 **Westfield URC**

**Weekly Notice Sheet**

**For 23rd 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 whether still at home or back at church. This week Robin shares with us.**

 

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|  |  | A very Happy Birthday Neilfrom all your Westfield friends |  |  |

Christian Aid Week 10th -16th May If you have a Christian Aid envelope to donate please bring on 23rd or 30th 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 this week :**

**Prayers 9.30am 23rd May Morning worship 10.30am - Pentecost – Robin. Duty Elder Marjorie**

**Prayers 9.30am 30th May Morning worship 10.30am**

**Rev Jamie Kissack, Yorkshire Moderator. Duty Elder Neil**

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

**First Building on Basics Bible Study led by Andrew**

 **Wednesday 9th June 2pm**

**Prayers 9.30am 4th June**

**Morning Worship 10.30am David Kenyon**

**Evening worship 6.30pm Neil**

Thankyou for your donations to the foodbank 100 challenge – We have delivered 132 from Westfield.

Basil’s: Some Folk (6)

I thought we should consider the B’s of the world. B’s are an initial creation and were and still are instinct driven. They build their homes – hives; they move in large family groups – swarms and they produce honey combs with huge quantities of honey – very rich food and the only originally known sweetener – no sugar then. Lots of references in scripture eg, Psalm 81 : 16, Matt. 3 : 4. Remember the bees which took over the carcase of the lion killed by Samson and inspired his riddle? That was that! Now for the real ‘Some Folk’ B’s.

 Firstly BENJAMIN youngest son of Jacob and Rachel, sadly, Rachel didn’t survive the birth. After Joseph he was Jacob’s favourite and later the tribe which inherited the most prominent area of the Promised Land, which included Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem etc. The tribe was faithful to Judah when the land divided into Judah (2 tribes) and Israel (10 tribes). One strange feature of the tribe was the high percentage of left-handers! - very useful in battle with bows and arrows etc. The tribe almost ceased to exist when they broke the rules by marrying and mixing with foreigners (non Jews). As a result the other tribes wouldn’t allow them to marry within them. The number went down as low as 600. Joseph in Egypt demanded that little brother Benjamin should join the rest in Egypt before he identified himself as the long lost brother. There were many well known members of the tribe in later years – King Saul, Saul who became Paul the Apostle, Queen Esther and her uncle Morrdecai, Gideon and his army of 300.

 The second B in this picture is BOAZ a very well to do and successful farmer. It was in one of his fields where Ruth was gathering left over stalks of grain (by God’s arrangement). The love story unfolds in the book of Ruth in scripture. Unlike the story of Philemon which left us in mid-air, this story is never ending. Boaz is the ‘R’ man to me – he was firstly RELATED to the widow’s late husband; he was RICH enough to provide them with a good life amongst his family and staff. He was READY and willing to play his part and fulfil the requirements of the law. More than that, he loved Ruth and took her to be his wife. From penniless and homeless he brought about a full REDEMPTION for Naomi and his wife Ruth. In course of time they had a son and called him Obed, his son was Jesse and his son was David in whose line came Jesus. Who says God doesn’t plan world events?

 Just one left of the trio, BELSHAZZAR, King of Babylon and successor to Nebuchadnezzar. History tells us nothing about his work or achievements. He just revelled in his predecessors stories. He was a ‘party’ man! Any excuse for a party – eating, drinking, dancing and gaiety galore. His party tables were laden with golden and silver items displaying magnificent gems – all stolen by Nebuchadnezzar from Soloman’s Temple in Jerusalem. He was so happy to show off his wealth when a sudden silence broke the atmosphere. The finger of a man appeared and wrote on the wall. The language was different and unknown. Eventually God’s man Daniel came to deliver the message ……….

“You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting …….Your kingdom is finished”. That night BELSHAZZAR died as the army of the Chaldeans overtook the walls of Shushan (Baghdad). Read it in Daniel ch.5. Farewell oh King! *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:

**“Your word is**

**a lamp to my feet**

**and a light to my path”**

**Psalm 119 v 105**

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