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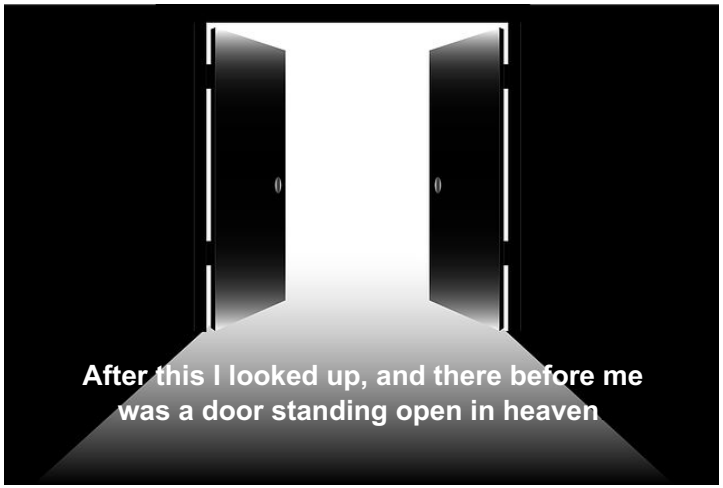

Sunday 16th January 2022

LATEST BAPTIST UNION GUIDELINES

As you probably know by now, the Government has moved to its Covid19 – Plan B. In this guidance the Government, has advised churches that face coverings much be worn in places of worship from 10th December, for those not exempt. Although the government also say that "there is a reasonable excuse exemption which allows people to remove a face covering while singing", we disagree with this exemption and **would ask you to wear masks throughout the service.**

Some good news. The Downing family are now out of isolation. Emily is back at college, Anaya is back at school, Nicky is back teaching and Simon returns to the 'pulpit' today. Do continue to pray for their ongoing protection and especially for Simon who still feels very drained.

TODAY'S SERVICE – As Simon is back leading the worship in today's service and will also be preaching. His sermon will be based on Colossians 3:1-8 where he will be emphasising that the importance of keeping our hearts and minds on "things above" if we are to do great things for God here on earth. The title of his talk is "Hearts above" and the service will include communion.

PASTORAL CARE GROUP COORDINATORS – We are urgently looking for between 12 and 15 people to take keep a watchful eye on around 6 church members or regular attendees. This is part of the restructuring our pastoral care system by which we intend to show that we really do love each other and care for each other. This is something anyone can do, so do let me know if you are willing to do this rewarding activity. Thank you for all you already do. Derek.

PRAYER MATTERS - Dear friends, here are many prayer requests by your brothers and sisters in the prayer room, please go in and pray them. There seems to be great need at this time. Thank you and bless you. Angela.

OUR LINK MISSIONARIES – If you want to know more about Brian and Jackie Chilvers our link missionaries. Then go to this link to https://www.bmsworldmission.org/people/brian-and-jackie-chilvers/
Let us all pray that they will be encouraged, guided and blessed in their individual roles and in their relationships with the local Chadians.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – According to our records, we don't have any birthdays but I did miss, Joan Brett whose birthday was on 8th January – sorry Joan! If you want to be placed on our birthday list, and receive a celebratory slot in the news sheet, please contact Lynne Allard (265360. If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda (265984).

LET'S CELEBRATE THOSE SPECIAL OCCASIONS - If anyone wishes to commemorate a special occasion, birthday or to remember someone, would you consider donating the money for flowers in ABC? Not only does it help to decorate the Church for Sundays, but they are distributed every Monday to the housebound, those not well and anyone in need of a bit of cheer. Please contact me and I will add your name to the calendar. Many thanks in anticipation! Brenda.

VENTILATION AT ABC – Please note that the government's advice remains there should be adequate ventilation where groups are meeting indoors. This is for our own safety. Please do not shut the windows but maybe wear something warm

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week, we feature a poem written by Margaret Edwards entitled "Mercy's Throne" as it fits very much with our Bible reading today from Revelation 4:1-5 as the Apostle John is taken in a vision into the very throne room of God.

Mercy's Throne

Flowing from the throne of mercy
eternal grace ripples through times portals
and mankind is kissed by God's heart
forever given, never ceasing God's gift of love
embracing all who chose the saviour's way.

Sin forgiven, life renewed hope rekindled
heart fulfilling destiny
passing into another realm
open door to heaven,
inviting pathway to life
where shadows never cast to obscure
the radiance of the Father of lights.

Cannon of glory whose brilliance
is never dimmed
we open our hearts, our minds
our souls to your resounding anthem
so we can cry heaven is in our heart!

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… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon is back in action, He will be acting as first responder this week in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **EMILY BROWN** – Good news! Emily did not have a stroke after all but had a problem with her inner ear issue. The good news is she is now back at home. Please continue to pray for Emily's ongoing healing and I will update you when I have more news.
- **JANICE SPRULES** – I had a lovely chat with Janice on Thursday on her mobile phone. She is still in a lot of pain and is patiently waiting for her care plan to be finalised. The good news was that she had managed to get out of bed and was sitting in a chair. She was in good spirits and sent her love to you all. When her care plan is sorted out, Janice hopes to come home. She will then be looked after by her daughter Sarah. Please do pray for pain relief and that her care plan can be sorted out soon. Please pray too for Sarah and the rest of the family as they are still struggling to come to terms with Janice's illness.
- **HILARY NAESMITH** – More good news, Hilary is out of hospital and back at Cherrington's Nursing Home. Please do pray for peace of mind, clarity of thought and ongoing healing.
- **KEITH SCOTT** – I also spoke to Keith this week who remains frustrated that he can't be with us in church. He says that he feels cut off from us all and would like to hear from those of you who know him. He is also missing Eve Williams who is still in Apuldram Ward at St. Richards. Please do pray for Keith and also continue to pray for Eve.
- **EVE WILLIAMS** – I have spoken to Eve this morning and she tells me she is unable to run! As she says, she can't run because she can't walk, and she has always preferred running to walking. Eve sees walking slowly as wasting to time when she has so much she wants to do. Eve thinks she will be in hospital for another 2 weeks at least but she wants to thank you all for your cards, gifts and prayers. She is asking God to bless you all for your kindness to her.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Kay Tucker, Vivienne Newman, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, Polly Bennett, Mavis Eade, Michelle and Jon Crane, Joan Brett, Val Collett.
- **PLEASE PRAY TOO FOR** – Our members and friends who are still unable to worship with us through ongoing concerns about coronavirus especially as cases continue to rise across the country. They miss the fellowship, and we miss them. Please do give some of them a ring this week and do let them know we do really care.