

# CONCORD

East Didsbury Methodist Church

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Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

*February 2019*

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Dear Friends,

It's February, St. Valentine's Day approaches. Love is in the air. I can hear all the love songs in my mind: "Love, love, love – do, dododo, do. All you need is love", "Love means you never have to say you're sorry."... Sure, that's right! In the real world love means you will say, "I'm sorry." many, many times. But the worldly approach to love is often sappy and idealistic.

So what does the Bible suggest love is? I Corinthians 13 tell us: *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*

This is the most frequently selected passage for weddings. Brides and grooms see these words as reflecting their relationship to one another. But is that true? Is that even possible?

Try a little exercise. Replace the word love with your own name. Is the result a true statement? *I'm patient, I'm kind, I don't envy, I don't boast, I'm not proud, I'm not rude, I'm not self-seeking, I'm not easily angered, I keep no record of wrongs. I don't delight in evil. I always protect others, always trust people, always hope, always persevere. I never fail.*

Few of us can get past the first statement, "I am patient" let alone the last, "I never fail". We fail and fall short again and again. So can real love exist in the world?

Yes! Try replacing your name with the word God. *God is patient, God is kind. He does not envy, he does not boast, he is not proud. He is not rude, he is not self-seeking, he is not easily angered.*

*he keeps no record of wrongs. He does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. He always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. God never fails.* Now that works. What we cannot do, God can do.

So, as St. Valentine's Day approaches, remember that you must allow God to fill your heart. Then and only then will you truly know love as God intended it.

Every blessing,  
*Krystyna*



Thanks to all those who organised/helped with the events over the wonderful Christmas period - too many to name, but the services were lovely, the church looked stunning, Breakfast and Crafts was a success filled with community spirit, the Christingle was once again amazing, the trip to the pantomime Sleeping Beauty was very enjoyable [oh yes it was!] - all-in-all an amazing Christ filled experience.

To our Minister, and to all who have helped keep the church running over the past year, whether a church steward, communion steward, reader, on the door, the Monthly Lunch, the property/management committee, the church council, pastoral care, the flower stewards, the church grounds, lettings, refreshments and more - thanks for your steadfast work, much appreciated by all.

We thank God for the gifts that He gives us and hope to continue to do our best in the running of His and our home, and mostly share in the love He has for us and we have for each other. .

*Rosie x*



### BREAKFAST and CRAFTS

Please keep checking your notices for the next Breakfast and also a Film Show that will be held in Room 3 and shown during the school half term break - all welcome ...

### LADIES CIRCLE 2.30pm

7th Feb Talk by Cynthia Evans 'We are all remarkable'

21st Feb Alan Scott - music and chatter

*Ladies - you are welcome to join us*

### COFFEE EXPERIENCE



Why not call into Room 3 on Saturday 23rd February from 10am until 11.30am for coffee and a chat.



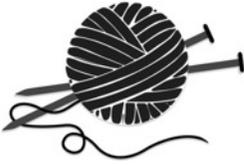
### MONTHLY LUNCH

The next lunch is on Thursday 28th February - 12 for 12.30pm. Tickets 6.50 are available from Jean Thickbroom - please order/buy *no later* than Sunday 24th February, thank you - note: the March date is 28th of the month.

Note: The next Book Club will be on 14th March reading 'Dominion' by C J Sanson.



The House Group meets on Wednesdays at 6.30pm.  
The next meet is on 6th February and for the venue  
please speak to Krystyna or text her on 07776 121679  
- all are welcome to pop along.



You are invited to pop along on Monday  
afternoons at 1.00pm to Crafts and Chat in the  
vestry at East Didsbury - all welcome to learn  
new skills, strengthen old ones - and natter!

In this vast world, seeking peace, calm,  
freedom, seeking hope and  
seeking things to lift my heart,  
seeking meaning, to be amongst the  
many, my only desire is to be one  
with all the people of the  
world, to find my place, guide my  
path wherever it goes ...  
God will guide me.

