



Weekly Notices

Sunday 5th July

10:15 for 10:30am

“Cafe Church”

led by Monica Noronha

Hymns: StF24 Come, now is the time to worship
StF34 O worship the Lord in the beauty
SoF1504 Prayer is like a telephone
StF531 What a friend we have in Jesus

Readings: Colossians 1:1-14

join the service from 10:00am on your computer
or mobile app with Worship on the Web

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Dear Friends,

'Yes Minister' and 'Yes, Prime Minister', broadcast in the 1980s, remain amongst my favourite TV comedy shows of all time - great dialogue, impeccable timing, brilliant satire and plenty of laughs! Imagine my delight when I saw that a stage play sequel was on tour and coming as far west as Cheltenham this June, where as luck would have it one of my cousins' lives! And so, 'I'm sorry, Prime Minister' was duly booked, and a few days enjoyed in Cheltenham with family as a bonus!

As you may recall these series followed first the Ministerial career, and then the Prime Ministerial career of Jim Hacker, and charted his various struggles to formulate and enact policy. No easy task, as I'm sure the present incumbents of our highest Offices of State might testify!

As it was for the fictional Jim Hacker political turmoil seems to be perpetually the order of the day in recent times, and we might wonder what we are to make of it all, and rightly if there is anything we can do to assist?

Fortunately help is at hand in the Bible where we find God's encouragement to all who have ears to hear:

1 Timothy 2 vs 1-2: 'I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'

There we have it, a call to prayer for those in authority, to the end that we, and all, may more and more live in societies which are built on God's values. What are we to pray for?

The Scriptures implore us, amongst other things, to pray that our leaders might be open to the gospel, be kept from wicked influences, and that they will defend the needy. We are invited to pray that God will give them wisdom, surround them with wise counsellors, keep them from corruption and greed, and that they will learn to bring the nation's needs before the Lord. We are asked to pray too that we will have a right attitude toward our leaders.

Being good citizens of both earth and heaven is to keep God front and centre in all we do.

Does the hapless Jim Hacker have any useful advice for any soon to be Prime Minister? Well, how about from Series 2 Episode 8 the following, '*Honesty always gives you the advantage of surprise in the House of Commons!*'

Blessings Lloyd

FOR OUR PRAYERS AT HOME

Lord of all, we are called by you, here in this time and place, to be your disciples . For some of us ours has been a long Christian journey with many ups and downs, but we have never doubted your presence with us. As with your disciples, we do not know what lies ahead, but Lord we do know that you will be at our side, so we commit our lives and futures to follow you.

AMEN

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving". Colossians 2 v 6,7

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB will meet at 12:30 Friday 10th July at the Waie Inn.

Pease add your name to the list if you would like to attend or contact

Margaret

Week beginning Saturday 4th July

Sat 4 th July	10 - 11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Church Funds
Sun 5 th July	10:15 for 10:30	Cafe Church in church or on the web led by Monica Noronha
Mon 6 th July	8:00 am	Start the week in prayer in Church or wherever you are
	3:30pm - 5 pm	Big Top
Wed 8 th July	10:30 am	3Ls Discipleship in Church
Fri 10 th July	10 am - 12 pm	Coffee and Chat
	12:30	Friday Lunch Club, Waie Inn
Sat 11 th July	10 -11:30 am	Together 4 Coffee donations for Methodist Ministry in Britain
Sun 12 th July	10:30 am	Morning Worship in the Church or on the web led Chris Mann

CREDITON FOODBANK requests this week: Long life fruit Juice
 Laundry pods
 Tinned rice pudding
 Tinned vegetarian meals
 Jars of curry sauce
 Size 3 and 6 nappies

Contact Details

A CHURCH STEWARD

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 Tel: 07749912339 or email: notices@creditonmethodist.org.uk