

Emergency Bulletin 6: 24 April 2020

Knitting Together

Many people are rediscovering home crafts and skills during this prolonged lockdown. Some of my family members are making good use of spare balls of wool to produce blankets and jumpers!



Even if you can't knit, sew scrubs or deliver food parcels, each one of us can help to build each other up, to knit us together, rather than allowing anyone to unravel.

South Devon Angel Scrubs have been making gowns for the local NHS trusts. They need fabric- see note on p.2. Many other volunteers have been pulling together to help the vulnerable and isolated members of the community. Paul Reynolds writes about the work of HITS (Homeless in Teignbridge Support) whose services are in great demand. If you need help, don't forget to ask for help from your Small group, or from the Pastoral Care Team (contact me for details) if you need a prescription collecting, food delivered or just someone to chat to when the hours crawl slowly.

Self-isolation may bring physical safety, but it carries a risk to our mental health. The NHS has launched a mental health hotline "Every Mind Matters" 01626 215512 9am - 5pm on weekdays or email: coronavirus.support@teignbridge.gov.uk

St Paul wrote these

words in his letter to the Ephesians:

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work (Ephesians 4.15-16)

We need to speak the truth in love. Not everyone can easily access the online services. We must take responsibility for building ourselves up with the word of God which sustains and strengthens our faith which is then expressed in hope and love. Only you can read your bible! But we can speak the truths we discover to one another to encourage others when they are feeling low. That might be in a small group meeting on Zoom, or over the family dinner table, or on the phone to a friend or neighbour.

It's time for us all to get knitting!
yours in Christ,
Graham

EVERY MIND MATTERS

If prolonged isolation is getting you or someone you know down, why not consider 'Every mind matters'- some good advice to maintain mental health. network to make helpers aware of their needs. This will be especially important for people who are elderly or disabled and unable to leave their home, and who need help.

- Hotline number is: 01626 215512
9am - 5pm on weekdays
(excluding bank holidays)
- coronavirus.support@teignbridge.gov.uk

SOUTH DEVON SCRUBS ANGELS

are making scrubs for the local NHS- primary care units and Torbay Hospital. See their [Facebook](#) page for details. They have recruited enough sewers, but are in need of fabric donations specifically cotton or poly cotton bedding which must be clean, not too thin or see through and washable at 60 degrees. If you have something you can donate please contact: Shirley Codner, 07876 252646 or

email codners@outlook.com to arrange collection.

YWAM Turner Valley Update

Tom and Christine Harrison, Bible Teachers at YWAM Turner Valley in Alberta, Canada were recently in SE Asia on a teaching outreach. This outreach ended abruptly when they were evacuated to England after the Canadian borders closed. Still wanting to celebrate what God did, they will be reporting back over a livestream at 3pm on Sunday on their time in South East Asia. Follow

ywamturnervalley.org/titusupdate on Sunday to join and be encouraged by what God is doing around the world. They will also share about what ministry looks like now as they are continuing to work while in England, along with what they will be doing when they return to Canada. You can read more in their newsletter at bit.ly/TitusUpdate.

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Online Services this week

Sunday

Churches Together in Bovey Tracey, Heathfield, Lustleigh, Liverton and Hennock invite you to join the [10.30am Livestream Service](#) with children's talk and mission update from Tom and Christine Harrison. Mark Styants is preaching on John 20.19-23. During and after the service [for 15mins] live-chat comments will be open on the youtube broadcast page. Parents can request children's resources by e-mailing

hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk

You can also listen through Zoom

3pm: Tom & Christine [Harrison livestream](#)

Pray with us for 30 minutes each day:

Monday

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday

7pm Evening Prayer on Zoom*

Wednesday

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Thursday

7am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Saturday

8pm Night Prayer on Zoom

You can join in all these meetings from your phone! Call 0203 481 5240, and then enter the meeting ID 102 163 519#. From a tablet or computer either use a web browser <https://zoom.us/j/102163519> or enter the meeting ID102 163 519 on the free Zoom app.

PPT Financial Appeal

Thank you for the dozen who have responded so far to the congregational letter about church finance. Please send your response to the treasurer as soon as possible, by Sun 3 May.

HITS: Practical Care in the Community

Many of you will be familiar with HITS, Teignbridge's independent food bank. Food banks have come to the fore since the outbreak of Covid-19 as they provide much needed practical help to those struggling to feed themselves or their families.

HITS has been blessed by the generosity of the general public donating food items through supermarket collection baskets. This has been even more important of late as some of our other collection points, churches and nurseries, have been closed. Some of the supermarkets and food suppliers themselves have been very generous donating large quantities of fresh produce which we can include with our standard food packs. We probably have enough bread to feed the five million let alone the five thousand!

As you will have probably have heard in the media, many homeless people have been given temporary accommodation which is a very welcome move, but they still need to feed themselves. Just recently HITS delivered 20+ food packs to those now living in this accommodation.

"Every day our two vans are out and about across the whole of Teignbridge delivering food to those who have been referred to us by one of the local agencies. The heart-felt gratitude of those to whom we deliver is evident to see and makes this work so rewarding. Thank you for your continuing support."

Paul Reynolds, HITS volunteer and member of PPT

Prayer Diary: *with readings and psalms for Morning Prayer*

Monday 27 April: Exodus 19, Psalm 96

Pray for the work of the Bovey Action Group supporting isolated and needy parishioners with food and comfort through the COVID Crisis

Tuesday 28 April: Exodus 20.1-21, Psalm 98

Pray for schoolteachers and pupils and parents trying to sustain online learning, and those who lack the technology to engage.

Wednesday 29 April: Exodus 24, Psalm 105

Pray for Christine and Tom Harrison as they wait for opportunity to return to serving with YWAM Turner Valley, Canada.

Thursday 30 April: Exodus 25.1-22, Psalm 136

Give thanks for the doctors, nurses and support staff of the NHS and those in care homes trying to protect the most vulnerable.

Friday 1 May: James 1.1-12, Psalm 139 (St Philip & James)

Pray for grace to follow Christ like lesser known apostles, to be diligent in prayer, study of scripture, generosity and service.

Saturday 2 May: Exodus 29.1-9, Psalm 110

Pray for the Government as it seeks wisdom for safe ways to relax the restrictions and revive the economy

Sunday 3 May: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Psalm 106

Pray for the live-streamed services to bring hope and encouragement to many beyond the regular congregations of our town

Pray for the sick: Avery Matthews, Matthew Percy, Michelle Sadd, Margaret Woodmansey, Isla, Isobel Waldron, David Alexander, Karen Rowan-Smith, Dani Tanimowo, Rob Martin, Eric and Marion Lodge, Christine and Graham Downing, Lawrence Hall, Nancy Adams, Rose Maina, Jonathan Duff.

For the bereaved family of:

Beatrice Hodge, who died in Croft Lodge, Teignmouth, aged 93

Collect: Prayer of the week - The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

