 **Westfield URC**

**Weekly Notice Sheet**

**For 28th March 2021**



 **If you have anything you want to share with the fellowship week by week please email it to Kath by Tuesday evening or ring and we will try to include it on the next weekly sheet.**

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**Westfield elders invite you to use the readings, prayers and reflections at 10.30am Sunday morning to help us worship together in Spirit. This week Kath shares with us.**

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|  |  | If you need someone to pray with, a chat or need any help please ring any elder. |  |  |

**Notices:**

**In your envelope this week you have a couple of palm crosses. Please keep one and give the other to a neighbour, family member or friend to remember Palm Sunday.**

**For Easter Saturday we are going to decorate the railings, as we did at Christmas, and put out Easter cards, booklets and small plants for people walking past to take from Westfield fellowship. If you are out walking past please encourage anyone you meet to take something from the table wishing them a Happy Easter from us all.**

**Good News : We have been gifted 60 chairs and some lighter Gopak tables from Greasbrough United Church Rotherham who sadly closed in February. The chairs are the type and colour we would have bought and the tables will make it easier for those who can put them out as the present ones are quite heavy. We thank God for the work and witness of Greasbrough and for their willingness, at this difficult time for them, to offer these to us.**

Thankyou for the foodbank items contributed so far in Lent. Your contributions are much appreciated by the volunteers and by those in need.

 **Basil’s memories (35)**

Most of the previous 34 memories have been of me and others galavanting around the world, but I also have, like all of you recollections of trips all over this country, usually one day events and in my case with my choirs. They range from Aberdeen to the Minack Theatre at Lands End, and from Antrim in Northern Ireland to Ventnor in The Isle of Wight. Very few include events or incidents of particular interest to anyone else. Odd corners of England and Wales, and Scotland were different and interesting in themselves like Pwellhi and Criccieth on the Welch Lleyn Peninsular, or the Eden Project and the lost Gardens of Heligan in Cornwall.

 Three particular events stand out in my memory, all involving the Colne Valley Male Voice Choir. Firstly the Scarborough Festival in the middle of August at the huge Methodist Church on Queen Street, an annual event which is hoped to resume this year. The Saturday concert is the culmination of mainly musical items organised by a woman – a good friend of the choir, and a real firebrand, but gentle. We travelled by coach although a number went by car arriving in good time to have a rehearsal. The basement schoolroom was our changing and sandwich room. The main hall, a very impressive church which held 400/500 – the problem was 44 steps up to the hall from the schoolroom. That was a real climb for many, thankfully that done we had a splendid concert with our own invited soloists. A night to remember!

 The second is Llangollen, a small town in North Wales and what the Welch call an ‘Eisteddfod’. Held in a huge tent to hold 1000 - music all week from small groups and soloists from many countries. The Saturday was for choirs – 20 to 25 from around the world competed - varying in size from 20 to our 80 or so and seven international adjudicators. It was exciting and Colne Valley still holds the record of six wins and six second places.

 The third is the Cornwall Male Voice Festival held on the week up to Spring Bank holiday weekend. Two coaches on the Friday took us to our base – The Bay Hotel in Newquay. The main competition was in ‘The Hall for Cornwall’ in Lemon Square, Truro. There were lots of choirs from all round Europe and the committee allocated both accommodation and singing venues all over Cornwall including many churches in Bude, Bodmin, Falmouth, Penzance etc, and such as the Eden Project and Minack Theatre. The Saturday concert was in Truro Cathedral, given by 6 or 7 of the major choirs. A busy and thoroughly enjoyable weekend, then home on the Monday. *BPH*

**If you have any offertory envelopes or donations ready for collection please either deliver them to Marjorie or let Kath know and we will be happy to collect.**



Noticeboard witness:

For those not walking past church

this week’s poster is:

“We love

because

 God first loved us”

John 14 v 9

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**please look at the calendar for future information or ring any elder Marjorie, Pauline, Neil, Glynis or Kath.**