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| ALLERTON  CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH |



June 2019 Newsletter

Dear Friends

One of the basic questions that it’s good for us to think about from time to time is why do we worship God? I’m sure that we could come up with all sorts of good answers between us, including the fact that God’s Son, Jesus Christ, died for us on the cross to pay the price for our sins, that we might be forgiven and receive eternal life. However, as we think about this question I’d like us to look to Psalm 100, one of the shorter Psalms. Take a couple of minutes to read it now.

The final verse gives us the reason why the Psalmist says we should give praise and thanks to God. He writes ‘the Lord is good and his love endures forever;’ God is good in all that He does and all that He is. In creation we read that God made day and night and saw that it was good (Genesis 1). God Himself is good and can only do that which is good and right. We human beings are not good in the same way; in fact Scripture tells us quite clearly that no-one is good except God (Mark 10:18).

Thankfully our God is not just good, but He is also full of love. Without God’s love and mercy we would all be condemned to death for not being good (committing sin). However God’s love is enormous and beyond our understanding. The Psalmist goes on to say ‘his faithfulness continues through all generations.’ Even though we let God down and fail to be faithful to Him, He remains faithful to us because of Jesus. We can trust that God will do everything that He has promised to do in Scripture. So because of God’s goodness, His love and faithfulness we should praise and thank God.

The Lord says that we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture (Psalm 100:3). He is the good shepherd who looks after us, provides for our every need and protects us from harm (Psalm 23). We are encouraged and prompted to praise God because of all that He has done for us in Christ, and because of every good and perfect gift with which He has blessed us from above. We are to worship Him with singing and shouting as the Psalm says, but also through prayer and obedience to His Word. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Yours, Fred.

Pulpit

June 2nd Rev Fred Rich Communion Service

June 9th Rev David Muschamp

June 16th Trevor Hippey

June 23rd Trevor Kershaw

June 30th Rev Fred Rich

Collection

April 28th £100.51

May 5th £105.50

May 12th £138.71

May 19th £ 75.36

May 26th £100.30

June 2nd £103.71

Flowers

We are very grateful to the following friends who have kindly promised to provide flowers for the month of June 2019.

June 2nd Mr Roberts

June 9th Memory of R Tomlinson

June 16th Miss N Abbott

June 23rd *Vaccant*

june 30th Mr & Mrs P Barfield

Mrs A Henderson will be responsible for arranging and distributing the flowers throughout this Month.

Ladies Circle

The next Ladies Circle meeting will be Wednesday July 3rd where Carole Brook will talk about Oradour sur Glane, a French village during the Second World War.

Every Sunday Family Service 10.30am

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