3.30pm to have a go at canoeing and/or kayaking. Sessions at 11am, 12 noon, 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

Canoe/kayak training courses will continue every Wednesday from 2nd June until the beginning of September. Learn to canoe/kayak or join a progression course.

Join us at Oakhanger on Sunday 27th June from 2.30pm for an Open Air Celebration with our resident band.

Services at Oakhanger Church will be live on the first and third Sunday of each month starting on Sunday 6th June.

Register at oakchallenge@aol.com for details of river and sea canoe and kayak trips, walking and activity days at Oakhanger and Brereton, and camping trips.

Stay Safe and Enjoy Life.

I look forward to welcoming you to an Oakhanger activity in the coming months.

Wishing you every blessing for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Graham Bushill, Project Leader.

Oakhanger Project and Oakhanger Church and Community Group, Butterton Lane, Oakhanger, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 5UU.

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Fulbert of Chartres (c.970–1028),

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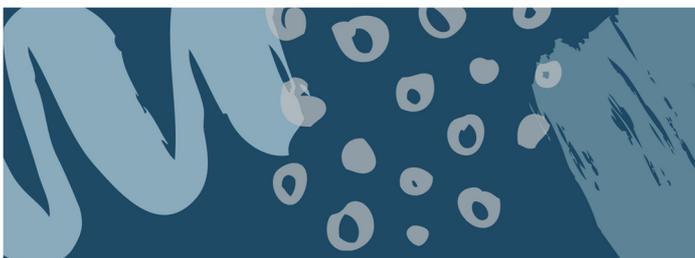


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Theme: A minor prophet has a major conversation with God about justice!

6th June	Well you did ask! Habakkuk 1.5-11
9am	Reflective Service
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
13th June	Now I'm Really Confused! Habakkuk 1.12-17
9am	Reflective Service with communion
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
20th June	Father's Day
9am	Reflective service
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
27th June	The righteous will live by faith! Habakkuk 2.1-5
9am	Reflective Service
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
4th July	Five Woes! Habakkuk 2.6-20
9am	Reflective Service with communion
11am	Informal service with communion with children's worship service in the hall
11th July	Confidence in the Lord Habakkuk 3.1-19
9am	Reflective Service
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
18th July	
9am	Reflective Service with communion
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
25th July	
9am	Reflective Service
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall

Online Service

If you can't make it to church, our 9am and 11am services will be live streamed and also available on our website for you to watch later. Our YouTube channel is:

<https://tinyurl.com/chchalsager>

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