

KINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
JULY
MESSENGER
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Sunday Morning Service is held each week at 10.45 am in KBC
Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month
Covid Regulations are adhered to
All services conducted by our Pastor – Rev Richard Ross

Hi everyone,

I don't like to complain but the weather today (17th) has been a little too warm for me - but at least we're a lot better off than those poor people in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands who have lost their lives and their homes due to terrible flooding - and some say Global Warming doesn't exist!!!

Richard's thoughts.....

We hear heavy words describing reactions to a football match – ‘reeling in agony’, ‘distracted’, ‘devastated’, ‘heartbreaking’, ‘gutted’, ‘cruel’, ‘agonising’ and so on. I’m not at all concerned with the result of a football match – but I’m deeply concerned about where we find ourselves in KBC.

From time to time I drive through the lovely countryside of mid-Wales – a part of the world that means a great deal to me. But my journeys have a sad and dark side: many churches and chapels that some years ago I knew as meeting places for Christian people that are now warehouses or homes or shops. Places where Christians gathered week-by-week for worship. It was often my joy and privilege on Sunday afternoons to lead their worship. Now they’re gone. These chapels housed faithful, devoted, loyal believers. Many did not close because these dear people ‘failed’ or had ‘done wrong’ but because their communities became increasingly godless – caring nothing for God, his Word, his Son or their souls.

I long and I pray that KBC will not go the same way! We live in a ‘nice’ town but a godless community – a community in which new believers are ‘born’ only through the sovereign work of the Holy Spirit. We must pray that he will work in Kington – and be ready and willing to cooperate with him as he guides and leads us. With my prayers and love in the Lord,

Richard

PRAYER MEETINGS

A small group of us meet in Church on a Thursday evening at 6.30pm. It’s all very informal – we have a short time of prayer and then a time of fellowship and it lasts about an hour. It’s lovely to feel the warmth and support you get when two or more are gathered together. Please join us if you can.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Phyllis’s dear husband, Gerald Lewis, passed away very suddenly in June. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Phyllis.

Sadly, Janet, the lady from Africa, is very poorly in hospital. I'm sure we all wish to send her our Christian love and assure her that she's in our prayers and wish her a speedy recovery.

Frances had a fall a little while ago which has left her with a bad back. We wish you well Frances and look forward to seeing you back among us very soon.

Alma's knee operation went very well; she is persevering with her exercises and is walking very well. She hopes to be back at Church very soon.

Graham is still undergoing tests - he has started a 6-week course of medication and has to go back to the respiratory dept. The hospital is being very diligent and we thank God for that.

A Snippet from The Friendship Book

A friend saw this sign on a community centre wall:

Some kids are smarter than you. Some kids have cooler clothes than you. Some kids are better at sports than you.

It doesn't matter. You have your thing, too. Be the kid who does the right thing. Be the kid who is generous.

Be the kid who is happy for others. Be the kid who does the right thing. Be the nice kid!

"That might annoy some people," she told me. "They might say we should swap the word 'kid' with the word 'child'. I say we should swap it with the word 'person', because the advice applies to us all!"

Just a thought

Seven years ago, Jim saw a stray cat sniffing about his bins. After asking around for an owner, he started leaving food out. Eventually, the cat (whom he named Hooligan) came into the house to sleep. But he always hid behind the furniture and would not allow himself to be touched by anyone.

This week, however, Hooligan has been sitting on his lap.

"Love is sometimes a long haul," Jim tells me, "but it's worth it!"

And finally.....

Nicola showed me a picture on her phone of her three-year-old daughter, Evie. Her worried but defiant little face was covered in make-up - as was the window behind her!

"ohhhh!" I exclaimed. "How angry were you?"

"A little," she responded. "But that was swept away by the lesson."

I had to ask, and she explained.

"The lesson is that she watches me and tries to be like me. If she's going to do as I do, that's an encouragement to do better.

"And then," Nicola added, "I showed her how I clean windows!"

As we enter yet another new period in the pandemic - one where, as from Monday, we can mix with others as we wish - despite the fact that the number of cases of people with Covid is on the increase: I urge you now as much as ever to -

STAY SAFE EVERYONE!

With Christian love Angie
