 **Westfield URC**

**Weekly Notice Sheet**

**For 16th May 2021**



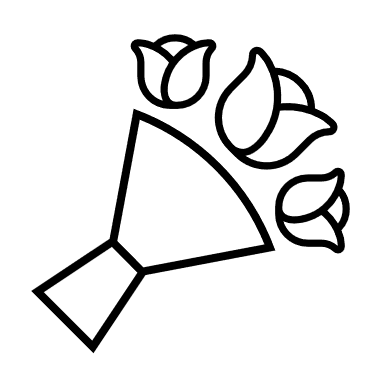
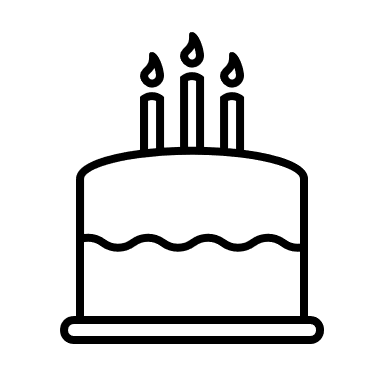
**If you have anything you want to share with the fellowship week by week please email it to Kath by Monday or ring and we will try to include it on the next weekly sheet.**

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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 Kath shares with us after swopping with David Kenyon so he can come and join us on 4th June.**

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|  |  | A very happy birthday Sylvia  from all your Westfield friends |  |  |

Christian Aid Week 10th -16th May

If you have a Christian Aid envelope to donate please bring on 23rd May and Neil will send contributions in. If you are not back at church then and you want an envelope collecting please let Kath, Andrew or Carol know and we will collect when we deliver your weekly sheets.

**Advanced Notices:**

**Back at worship next week:**

**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**

**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**

**Prayers 9.30am 4th June**

**Morning Worship 10.30am David Kenyon**

**Evening worship 6.30pm Neil**

Basil’s: Some Folk (5)

Two more characters from the ‘Some Folk’ records. First: OBADIAH – although there are several with this name in scripture I’m only concerned with two. The first is the author of the shortest book in the Old Testament who was a prophet of Juda. He told of the destruction of the area called Edom - directly descended from Esau the brother of Jacob (renamed Israel). Though Jewish themselves they created the maximum damage to the true Jewish people. They’d refused the passage of the Children of Israel on their journey to the Promised Land. His prophecy was fulfilled and Edom disappeared from the map.

The second OBADIAH was a different chap altogether. He was a Governor to King Ahab (and his Queen Jezebel) but was a sincere believer who was not afraid to show it. He took a big risk when he introduced the prophet Elijah to the King. You can read all about him in 1 Kings 18. He probably escorted Ahab up Mount Carmel to face Elijah’s challenge in the drought and survived.

It must have been very hard for him to maintain his faith amidst such a heathen lot. Perhaps he should have resigned his job or maybe not taken it in the first place. Remember Ahab was not alone in his opposition to God. He was the successor to at least seven earlier evil Kings. Obadiah came through with flying colours and rejoiced with Elijah and the rest when the rain came. Obadiah crossed the stage and disappeared into history. I must enquire about him in heaven. PS Paul advises “be ye not unequally yoked together” (2 Cor. 6 :14) much later but it is not always possible to be separate as a believer. At work or even in a marriage I know prayer changes things but sometimes it takes a long time.

The second ‘some folk’ character is ONESIMUS. He was a slave and is the object of Paul’s little letter to his big business friend Philemon in Colossae. A strange little book but a true example of faith and trust. Onesimus was owned by Philemon and escaped from his master stealing cash for the journey. Somehow he turned up in Rome and he was converted under Paul’s preaching and told his story. In time Paul thought that to bring Onesimus and Philemon together would be a real test of their conversions. So he sent Onesimus back accompanied by Tychicus carrying a letter to Philemon. I think it worked!!! *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.”

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