



'Seeking to be the People of Christ at the Heart of the Cor

Parkwood Methodist Church The Herald



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We are gently moving towards the season of Lent. I often find it creeps up on me quicker than expected and all the things I had planned to have done before so that I can spiritually walk gently through often don't happen.

How are you planning on walking spiritually through Lent? Are you planning anything? Normally each year I choose a book of daily devotions that takes me right through the 40 days. I often choose another book, something topical or of interest. Last year I was so engrossed in Desmond & Mpho Tutu's 'The book of forgiving' that I then needed to find another book to last me the whole 40 days. This year I am planning to use Nick Fawcett's book 'Daily Lent Reflections', below is part of the first days reflections apart from some of the prayers. Pg's 7-9.

Read

Blessed are those who are poor in spirit; to them belongs the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

Reflect

Few passages of Scripture are better loved than the Beatitudes, yet probably few are less well understood. The verses have an innate beauty, a poetry about them that appeals to something deep within, but what does it actually mean to be pure in heart, meek, or, above all, poor in spirit? Poverty of any sort is not something we naturally aspire to, and to be poor in terms of material possessions is certainly not what most of us would term a blessing. There can surely be few more painful experiences than to have nothing and be totally dependent on the charity of others. Yet, in terms of our relationship with God, we are all in precisely that position, if we did but know it. None of us deserves his goodness; no one can earn his blessing; nobody can merit his love. We come before God spiritually bankrupt, reliant upon his generosity; his willingness to give and go on giving despite, rather than because of our efforts. Recognise that emptiness, however, and God is able to

fill us. Accept our need and he will respond. Happy indeed, then, are those who are truly poor in spirit, for their lives are fully opened to the rich blessings of his kingdom that God waits to shower upon them, both now and for all eternity.

Ponder

- Do you recognise your total dependence on God's grace, or do you still try to earn his blessing?
- In what other ways, apart from receiving forgiveness, are you finally dependent on God?
- Does your life find its ultimate meaning in God or in something or someone else?

Close

Loving God, send me on my way conscious not just of my dependence on you but also of your faithfulness in meeting my need, constantly and graciously reaching out in mercy to forgive and bless. May that knowledge colour every moment and give meaning to every day, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

I pray this Lent that we will all take the time to draw closer to Christ. That our relationship with Jesus, and each other will grow and flourish through God's grace and our Love.

Rev Jo Brown



Small progress made on our impending move, but hopefully by the time of the next Herald, we will at least have something to report.

Be it : Good, Bad or Indifferent. Please bear with us it is a minefield. (Ed!)

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BIRTHDAYS for FEBRUARY

1st Barbara Rushforth.
4th Nora Beaumont
10th Wendy Cowgill
11th Pat Gill
15th Graham Ivey

Breakfasts:

Please check the diary for
Breakfast Dates

Until further notice they will be at the
Drop By on Sycamore Ave
9.30am 'til 11.45am
NO MARCH BREAKFAST
SPRING FAIR @ PARKWOOD
17th March

MARCH DROP IN LUNCH

Drop in Lunches start again at
PARKWOOD on
Wednesday 7th March
12.30pm

The Photo pages seem to have been well
received. Would you like them to
continue?

Is there anything that you would like to
see. Have you any that have not been
shown that you would like to share?

Please Note:

There will be NO MESSY Church on
April 1 (Easter Sunday)
9.30am Communion Service
followed by Breakfast
Normal 10.45am Service.

**Our Charity Spring Fair is to be
March 17th 10.00am-2.00pm.
We need chocolate, home made
cakes, buns and biscuits for stalls
and catering.**

**Please support us and the
charities.**

**Help needed on stalls and in
kitchen.**

**Refreshments will be available
for full session.**

Diary for February/March 2018

Saturday 3rd

Sunday 4th

Sunday 11th

Friday 16th

Saturday 17th

Sunday 18th

Sunday 25th

L V G Coffee Morning @ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon

10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service

10.45 Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown

Chinese New Year. The Year of the Dog. Just thought you may like to know

Parkwood Breakfast at the DROP BY CENTRE 9.30am - 11.45am

10.45 Own Arrangement Service

10.45 Service led by Mr Jonathan Burton

MARCH

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Wednesday 21st

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Parkwood Old Folks Party see Janet for further details.

10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service Led by Rev Jo Brown

First Drop in Lunch 12.30pm @ PARKWOOD

10.45 Mother's Day Service led by Mr Phil McSweeney

Parkwood Spring Fair 10.00am 'til 2.00pm @ Parkwood

10.45 Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown

Drop in Lunch 12.30pm @ PARKWOOD

10.45 Service led by Mr Paul Bussey