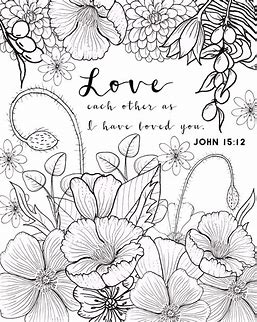
 **Westfield URC**

**Weekly Notice Sheet**

**For 9th May 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 Andrew shares with us this morning and Kath shares an Anniversary Songs of Praise for this evening.**

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|  |  | **Cupcake outline**  Flowers Bunch outline  A very Happy Birthday Shirley (R)  from your Westfield friends |  |  |

**Foodbank 100 challenge from the Wyke foodbank**

Here are some suggestions of items you could collect:

Tinned cooked meat Tinned custard Packets of rice Shampoo Cartons of fruit juice Shower Gel

UHT Milk Washing up liquid Tea

Washing powder Coffee Deodorant

Tinned tuna Tinned rice pudding Tinned fruit Sponge puddings Tinned veg Tinned potatoes

If you are able to help with this challenge deliver to Kath & Andrew or ask us to pick up from your home.

**Advanced Notices :**

**Prayers 9.30am 23rd May**

**Morning worship 10.30am on 23rd May 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 (4)

There are some folk who seem to have been overlooked in recent times, but are worth looking at again. One such character is SAMSON his story you’ll find in the Old Testament book of Judges. The son of Manoah and his wife in response to her pleading with God. He was brought up as a Nazirite (at God’s disposal – no fruit of the vine – no haircuts). He demonstrated his strength by killing a lion whilst out for a walk with Mum and Dad. The next three or four pages of his story are dripping with Philistine blood as Samson shows his prowess. His methods are as varied as his love life. His weakness was his attraction to foreign (that is Philistine) women. He killed his enemy in unorthodox ways – using the jawbone of a donkey on one occasion. He kept the secret of his strength to himself, but gave in eventually to the irresistible charm of his latest lady friend – Delilah. Just like Tom Jones he sang his lullaby “My O My, Delilah” and he was captured, blinded and put to work grinding corn.

A huge Temple celebration brought him out on show as a trophy of war. In the meantime his hair and his strength had grown back again. He needed help and he called on his God as before and took the one opportunity to cause the whole building to collapse. As he lay dying amongst the rubble and bodies of the victims I can still hear him singing “Why O Why, Delilah?” Why not read the whole story again?

And the second character of this chapter of ‘Some Folk’ series is BARNABAS from the New Testament. In my imagination he is a bit like Friar Tuck of Robin Hood fame! No reason, just my vivid imagination. He was a Levite from Cyprus and became a believer in his early years, and fully committed to the Lord. He owned a parcel of land and chose to sell it, giving the proceeds to the Lord’s service. He soon took to travelling and became an itinerant preacher. It didn’t take long to take up with Paul, recently escaped from Damascus and the church in Jerusalem. Together they were sent to Antioch where they were joined by John Mark (the writer of the second Gospel) and conducted a very successful campaign. The people who heard them preach were so moved that they believed them to be messengers from heaven naming them as seemed appropriate – Paul became Mercury and Barnabas becoming Jupiter. They went for a time into Barnabas’s home country – Cyprus and led many to the Lord. Much of their preaching was in the area we now call Turkey and although they fell out over some minor items they reminded friends to the end. In spite of being a regular traveller Barnabas kept in touch with Paul whilst Paul was in prison in Rome. Sadly we don’t know what happened to Barnabas in later years. Did he return to Cyprus? He was a good man and trustworthy and a testimony to be proud of – “He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 11 : 24). *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.**

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Noticeboard witness:

For those not walking past church

this week’s poster is:

“Every Last Drop.

Together we stop this climate crisis.”

Christian Aid week 10th – 16th May

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