Wavertree Congregational Church

November - December 2024

Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:
Viv & Jim, Carolyn & Family, Jackie & Jason Hookey, Alison & Ben, Peter & Val, Nick & Kate;
Linda Keys, Sue, Stan & Martin Eccles, Eileen Lowe, Dilys Little, Anne Lord, Ann & Alan Ascott,
Frank & Phyllis, Graham & Gerald Taylor, Jenny Hudson, Maureen Harvey, John Burnell & Margaret,
Pauline Campbell, Sue & Ged, Lindsay & Peter, Mei, John and Family, Jean Dawber,
Jen & Mark Firkins, baby Luan and Annettes' friend Saima, and her family.

Dates for your diary!





November

2nd - Tea with a Twist - Eve's 80th Birthday Celebration
3rd - Jean Taylor - Holy Communion
10th - Yvonne Campbell - Remembrance Service
17th - Eve Maudsley - Church Meeting
24th - Sandra O'Nions

December

1st - Yvonne Campbell - Holy Communion
7th - Tea with a Twist - Sue Warburton
8th - Graham Taylor
15th - Eve Maudsley - Christingle
22nd - NO MORNING SERVICE - **Carols by Candlelight - 4pm**
25th - Christmas Day - Sue Warburton
29th - Eve Maudsley

Flower Rota
Nov - Dec
3rd - Carolyn
10th & 17th - Sue
24th - 2nd Dec - Ann



Luke 2:11
For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.



Dear Friends,
Walking up the road, which is a bit of a small hill I suppose, the wind from Wicklow really was getting very severe. I feel very sorry for the homeless in town in the shelter of big buildings or along beside the canal in tents. There but for the grace of God go I! Autumn is really settling in. Because I'm a bit slow at the moment, Val has done the hard work in the garden, trimming bushes ready for the cold spell that's coming. We haven't had a severe winter, with tons of snow, for a few years. Everything is rather upside down presently.You cannot be sure.
Watching the trees doing mad dances in the wind, I was thinking again about the Valley of the Dried Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-3 & 9-14). Do have a look at that section yourself. At he beginning, ' 1 The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me to and among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'Sovereign Lord, you alone know.' To be honest, that is what I think would be a wise reply. Taking the Lord's advice, Ezekiel then followed the Lord closely and carefully. With no effort at all, the Lord displays complete confidence and, stage by stage, these many, many bones become alive again, human! 9'Then he said to me, Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, "This is what the
Sovereign Lord says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live. 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.
11 Then he said to me: 'Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut
off." 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: "This is what the
Sovereign Lord says: my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord."'
Reading this again, it did make me wonder about what a blessing the Lord was giving to the Israelites to be lived out in the Lord's way. These prophecies are followed and then ignored repeatedly. Only on the birth and sacrifice of His One Son, Jesus Christ, was the Lord's promise fulfilled, despite many human mistakes and tragedies, became the fore-runner of our salvation. Good will overcame evil, true love will be an offering for all. As the trees shed their glory and prepare for life again, so we follow faithfully year on year, until He calls us home.
Keep safe, keep loving.

Peter

