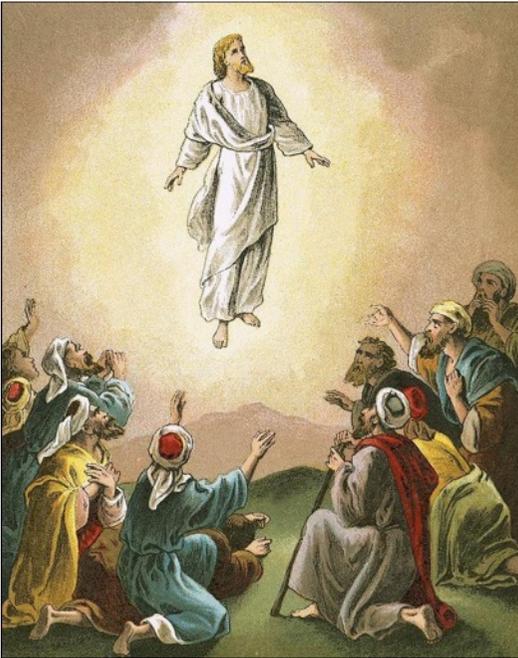


# CONCORD

East Didsbury Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Krystyna Kwarciak



## The Ascension of Jesus

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

May 2019

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Dear Friends,

We are all familiar with the short saying: “April showers bring May flowers.” It is traced back to a poetry written by a man named Thomas Tusser in 1557 who wrote “A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry,” which gave all sorts of advice about gardening. The concept of “showers and flowers” may be one way to look at the seasons of Lent and Eastertide. First, we went through Lent, with its emphasis on soul-searching and spring cleaning of our hearts. Then, just as May flowers follow April showers (and sometimes snow!), the radiance of Easter breaks into our lives. The beauty and order of God’s creation continually remind us to look at the “showers” of trials and suffering in anticipation of the “flowers” that will bloom in our lives because of them - the blessings of perseverance, joy and peace. We are all called to turn the “showers” in our own and other people’s lives into “flowers” of hope and love. How?

There’s an old story about two pots - one was perfect in every way; the other had cracks & broken places. Each day a woman filled the pots with rainwater she collected; then carried them down the path to her home. The first pot felt proud; she never spilled a single drop. The other felt ashamed because no matter how hard it tried, the woman lost a lot along the way.

One day the two pots overheard the woman talking with someone who lived nearby. The neighbour exclaimed, “The flowers along your path are so beautiful, what’s your secret?” The woman answered, “One of my pots is broken and the water that spills out helps the flowers grow every day.”

We are all like the second pot in the story. Our “April showers” can truly lead to “May flowers” because God sees purpose also in our brokenness even when we don’t. He can use our imperfections to bring forth beauty that blesses those around us.

I wish you and warm and sunny May.

Your friend  
*Krystyna*



Dearest Father.  
We pray for your church around the world and thank  
you for all you do for us in East Didsbury.  
We pray for those we know who are in hospital at  
this time, feeling poorly; alone or lonely.  
We ask for your blessing on our lives and help  
us to walk a true and steadfast path in your name.

We thank you for sending Jesus to us and the  
sacrifice you made for each and every  
one of us, and we will continue to  
love you and follow you all our days.

Amen



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



Why not join us for Lunch and a Quiz  
On **Sunday 12th May** following service

Cost: £5 including entry into the Quiz [teams of 4]

ALL proceeds to CHRISTIAN AID. There will be a Hamper  
raffle and a Cake Stall Please support

*Please fill in the form at the back of church for catering. If you  
are able to bake a cake/buns for the stall, thanks in advance. .*

*Christian Aid week this year is 12th to 18th May, and if you can  
help in any way regarding delivery and collection of envelopes,  
please do speak to Mary Adamiak as soon as you can.*

Ladies Circle 2.30pm

2nd May Fun and Games [sat down!!]

16th May Alan Scott - Song time

30th May Quiz with Mary Sneyd

*Ladies - you are most welcome to join us.*

*We close around 4.00pm following light refreshments.*

**Let's go to the seaside!** The Ladies Circle are going out for a day trip to *Llandudno* on Thursday 11th July leaving church at 9.30am and returning at 5.30pm and we would like to invite you and a friend[s] to join us. The cost is £22 each return for the coach and we will eat lunch at The Queen's Hotel on the seafront - 2 course £15 and 3 course £18. If you would like to enjoy a day out with us, please put your name on the form on the table at the back of church. Would you also look at the menu and write down your choice of either A or B.

Please note: I am hiring a wheelchair assess coach for our journey. A deposit of £20 will be required by *19th May* and full payment on or before *12th June*. A menu is on the table at the back of church so please choose either **A** or **B** and also put on the form. Please pass your deposit or full payment to Mary Adamiak, thank you.

Rosie x



DIDSBURY METHODIST CHURCH  
Wednesday 22nd May at 1.45pm  
**The Bucket List [12]**

Synopsis:

Corporate billionaire Edward Cole and working class mechanic Carter Chambers have little in common, or so it seems. However, at a crossroads in their lives they share a hospital room, and discover that surface differences (and sheer contempt) aside, they have a deep desire to experience the best that life has to offer, before they ‘kick the bucket’. They write a joint ‘bucket list’; embark on the adventure of a lifetime, crossing continents, building friendship; discovering their own identities.

COFFEE EXPERIENCE



Why not call into Room 3 on Saturday 25th May  
from 10am until 11.30am for coffee and a chat.



**CRAFTS & CHAT:** Why not pop along on Mondays  
at 1.00pm meeting in the vestry. All welcome to  
learn new skills, strengthen old ones - and chat.

