



St John's,  
Tipton

Weekly Newsheet

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

## 'Ronarag 36'

Dear Church Family,

Did you know that on Thursday of this week it was World Toilet Day?! No, neither did I! Tearfund, the Christian charity that support the most vulnerable around the world, sent out this letter this week:

"Have you ever been thankful for your toilet? It may seem like a strange question... In the UK, most of us have one (or more) in our home. We may not consider our toilet a luxury, but more than 2 billion people around the world currently don't have easy access to one.

We want to share a story about how much difference a toilet can make to someone's life. Zainab is over 80 years old. She was forced to flee her home in northern Iraq because of conflict. She can't bear to think back to those times. Zainab now lives in a camp for displaced people. Like millions of others, she lives without access to the basic essentials – things that used to be simple such as cooking a meal, taking a shower or going to the toilet have now become challenging tasks.

Zainab can't walk on her own and doesn't have a wheelchair, so she needs support to get anywhere. The shared camp toilets are too far for her to get to, so she has to rely on two people helping her to a nearby private spot. There is little dignity or comfort in this. It makes Zainab long for home even more.

Tearfund has been supporting vulnerable people, like Zainab, by building toilets for them to use in the camps, restoring dignity and independence.

'It feels good to know I will have a proper toilet close enough to use,' says Zainab. Today, let's thank God for the things in our homes that we sometimes take for granted. And please pray that we will be able to provide basic necessities to more people like Zainab."

In fact did you know that you can 'twin' your toilet and help provide a toilet for someone like Zainab? You'll even receive a photo of your overseas toilet twin. This could make a great and unique Christmas gift for someone you know – [visit toilettwinning.org to find out more](http://visittoilettwinning.org) .

With every blessing,

With my prayers for you all,  
Lynn.

## **Notices**

### **Sunday Services**

**Sunday services are one again suspended.** During this time services will be continue to provided online and in paper form.

### **Zoom events**

While we cannot meet in person, can I encourage you to join one of our zoom events. We miss seeing you and would love to catch up and say hello!

### **Pilsley FareShare.**

A big thank you to all those who have generously contributed to the Pilsley FareShare project. We raised the sum of £560. This, together with other grants that we have already had and are hoping to receive from other sources, will mean that we should be able to continue the project until the Spring and also provide some extra goodies to enhance the last delivery before Christmas. The FareShare team prays every week that God would bless the families who receive the food boxes - thank you for your partnership in this

### **Pilsley Carol Singing.**

Unfortunately, the 'Carols on the Green' event is extremely unlikely to go ahead this year. Unfortunately, we aren't allowed to sing in church. Hopefully.... by Christmas week we might be able to meet outside in groups of 6 again...and even sing outside (if we stand 2m apart). So we could go out in groups of 6 (assuming that this number permitted) to sing carols around Pilsley and bless our village for about an hour (depending on how cold/wet it is). Dates and times (let me know if you would prefer later):

- Monday 21st Dec 5pm
- Tuesday 22nd Dec 5pm
- Wednesday 23rd Dec 5pm

Please let Steve (abilyst@hotmail.com) know if you are keen to join and more details will be published nearer the time.

### **Rev'd Richard Law**

Rev'd Richard Law, is retiring at the end of November and to say thank you for his years with us and his many years of ministry we are collecting for a leaving gift. If you wish to contribute, please could you drop in gifts to me. Please make sure they are marked for Richard. Do continue to keep Richard and Gillian in your prayers as they prepare to move.

### **Praying for the Nation**

You are invited to join churches around the country at 6pm every evening throughout November to pray for our nation during these challenging times. There are a variety of prayer resources to help you.

For personal prayers click [here](#)

For daily prayers click [Here](#)

### **Readings for week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

|                   |                    |                         |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon: Psalm 92;    | Isaiah 40.1–11;    | Revelation 14.1–13      |
| Tues: Psalm 97;   | Isaiah 40.12–26;   | Revelation 14.14–15.end |
| Wed: Psalm 110;   | Isaiah 40.27–41.7; | Revelation 16.1–11      |
| Thurs: Psalm 125; | Isaiah 41.8–20;    | Revelation 16.12–end    |
| Fri: Psalm 139;   | Isaiah 41.21–42.9; | Revelation 17           |

### **Collect for Sunday before Advent -Christ the King**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Prayers**

Let us pray to our heavenly Father who created all things in heaven and on earth. He knows our needs and the needs of the world and reaches out with love and forgiveness to reconcile all things to himself.

We pray for the church throughout the world asking God to forgive us for the divisions that separate us and to heal the wounds that those divisions have caused. We pray that the church, Christ's body, may be united and strengthened by Christ himself who holds all things together and has first place in everything.

We pray for all who hold the power and responsibility that comes with authority. We pray that the spirit of Christ the King will teach them humility and a willingness to stand alongside those who depend on them for leadership.

We pray for all who suffer pain and mental distress through illness or through the cruelty of others. We pray that God's power and spirit will strengthen them and bring them the healing and peace that belong to Christ's kingdom.

Heavenly Father, you have rescued us from the power of darkness. Help us to walk in this world as citizens of your kingdom of light where Christ reigns as King in glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*(Katherinesmith.org.uk)*

## **What's on this week!**

### **Sunday - Coffee after Church**

#### **St Mary's Church – 11am**

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854205991?pwd=YXVUQis4LzkxbHY2UitJWVEzMGpMd09>

Meeting ID: 868 5420 5991

Password: 408468

### **St John's Church -12 noon**

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939397383?pwd=eWt3dzRFdTJkQUV1eklrTVRLMVFwdz09>

Meeting ID: 889 3939 7383

Password: 581481

### **Sunday 6pm – Praying together**

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83764610729?pwd=TXo5UzhMRXUwN2tPbEFwTWJlYXZ09

Meeting ID: 837 6461 0729

Password: 703237

### **Tuesday 9am – Morning Prayer**

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89624129307?pwd=cjFjK21VV3FLem1iTGtKOUtEK1JBdz09

Meeting ID: 896 2412 9307

Password: 681530

### **Tuesday 10am – Totstop**

If the weather is dry, meet outside the Centre for a walk (if there are more than 6 of us, we will split up!)

If it's wet we will be on zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86921099801?pwd=dDBXS3FYakZLYm85RDNEdWFSSmJjQT09

Meeting ID: 869 2109 9801

Passcode: 574567

### **Thursday 10am – Pop-In for coffee**

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86210249687?pwd=ejAvUTNETGRneTBYVUUhXeGh1L1lZQT09

Meeting ID: 862 1024 9687

Password: 046923