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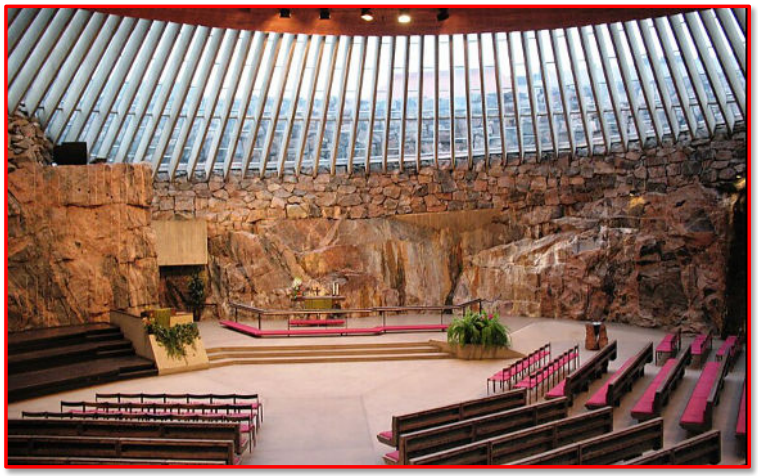

Sunday 19th June 2022

Christian culture and Christian mission

Acts 17v16-34

In line with the Government's guidelines, face coverings are no longer mandatory in our church and wearing them is now optional and a matter of personal choice. However, as the number of cases is still quite high, we think it is wise to be cautious. So please think carefully about your own situation and that of your friends and their safety. We will continue to reserve two rows for people who wish to wear masks and maintain a safe distance between themselves and others. Derek

TODAY'S SERVICE – In today's service Simon begins a new mini-series entitled, "Christian culture and Cristian mission" based on Acts 17:16-34. His talk today is to do with Christian mission and how it relates to our culture in the 21st century. And the second talk, next week, is about the final wonder of God's saving work, in people's lives when Jesus comes back. As for today, I am not going to go through every verse in Acts 17, but pull out the most relevant points, which answer our theme. It might be helpful if you had read this passage beforehand

Of course, we do hope you can join us for the service in the church but if you can't actually join us, you will be able to access this service from 10.30am by going to: http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

LOVE ALDWICK, FUN WITH FLOWERS LADIES CRAFT NIGHT - Thursday 30th June at 7.30pm at ABC. £3.50, please book a place with Nicky on 07943 537785. Please pay on the night, not in advance. For those who would like to attend, please consider inviting a friend or neighbour to come with you. In addition, if anyone is free to help move chairs and tables in the church at 2.30 that afternoon, please speak to Nicky. If anyone has fresh flowers or greenery they may be able to donate from their garden on the day, please speak to Angela Halfacree.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD BE A DEACON? – Deacons are a group of men and women appointed by the church meeting to serve* with the Minister as a leadership team. Whilst the team cannot represent exactly, it is hoped that it will reflect the mix of gender, age and background within our fellowship. Our constitution says we should have up to 8 deacons – but currently we only have 5. Who would like to remedy this at our AGM in July. Do you know someone who could be a deacon? If you do, then talk to them about it as well as speaking to one of the current deacons (*Deacon means servant - see Acts 6:1-4, 1 Timothy 3:8-13). **Nominations must be in by the end of June, so please pray about this urgently**.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER - Prayer connects us with God, it is life changing. Our daily life and eternal life is wrapped up in our relationship with God. Prayer is the key to making that relationship vibrant and real. Angela

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – This week Daphne will be celebrating her birthday on Monday (20th) and Mavis will be celebrating hers on Tuesday (21st). So do remember to wish them both a **big HAPPY BIRTHDAY**. If you want to be included in 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.

THE WELL PRAYER MEETING – This will be held on Wednesday, 24th June at 10.30am. Do come and join us in prayer.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds of the beauty we can see every day on earth and then speculates what heaven will be like.

A WONDERFUL FUTURE

When I see the sunset in the golden sky;
When I see the delicate wings of a butterfly;
When I say the wonders all around,
from the very smallest creature
to the universe unbound. Okay
How can they take for granted,
the wonder of God's creation?
Stone known and unknown
Beyond imagination
When I see the millions of stars in the Milky Way,
O Lord how it takes my breath away.
Yes, when I say all these wonders
that give us so much delight,
But can you imagine what heaven is like?

Arthur Magee

GIFT AID – Although generally there is no such thing as a free gift, the government's gift aid scheme gets pretty close. If you are a tax-payer, it means we can claim an extra 25p for every pound you give through your tithes and offerings. The scheme cost you nothing. You do have to make a Gift Aid declaration for the us to be able to claim. You do this by filling in a form which you can get from Peter Kaufman. In the last financial year, we were able to claim around £9000 – which is a significant amount!

THE CHALLENGE OF LIVING IN THE MODERN WORLD - On Tuesday 5th July at 7. 30 pm Christian Institute staff will give important updates on key contemporary issues, looking at current challenges of concern for Christian believers, and at the Institute's legal work. The meeting is to be at Arundel Baptist Church, Torton Hill Road, Arundel, BN18 9JQ, easily reached along the A27. (See notice in the foyer.)

DO YOU NEED A LIFT TO CHURCH? - If you need a lift to church, then do let me know and I will try to find someone to pick you up. Derek

CAN YOU GIVE SOMEONE A LIFT TO CHURCH? - I know many of you already do but if there is anyone else who can occasionally help out, do let me know. Derek

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be acting as first responder this week. Please contact him or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST -** We have just heard from Joanne and unfortunately her operation was cancelled again today. The tumour has continued to grow, and the operation will now include removing the glands around the tumour as well. Please can you continue to pray for Joanne & the whole family at this time. Jason.
- Please can we all pray that this operation goes ahead soon and that the outcome is satisfactory? Derek
- **MAVIS EEDE** – As you know Mavis is back at home but is far from well. She has Covid so her and her daughter are at home and she has also had a hospital procedure postponed for a couple of weeks which she's rather concerned about. I understand it to be a colonoscopy. Do pray for healing and why not give her a call. She would be glad to hear from you especially as her birthday is on Tuesday.
- **EMILY BROWN** – As you know Emily is now at home but still has to be very careful about putting any weight on her foot which makes moving about very difficult. Emily would like to thank you for your prayers and messages. If you want to ring Emily her number is 07496316127**.**
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Joan Brett, Doreen Evans, Eileen McGee, Hilary Naismith, Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Marjorie Flynn, Hazel Bell, Kay Tucker, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, Michelle and Jon Crane, and Val Collett.
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