EASTER OFFERING If you have your envelope, kindly put what you can in it and place in the collection bag or take an envelope from the table in the foyer, thank you. The theme this year of *Longer Tables, Lower Fences*” is inspired by the words “When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence”. The Easter Offering service for 2019 is at Moston on 12th May at 6.30pm. You are asked to take cakes to share and to be eaten after the service. For further information contact [jennymwent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennymwent@yahoo.co.uk)



The ascension of Jesus is the departure of Christ from Earth into the presence of God. Jesus is taken up from the disciples in their sight, a cloud hides him from view, and two men in white appear to tell them that he will return "in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

In the Christian tradition, reflected in the major Christian creeds and confessional statements, the ascension is connected with the exaltation of Jesus, meaning that through his ascension, Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God: "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

Luke 24 tells how Jesus leads the eleven disciples to Bethany, a village on the Mount of Olives, where he instructs them to remain in Jerusalem until the coming of the Holy Spirit: "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

Jesus' disciples (with the exception of Judas, who betrayed Him and then took his own life) not only continued to believe in Him, but they spent the rest of their lives telling others about Him. They took seriously Jesus' command to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15).

Why did they do this—often in the face of fierce opposition and even death? The reason was because they believed beyond doubt that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, sent from Heaven to save us from our sins. We have rebelled against God and chosen to go our own way, and as a result we deserve only God's judgment. But God loves us, and by His death and resurrection Jesus Christ provided the way for us

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach of all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard"

*This is good news!  
And this is why those first Christians were  
willing to risk their lives to tell  
others about Christ.*

*The  
Good  
News*

*Our great High Priest hath gone before,  
Now on His Church His grace to pour,  
And still His love He giveth;  
O may our hearts to Him ascend;  
May all within us upward tend  
To Him Who ever liveth!*

Michael Praetorius 1571-1621



Safeguarding/Refresher Training:

I have been informed that there are a further session still available for those who weren't able to go on the sessions last year: -

Saturday, 22nd June, 10am-12.30pm at Moston Methodist Church.  
Contact paula.collins61@outlook.com to book a place.

Please let me know if you book on the session and after the training, let me have a copy of your Certificate, and may I remind those that have already been on the training that it has to be renewed every 4 years. If you are not certain when yours expires, please contact me.

*Regards*

*Joan (Parker) - Safeguarding.*

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,  
gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive  
one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.  
Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues  
put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3: 12-14

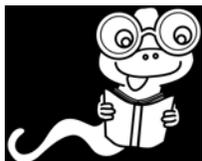
A little girl had just finished her first week of pre-school and told her Mum, "I'm just wasting my time. I can't write. I can't read. And they won't let me talk, it's like church!"

As a young mother was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the bottle, the phone rang; her 4-year old daughter answered it and it was the preacher. She said "Mummy can't come to the phone right now; she's hitting the bottle."

The little girl at nursery was drawing and the teacher said to her "What are drawing Katie?". "I'm drawing God" she said. "But nobody knows what God looks like" the teacher replied, and the little said, "They will in a minute."

Just remember Jesus said, "*Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.* Mark 10:14

Advance June dates for your diary:



The Book Club are not meeting in May, but will meet on 12th June at 7.30pm in the vestry. The book being reviewed is *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion.

## DIDSBURY VILLAGE

### WI DOES ART

29th June from 10am until 3pm - and on -

30th June from 12.30pm to 3pm

In EDMC Church Hall

*Coffee and Cake*

[www.didsburywi.co.uk](http://www.didsburywi.co.uk)

# QUIZ

*A mix of trivia about our Bible: -*

1. What is the longest book in the Bible?
2. How many books are there in the New Testament?
3. In what language was most of the Old Testament given?
4. What was the name of Abraham's second son?
5. What did Jacob give to his son Joseph that sparked jealousy among his siblings?
6. Who was the first martyr who was stoned?
7. Who went with Paul on his early mission trips?
8. What is the fifth commandment?
9. What did Jesus say is the first and greatest commandment?
10. How many of the nine Fruits of the Spirit can you name?

*Answers on the back page ...*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

5th May 10.45am Worship: Bernard Treves-Brown

12th May 10.45am Worship: Paul Johnson followed by Lunch  
and a Quiz in aid of Christian Aid.

12th to 18th May Christian Aid Week

14th May 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship at Didsbury

16th May 2.30pm Ladies Circle

19th May 10.45am Worship: Rev. Krystyna Kwarciak  
*Holy Communion*

21st May 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship at Didsbury

22nd May 1.45pm Film Club at Didsbury

25th May 10.00am Coffee Experience - Room 3

26th May 10.45am Worship: John Worthington

30th May 2.30pm Ladies Circle

Crafts and Chatter meet each Monday at 1.00pm in the vestry and  
Badminton is on Tuesdays in the hall at 8.00pm.

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later than 26th May please - either pop in the envelope on the notice  
board, email me on [rosieblayds@gmail.com](mailto:rosieblayds@gmail.com), phone 07758 011362  
or post to 13 Moor Park Road, East Didsbury, M20 5PF.

Much love as always  
*Rosie x*

Quiz answers:

1. Psalms
2. 27
3. Hebrew
4. Isaac
5. A coat of many colours
6. Stephen
7. Barnabus
8. Honour your Father and Mother
9. Love God with all your heart, minds, soul and strength
10. Love, Joy, Peace,, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control

\* Sometimes Patience is translated as Forbearance or Long-Suffering.



## LAST THOUGHT

Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory, may every footstep show you as our way, that, trusting in your presence in this world, we may, beyond this life, still be with you, where you are alive and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

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