Monthly Newsletter October 2020.

We have various church activities almost every day of the week but, of course, most are accessed via our 1-click zoom on the church home page. I am very aware many folk, for good reason, cannot access this. Please accept my apologies. The last thing we want is people not being included. Moreover, we are all missing face to face fellowship and praise.

The leadership are proactively trying to safely run events in church instead of on computers! We currently have just started Alpha on Mondays, and for a few weeks now, Private Prayer on Tuesdays. Each person has their own chair and their own table, and the tables are separated by 2 metres as well. As I type I am awaiting legal advice supporting us running Bible Study and White Heather. All events are subject to all the Covid risk assessment restrictions, the biggest being mandatory face masks. When this changes from 'must' to 'should', Sunday services will be back in church. Regional Ministers are saying we should realistically expect this to be the beginning of next year!

If you can zoom in, Sunday services at 10.30am are now 'live.' We have a guest speaker beginning of the month, Ray Markham, with more to come. We are also blessed with Derek Skinner's weekly audio sermons on the top tab 'Derek at Dyke.'

Our Chief Caretaker, Mike 'the fettler' Gregory, has been overseeing the big refurbishment to our toilets, back room, and the corridor. All new cupboards, paint, tiles and more. When we do get back in, I am hopeful you will be pleasantly surprised. Thanks to all that have been working on this.

Tom Hamilton and the MND2 shop team have been doing a great job keeping our shop open. Please pay us as a visit Tue-Thu, 9-10 & 3-4, Sat 9.30-11.30. We sell all sorts of good stuff. I bought a 4ft tiger last week, (honestly!). Tom is always looking out for volunteers…can you help us at all?

The Christmas selection boxes are already in Morton Co-Op! As usual, our churches will be supporting the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal. There is a 3min video on our site, (dated 30th Sept), explaining how simple and worthwhile this is. It takes 2 mins if you just donate, and under 5 mins if you select the gender/age/contents. The video is worth watching. Please have a look.

Quiz questions…(you are allowed to 'research' answers!)

1. Who commanded the sun and moon to stay still?
2. For which type of tree was Lebanon well known?
3. How did Stephen die?
4. Where was Jesus taken prisoner?
5. Which biblical book tells of David and Goliath?
6. Is Horeb the name of a town or a mountain?
7. Where did a jailer find his faith?
8. What were the two sons of Zebedee (two of the disciples) called?
9. Which book reports on the missionary travels of Paul?

10. What was Jacob's eldest son called?
11. Name three prisoners mentioned in the Bible.
12. Who prophesised the coming of Jesus shortly beforehand?
13. What were the names of the mother and grandmother of Jacob?
14. Name three prophets?
15. What happened first? Jesus' baptism or the feeding of the 5000?
16. Name three missionaries named in the Bible.
17. What was Ruth's husband called?
18. Which illness did Mephibosheth suffer from?
19. What came first? Elias ascension or Enoch's rapture?
20. Who made the golden calf and the bronze snake?
21. Name three women in the Bible whose names begin with „R".
22. Which king had a sundial?
23. Which disciple found a coin in the mouth of a fish?
24. What was Ham's father called? What were his brothers called?
25. What is written in 1. Timothy 2,4?

Please post/email/phone your 25 answers to Rev. Andy. Winners names announced Sun.18.Oct, 10.30am Notices & posted on website

Please pray for ***'connectedness'***, whatever that might mean to you. For our older folk who struggle with social media. Maybe University students locked in their halls of residence. Marriages under financial and emotional strain. Not being in a group, praising God in church. Take a moment to stop rushing, listen to the Holy Spirit, maybe connect with some scripture below;

In the Bible, Mark 13:1 reads 'As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "*Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"* The temple in the New Testament was truly a sight to behold. The temple had just undergone an 85 year restoration project carried out by Herod the Great. Despite its great beauty, Jesus' response was probably not what they expected. "*Do you see all these great buildings?"* replied Jesus. *"Not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down*." Both Dyke Chapel & New Day Baptist Church are wonderful buildings, but we must never forget that God has chosen not to dwell in a building made of stone, but to dwell in each of us. "*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"* 1 Corinthians 3:17 Although social distancing is difficult, remember 1Jn 4:15 *If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.*

Please stay connected. Keep in touch with each other. Keep in touch with Our Father.

May God bless you and may you keep safe and well.

Pastor Andy.