

CONCORD

East Didsbury Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Krystyna Kwarciak



Lent is a time to take time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us, a time to let the events get up and walk around in us, a time to intensify our living unto Christ, a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts, a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his Word, a time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us, a time to ponder and a time to wonder.... Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

March 2019

Rev. Krystyna Kwarciak
2 Wilderswood Close
M20 4XU

Dear Friends,

As I am writing this letter on a chilly, cloudy day, I notice that in my garden daffodils and crocuses are bursting through the ground. It's a sure sign that spring is not far away. Signs of new life are all around us. Also, the season of Lent begins this month. 'Lent' is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'; a time of the year when days begin to get longer.

When spring arrives, more sunlight brightens your home and you begin to see what you may not have noticed during the dark, cold days of winter: all the clutter and dirt that needs to be cleaned. Yes, it's time to spring clean your house! But spring cleaning can be more than just a chore, if you use the time to start cleaning up something far greater than your house: your soul.

*Are any negative thoughts cluttering your inner life?
Are you harbouring bitterness against people who have hurt you?
Do you have judgmental thoughts about people you don't like?
Are you struggling with a bad habit or self-destructive attitude?*

Pray about each of those thoughts, attitudes and behaviours asking God to help you clean them up. Ask Him to show you ways you need healing from past hurts and losses and expect that each time you deal with one layer of dust from your past, you can see a bit more clearly as you move into the future. Eliminate clutter in your schedule and your mind to create space to focus on what truly matters to you. Rearrange your life so you can dream new dreams and re-imagine your life. Clear out your own agenda and invite God to show you His dreams for your life, so you can focus on what is really important without being side-tracked by what is urgent. It's time to spring clean your life...

Every blessing
Krystyna

Just remember that Jesus loves you

Everybody is loved, whether old, young, white, black, woman, man

Support one another at all times

Understand each other's needs; it will help you grow too

Stay positive and take the hand of God; he loves you whatever



Jesus
LOVES
me

I WISH YOU ...

When you're lonely,

I wish you love.

When you're down,

I wish you joy.

When you're troubled,

I wish you peace.

When things are complicated,

I wish you simple beauty.

When things are chaotic,

I wish you inner silence.

When things look empty

I wish you hope.

www.angelfire.com



BREAKFAST and CRAFTS

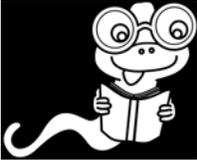
Please keep checking your notices for the next Breakfast, thank you - all welcome.

Ladies Circle 2.30pm

7th March Flower arranging with Sylvia

21st March Annual General Meeting at 1.30pm followed by a talk from Liz Stuart at 2.30pm.

Ladies - Sylvia is a professional flower arranger coming on 7th March to share her talents with us and you are welcome to join us. The flower arrangements will be raffled at the end of the meeting.



Book Club is on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm reading 'Dominion' by C.J. Sanson



DIDSBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday 27th March at 1.45pm

CALENDAR GIRLS (12)

Synopsis: 'Calendar Girls' (12) is based on a true story of a group of middle-aged Yorkshire women who produced a nude calendar to raise money for Leukaemia Research under the auspices of the Women's Institutes in April 1999, after the death from cancer of one of their members' husband. This is a moving and thought provoking film, with an all-star cast!

MONTHLY LUNCH



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

COFFEE EXPERIENCE



Why not call into Room 3 on Saturday 30th March from 10am until 11.30am for coffee and a chat.



The House Group meets on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. The the venue please speak to Krystyna or text her on 07776 121679 - all are welcome to pop along.



You're invited to pop along on Mondays at 1.00pm to Crafts and Chat in the vestry. All welcome to learn new skills, strengthen old ones - and natter!

When you ask God for a gift,
Be thankful if he sends,
not diamonds, pearls, or riches,
but the love of real true friends.

Helen Steiner Rice



Mark 2: 9-10

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

10 They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your prayer transfigured your whole being radiating the
glory of God and revealing your divinity.
Help us to remember that we are God's adopted children
and that by His grace we too can share in the divine life.
Be with us this Lent as we learn to pray with new joy and
show us through your Word, the Sacraments, silence,
and time spent in your company that we
can become more like you.