I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me  
Philippians 4:13

Envelopes:

The 2019 envelopes are now available at the back of church. Would those taking part please pick them up. Anyone wishing to join the scheme, please contact David Pott or Rob Wilde. If you are able to, please consider giving by Standing Order instead. Payment is no different to any other Standing Order scheme through your bank account; it is of much greater benefit to the Church and much easier to administer Please contact David Pott for more information and bank details. The Church expenditure is constantly increasing, due particularly to increases in the Circuit Assessment and Utility charges. In lieu of this, we have *Gift Days* on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and any increases in your weekly giving would be much appreciated

Whatever your method of giving, the Church truly appreciates your contribution and thanks you for your support



DIDSBURY METHODIST  
CHURCH  
Wednesday 27th February  
at 1.45pm

**‘THE POST’ {12}**

Synopsis:

'The Post' tells the incredible true story of the unlikely partnership between the Washington Post's owner, Katharine Graham, and its editor, Ben Bradlee, as they strive to expose a massive cover-up of devastating government secrets, risking their careers and very freedom in a fight for the truth. Starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks this is definitely a 'must-see' film!

*The afternoon closes with light refreshment*

## OUR CALLING

*Worship* within the local church, including regular sharing in holy communion and through pastoral prayer

*Learning and Caring* through bible study and meeting for fellowship so that we may grow in faith and support others in their discipleship.

*Service* by being a good neighbour in the community, challenging injustice and using our resources to support the church in its mission in the world.

*Evangelism* through working out our faith in daily life and sharing Christ with others.



Let us pray:

Father God we thank you for who you are, merciful and righteous. Thank you that we can trust your

Word and we can place

our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who has paid for our sins that we may have eternal life. Thank you

Thank you that we are living in this dispensation of grace.

As we begin a new year help us to share the wonders of the cross, that it is by faith alone through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, his death, burial and resurrection that we are set free from all our sins, past, present and future. We have a living hope, we are secure, we have an inheritance.

Father, may our prayer requests be heard and your answers be according to your will.

Amen



Whenever you don't understand what is happening in your life, just close your eyes, take a deep breath and say 'God, I know it's your plan. Just help me through it'.

### The definition of PEACE [Oxford Dictionary]

Freedom from disturbance; tranquillity: mental or emotional calm: the peace of mind this insurance gives you. A state or period in which there is no war or a war has ended. A treaty agreeing peace between warring states: support for a negotiated peace. (The Peace) A ceremonial handshake or kiss exchanged during a service in some Churches , symbolizing Christian love and unity.



### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before You,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day

Raj was upset because he had done poorly in his English test. His Grandma sat with him and gave him a pencil. A puzzled Raj looked at his Grandma and said he didn't deserve a pencil after his performance in the test. His Grandma explained, 'You can learn a great many things from this pencil because it is just like you. It experiences a painful sharpening, just the way you have experienced the pain of not doing well on your test. However, it will help you be a better student. Just as all the good that comes from the pencil is from within itself, you will also find the strength to overcome this hurdle. And finally, just as this pencil will make its mark on any surface, you too shall leave your mark on anything you choose to'. Raj was immediately consoled and promised himself that he would do better.

### Moral of The Story

God has given us all the strength to be who we wish to be.



Father God

We pray for all those in our families, in our church and in our community who are unwell at this time and need Your strength. We ask you to bless them and hold them in Your gentle arms.

We pray for Your strength to see us through each day as we walk Your path together.

Amen



Our hopes and prayers:

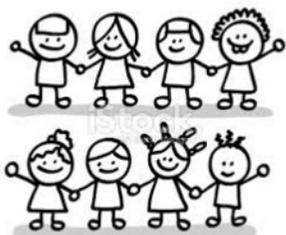
In the coming year, it is our prayer that we will be filled with all knowledge of God's rightly divided Word (Rom. 15:14). The knowledge will lead us to "the full assurance of understanding (Colossians 2:2) that always puzzled us before we learned how to rightly divide the Word. This in turn will enable "the God of hope" to "fill us with all joy and peace in believing" (Romans. 15:13).

