 **Westfield URC**

**Weekly Notice Sheet**

**For 25th April 2021**



 **If you have anything you want to share with the fellowship week by week please email it to Kath by Monday 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 Hilary Chorley shares with us.**

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

# On Saturday 17th April the Synod elder’s development group hosted a day about

# “the gift and responsibility of God’s creation”

# After opening worship everyone was invited to go away from the laptop and go for a walk to become aware of the warmth of the sun, the touch of the air, the colours all around, the patterns, shapes all around, the smell of the flowers, the sound of the birds and how these were all wonderfully created by God.

# When back we discussed climate issues, lifestyle changes to help the planet and what we could do as a church fellowship as stewards of God’s creation. Much to pray about and to discuss when we are back at church. Kath Withering Tree outline Earth Globe - Asia with solid fill Hummingbird outline

**Advanced Notices :**

**Prayers 9.30am 23rd May**

**Morning worship 10.30am on 23rd May for Pentecost**

 **Robin**

**Prayers 9.30am 30th May**

**Morning worship 10.30am on 30th May for Trinity**

 **Rev Jamie Kissack, Yorkshire Moderator**

**Bible Study Tuesday 1st June 7pm & Wednesday 2nd June 2pm - Galatians**

**Building on Basics Bible Study Wednesday 9th June 2pm**

Basil’s: Some Folk (2)

Why was Elijah ‘almost unique’? Did you work it out? He wasn’t the only one who never died. He was preceded by Enoch!!! (See Genesis 5: 24). You can understand Elijah being just a bit anxious when God sent him to comfort King Ahab with the news that there’s going to be a drought and a famine. “For how long?” asked Ahab. “‘til I say, God will let me know”. Whilst he was there Elijah challenged Ahab’s 450 plus prophets to prove their God against Elijah’s God, on Mount Carmel, which can be seen far and wide. We know who won (1 King’s 18). What a display of trust in God. But that was only the first stage. The drought and famine also applied to Elijah and he was hungry. “Go and live by the brook Cherith. I’ll see that you are properly fed and cared for”. Elijah did exactly as God told him and probably stayed a full year. Fancy being fed by ravenous birds twice each day! Some Folk would have given up but not Elijah. He set off again when God said and this time for Zarapheth, not up the next street but 80 miles north in what we know as Lebanon. How did he do it?? No bus pass! But a lot of mountains. God had ‘commanded’ a certain widow to prepare to welcome him. He was recognised as a man of God and she explained her predicament to him. It was a surprise when he said (not asked) “make me a cake first!” but she did! And God kept His promise to keep her supply of flour and oil available as long as necessary. Remember, the famine lasted three and a half years and he stayed there throughout. We never do learn where he came from except that he was a ‘Tishbite’. Sadly, whilst there the widow’s son fell ill and died. She blamed Elijah and told him so. He did what was second nature to him – he talked to God about the problem (James 5:17) and God restored the son to life.

 I don’t know how Elijah kept contact with King Ahab. They were two opposites but the king accepted the second challenge on Mount Carmel – immediately after the prophets of Baal had been dealt with. Elijah had arranged with God how the drought would end. Just one cloud ‘the size of a man’s hand’ was enough to produce a downpour. Was that the end of Elijah? Not quite. Some Folk find it hard to believe that Elijah was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind watched by his successor Elisha. So we’ll meet again!!

Some Folk will enjoy the next portrait – it’s a multiple. *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:

“Cast your burden

upon the Lord

and He will sustain you.”

Psalm 55 v22

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