Amen



On Sunday 7th April our service will be led by our Minister, Rev. Krystyna Kwarciak, and following service and Holy Communion we will share in the time of Lent over soup and a bread roll. Donations will be given to 'All We Can'



This is an international development and emergency relief organisation focusing on those in greatest need, it is inspired by Christian principles, with its roots in the British Methodist Church. Their purpose is to help find solutions to poverty by engaging with local people and organisations in some of the world's poorest communities to end the suffering caused by inequality and injustice.

ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP

At Didsbury Baptist Church beginning on
Wednesday 13th March from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. ... and ...
At Christ Church Rectory, 35 Darley Avenue,
beginning on Thursday 14th March at 2.00pm.

The groups will follow the Lent Course of a book written by Hilary Brand, '*Finding a Voice*', based on the film 'The King's Speech'



LENT is a time of preparation before Easter; a time when many Christians observe a time of fasting, repentance, self-denial and spiritual discipline - to set aside a time of reflection on our Saviour Jesus Christ; his suffering; his sacrifice; his life; his death; his burial and his glorious resurrection.



Then Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the Devil; he fasted forty days and forty nights.

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."

Pope Benedict XVI

QUIZ

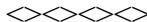
1. Which book tells about the visit of the Wise men to baby Jesus?
2. Who wrote the book of Acts?
3. How many Gospel books are there?
4. Who said, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”?
5. Who was shipwrecked in the New Testament?
6. Who was the governor who tried Jesus?
7. Who said, “He is not here; for He is risen”?
8. Who lived on locusts and wild honey?
9. Who was a blind man healed by Jesus?
10. Who was king of Judea at Jesus’ birth?
11. Whom did Jesus call the “Comforter”?
12. What disease did Jesus heal ten men of?

Answers on the back page ...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

3rd March	10.45am	Worship: Rev. Krystyna Kwarciak <i>Holy Communion</i>
7th March	2.30pm	Ladies Circle - Flower Arranging with Sylvia
10th March	10.45am	Worship: Phil Davis
14th March	7.30pm	Book Club
17th March	10.45am	Worship: Local Arrangement
21st March	1.30pm 2.30pm	Ladies Circle AGM Talk by Liz Stuart
24th March	10.45am	Worship: Liz Stuart
27th March	1.45pm	Film at Didsbury
28th March	12.30pm	Monthly Lunch
30th March	10.00am	Coffee Experience [Room 3]
31st March	10.45am	Worship Peter Smith

Crafts and chat meet each Monday at 1.00pm and the
Badminton Club at 8pm on Tuesdays



Welcome to Spring

Though winter's grip was everywhere
a subtle change is in the air
We leave behind the ice and snow,
as now, more gentle breezes blow.

Here bursting forth from frozen ground
New signs of life are to be found
The pale green spears of life anew
As snowdrops manage to break through

In spring we see a wondrous show
As meadows leap up and grow
As hawthorn trees are glad and gay
With summer days not far away

Dennis W Turner
(thanks to Mary A for this beautiful poem)

Some dates to pop into your diary:

6th March	Ash Wednesday
17th March	St. Patrick's Day
19th March	St. Joseph's Day
14th April	Palm Sunday
18th April	Maundy Thursday
19th April	Good Friday
21st April	Easter Sunday
23rd April	St. George's Day

CONCORD

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

Much love as always
Rosie x

Quiz answers:

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Matthew | 2. Luke |
| 3. John | 4. John the Baptist |
| 5. Paul | 6. Pilate |
| 7. An angel | 8. John the Baptist |
| 9. Bartimaeus | 10. Herod |
| 11. The Holy Spirit | 12. Leprosy |



LAST THOUGHT

Father God, create in me a heart of praise.

May my praise of you and to you be governed not by my circumstances but, in joy and in sorrow, in storm and in sunshine, may I praise your holy name. Whatever my circumstances, my feelings or my view of things, you are worthy of praise by virtue of being who you are. Amen.

Rev. Krystyna Kwarciak

Email: krykwar@gmail.com 07776 121679

www.eastdidsburymeth.com