



“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19

What are your thoughts on...Prayer?

It is possibly the most important discipline of our Christian lives and yet (or therefore) one where we often get confused and disappointed most. This in itself sometimes leads us to marginalise it or sometimes even give up completely. What are we talking about? – PRAYER

There are so many different aspects of prayer – private prayer, group prayer, public prayer and so on. There is talking and listening in prayer. There are the problems of seemingly unanswered prayer and the dangers of ‘shopping list prayer. What do we feel the Bible

says about prayer?

We all have different stories to tell about our experiences in prayer. Hearing (or reading) about other people’s experiences can often encourage and inspire us and even challenge us. Hearing other people’s honest problems with prayer can also encourage us and help us face up to our own difficulties with prayer.

With all this in mind we are asking QRBC people to put some of their thoughts and experiences, or even problems, about prayer on to paper (or emails) so that we can include some in the next

edition of *Look Inside*. If you do not want to have your names printed with their articles, we can print them anonymously to avoid undue embarrassment. Articles would need to be around 500 words (or less) and would need to reach the office by March 18th. Emails should be headed for Look Inside and sent to hjones@qrbc.co.uk.

We hope this means that Look Inside can become a useful space to share our Christian experience together.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

It’s that time of year when we are in the middle of training our youngsters for their various expeditions. The Golds, our hardest lot, go out first to Snowdonia on 12 April when it can be very chilly especially in the evenings. Fortunately they are packed like sardines in their tents so keep each other warm. However going out of the tent in the middle of the night to the toilet when every footstep makes a loud crunch on the frozen grass is not much fun. This year we have a huge Silver group of over eighty youngsters and thirty leaders who are off to the Peak District on 27 April. Two weeks later our relatively

small Bronze group of just over forty youngsters are off to a camp site in the Cotswolds near Bourton on the Water which is a very pleasant place for leaders to go to for our morning coffee and cake.

We have been very fortunate this year as one of our leaders applied for a grant which we have used to buy new camping equipment. However we have had to spend a lot of money getting twelve of us to renew our first aid qualifications and several of us to renew our driving assessment qualification with the council. Fortunately D of E has enough ‘oldies’ in our group with D1 licenses that we can

drive all our participants to their various destinations. Hopefully with these qualifications and many others, and experienced leaders we will have a safe expedition –our major priority.

Please remember us all in your prayers especially the safety of us all and that none of the youngsters fall ill – it is especially awful being ill, squashed in a tent in the middle of the night some distance from the toilet. Some sunshine, but not too hot, no rain and just a light breeze would be perfect.



4th March 2018

Morning 10.30am:

Iain Colville

Mark 4: 26-34

Evening 6.30pm including communion

Rev Graham Banks

John 15: 9-17

The Chapel has a hearing loop system – you can access it by sitting centrally downstairs.

News sheets and Songs/Hymns are available in LARGE print – please speak to a steward

Prayer ministry is available in the chapel following both services.

Coffee will be served after each service. Please feel welcome to stay and chat.

Want to know more about what goes on at QRBC? Then visit www.qrbc.co.uk

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Next Sunday: 11th March 2018

10.30am Mothering Sunday. All Age Service.

6.30 pm led by Paul Whitehead (Longford Baptist Church)

Prayer Focus

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. "By His stripes you are healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Personal Focus: Thank God for Jesus for being an ultimate sacrifice to save us from sin and to give us hope. Let His healing hand be on us where we need comfort and strength.

QRBC: Pray for the Senior Fellowship and Art and Crafts group meeting to have good time of fun and fellowship. Thank God for all the volunteers who help in running various activities during this week.

Please contact: John Jesudason or John Pither or Jenny Young to include items for Prayer Focus

Coventry Focus: Pray for the friends and families of the two boys who died in the road accident. Pray for the people affected by the recent cold weather conditions. Pray for the churches running shelter programmes during the winter months.

International: Pray for the families who lost loved ones in the recent Leicester explosion. Pray for the local community in Florida who were affected by the recent school shootings. Pray for the situation in Venezuela where people do not get their basic needs met. Pray especially for the children and for the political leaders to take the right actions.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

This week the children can go out to age appropriate groups (at 11am to be collected at 12noon), please ask a steward where to go if you are unsure. We have a monthly all age service, the next one is 11th March 10.30am.

COMMUNION

We welcome all who love Jesus as their Lord and Saviour to join us around His table.

Bread free from gluten, milk and wheat is available – please ask; the "wine" is red grape juice.

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you require prayer we do offer prayer ministry at the end of each service. Please speak to a steward to be directed to someone.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be Wednesday March 7th 10.30am. (coffee/tea from 10am) in the lounge. Judith Brazier will give an illustrated talk on our twin centre, Dresden and its Baptist church. QRBC has had links with that church since 1990. Come and learn the up to date situation. All ages, and one-off visitors will be welcome!

ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP

The next Arts and Crafts meeting will be on Thursday March 8th at 10am in The Regent Room. Margaret Newby will help us to make a bracelet. Please bring any equipment if you have it e.g. small scissors, pliers, bead frame.

REWIND TO EASTER

Will take place on 27th & 28th March for Year 5 pupils. (10-11.30am & 1.15pm–2.25pm) If you can help for all or part of this event please contact the office this week. Thank you

LENT SOUP LUNCHES

Area E are having their annual soup lunch on Tuesday Mar 13th 12.30 'til 2pm at 33 The Chesils, the home of Anna Grimshaw. You don't have to live in this area to come along and enjoy the fellowship and amazing selection of soups on offer! Everyone is welcome.

This will be to raise funds for Christian Aid, therefore a small donation would be appreciated.

Please feel free to ask for a lift by calling 07790 780 421 or 02476 504982.

MEMORIES

In 1947, a brash young American evangelist was invited to UK by Youth For Christ for some outreach meetings. He

was due to speak very soon after landing at the airport, but the welcoming committee had a problem. He was wearing a very bright coloured shirt, as would have been common in USA at that time. This, however, was not deemed acceptable to address a group of British church leaders and clergy in 1947. The problem was solved. He preached in one of my Dad's shirts!!

That young American evangelist was Billy Graham, who died very recently aged 99 years.

It may be that some QRBC members look back to a Billy Graham rally or sermon as a turning point in their lives.

We thought it might be a nice tribute for people to share some of these recollections in the coming *Look Inside*. Could you write something for this and send it to the church office, either in hard copy or by email to hjones@qrbco.org.uk?

Ralph Hanger

NEWS SHEET - Dates for submissions Wednesday 7th March admin@qrbco.org.uk or leave in box in Reception. Please note the News sheet is published on the website so please do not ask for anything you would not wish to be published in this way.

PRAYER CHAIN It is important that prayer requests made by email are sent to: prayer-chain@qrbco.org.uk. Requests can also be received by telephone during office hours on 024 7652 0621. Requests may take longer to circulate when the office is closed