This joy and peace will fill us with a desire to be "filled with the knowledge of His will" (Colossians 1:9) so that we can learn the will of God for our lives and know how to live in response to all that He has done for us in Christ. Soon we'll be "full of goodness" (Romans. 15:14) and "filled with the fruits of righteousness" (Philippians. 1:11) and this is what Paul had in mind when he talked about being "filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians. 5:18).

*Taken from 'God's Full Armour'*

## Friendship

It isn't about who you've known the longest, it's about who came ... stayed by your side and never left you when you needed them the most.





My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord there is none like you.  
All of my days, I want to praise,  
The wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
Power of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship you.

#### CHORUS

Shout to the Lord let us sing,  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,  
At the sound of your Name.  
I'll sing for Joy at the works of your hands.  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise,  
I have in you,

## Funny things that children say!

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once while she was driving and she turned into a telephone pole!"

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" Johnny replied 'No, how could he, with just two worms.'

During the minister's prayers one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?" Tommy answered, soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

### ANAGRAMS - in the Bible

AS MULE \_\_\_\_\_

WANDER \_\_\_\_\_

THREE \_\_\_\_\_

WET MATH \_\_\_\_\_

CABLE \_\_\_\_\_

ILL HEAD \_\_\_\_\_

HORDE \_\_\_\_\_

NO LOOMS \_\_\_\_\_

MASONS \_\_\_\_\_

A SHOE \_\_\_\_\_

Answers on page 14

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 3rd February 10.45am Worship: Rev/ Krystyna Kwarciak  
*Holy Communion*
- 6th February 6.30pm, House Group
- 7th February 2.30pm Ladies Circle - Talk by Cynthia  
'We are all special in God's eyes'
- 10th February 10.45am Worship: Chris Davis
- 17th February 10.45am Worship: Bernard Treves Brown
- 20th February 6.30pm House Group
- 21st February 2.30pm Ladies Circle: Alan Scott
- 23rd February 10.00am Coffee Experience
- 24th February 10.45am Worship: Anne Wilde  
*All Age Worship*
- 27th February 1.45pm Film Club at Didsbury
- 28th February 12.30pm Monthly Lunch

Crafts and chat meet each Monday at 1.00pm and the  
Badminton Club on Tuesdays at 8.00pm.





## QUIZ

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?
2. Who recognised Jesus as the Messiah when they were presented as a baby in the Temple?
3. Paul was shipwrecked on what island?
4. What is the shortest book in the New Testament?
5. To what city was Saul travelling when he encountered a great and blinding light?
6. Finish this verse. “In every battle you will need faith as your \_\_\_\_\_ to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.” ?
7. According to the Beatitudes, who will be filled?
8. What did Simon Peter do for a living before he became an apostle?
9. In the gospel according to Matthew, which of the apostles doubts Jesus? Resurrection until he sees it with his own eyes?
10. According to Paul’s formulation in 1 Corinthians, which is the greatest of the imperishable qualities?

Answers on the back page ...

- \* Please continue to consider becoming a church steward at East Didsbury. A worthwhile and very rewarding job, especially in assisting with communion, a total blessing. Do speak to a steward to learn more, thank you.

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Any items for March edition of your magazine need to be with me no later than 24th February please - either pop in the envelope on the notice board, email me on [rosieblayds@gmail.com](mailto:rosieblayds@gmail.com) or post to 13 Moor Park Road, East Didsbury, M20 5PF.

Much love as always  
Rosie xxx

### Anagrams solved:

SAMUEL  
ANDREW  
ESTHER  
MATTHEW  
CALEB  
DELILAH  
HEROD  
SOLOMON  
SAMSON  
HOSEA



Quiz answers:

1. 27
2. Simeon
3. Malta
4. 2 John
5. Damascus
6. Shield - Ephesians 6:16
7. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
8. A fisherman
9. Thomas
10. Love

LAST THOUGHT

Take, Lord,  
Take, Lord, receive all my liberty,  
Take, Lord, receive my memory,  
My understanding and my entire will,  
All that I have and possess,  
You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it,  
All is yours, all is yours, Lord,  
Do with it what you will...  
You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Give me only your love and your grace,  
That is enough for me.  
All is yours; do with it what you will.  
Ignatius of Loyola, Spiritual Exercise 24

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