



**A Beacon of God's Kingdom in Birchwood**

Welcome to our morning service, our speaker today is **Mr Ron Gemmell**

**Theme:** Coming Home

**Readings:** 2 Samuel 6 v 1-5 & 12-19 and Ephesians 1 v3-14

**A MESSAGE FROM HELEN**

**At the Elders meeting it was decided to try to put together an outside, in the garden at church, service on the 25<sup>th</sup> July.** As we are allowed to sing outside it would be great to have as many excellent tunes as possible and as many musicians as we can too. There will be no service on zoom, no microphones for singing but one for Jenny speaking. Hopefully an amp for a keyboard or guitar? Can you give some thoughts to songs please and if you are able to and happy to join in. **You will need to book a seat via Elaine for social distancing chair layout and track and trace. It will be good to worship together using instruments and voices. The gazebo will be up to just in case and if the weather is awful, we move inside but with no sung worship. Let me know what you think on 07402 198425, thanks everyone** 😊 🌂 🌞 🎸 🎹 🎵



**At 4.00pm on 24<sup>th</sup> July to set up the gazebo – again please contact Helen if you can help. Thanks**



**Our next Church meeting is the 15/7/21 on Zoom.** If you have any agenda items - please email Helen by the 13/7/21 so the agenda can be put together and circulated. We are planning to include as much information on the agenda as we can prior to the meeting to help keep everyone informed and up to date. If you have any questions at all, please do get in touch with Helen. [helenbennetttrc@gmail.com](mailto:helenbennetttrc@gmail.com)

For your info everyone - these are the guidance documents from the Government that we are required to follow in places of worship until we are advised otherwise. It means we have to wear facemasks, sit in our bubbles and sanitise as well as no singing or loud voices - they are just a few of the requirements.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-2-december>

However, at the June Elders meeting we discussed being able to offer tea and coffee outside after the service which needs people to volunteer to do. If you would be happy to help with this - Covid secure and risk assessed - can you let Helen know please. It would involve setting up disposable cups, hot water, milk, tea and coffee outside so people can help themselves if they wish to. And of course, tidying up afterwards. We are also looking to bring back door duty so people have an official welcome when they arrive - again, outside as much as possible, as that is the safest place for us to be.

Thanks in advance for your support - it's great being able to meet up again in a safe way for all of us. Let me know if you feel you can help.

Thanks Helen 07402198425/helenbennetttrc@gmail.com

**Bible readings for the week ending 18.07.2021**

- 2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37
- Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



We have available a **weekly reflection sheet** that has been coordinated by Jenny for worship at home for those of us that are unable to make Church services either in person or on Zoom.

**If you know anyone who would like a copy, or you yourself do - please contact Helen on [helenbennetttrc@gmail.com](mailto:helenbennetttrc@gmail.com) or 07402198425 and we will get a copy to you. Please do let people know this is available. Thank you.**

**JUNE ACCOUNTS**

Income	£4,212.41
Expenditure	£(3,565.41)
Net	£647.00





Everyone is warmly invited to the first Pastorate Eco-Church meeting.

If you're curious about Eco-Church, interested and want to learn more, committed and would like to share ideas, resources or you'd like help with some questions.....please come along.  
Our first meeting will be to share stories and ideas, and to think about where we can work together and help each other.  
I look forward to seeing you there.

The zoom details are:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72308202346?pwd=M1BTZFoyUW80dUcraGxqQUsvMmVCUT09>

Meeting ID: 723 0820 2346

Passcode: 134557

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**If you can't make this first meeting don't worry, there will be others. Please let me know if there would be a better time of day for folk to meet and we can bear it in mind for the future.**

God bless,

Jenny Travis



**We have now opened church on Sundays.** Initially the service will follow a similar format to the one we have used to over the past year and it will be 'Zoomed' into church and shown on the screen. As numbers will be limited, **please email [sunday@thomasrisley.org](mailto:sunday@thomasrisley.org) or text Elaine on 07855 055071** by 5pm on Thursday and she will let you know by midday Saturday at the latest if you have a place. She will also ask you for a contact phone number, in line with the government's Test and Trace requirements

Please visit the church website [www.thomasrisley.org](http://www.thomasrisley.org) for church news and updates.

**Church Services at 10.40 am on Sundays, Virtual Treats at 10.00 – 11.00am on Thursdays and Prayer Meetings at 7.00-7.30pm on Thursdays and other sessions can be accessed via Zoom.**

**\* For Thomas Risley Services the Zoom ID is 919 800 8000**

<https://zoom.us/j/9198008000>

**\*\* For Pastorate Services the Zoom ID is 878 0516 4573, passcode 523697**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87805164573?pwd=bGRQeitqTElTSXdCdityR2NQL21nQT09>



If you have any news or items that you want to let people know about, this is how you do it – just send an email to [news@thomasrisley.org](mailto:news@thomasrisley.org) – or you can ring Maggie on 07952 246668 **before Thursday afternoon please.**

If you would like to receive an email copy of the newsletter each week, you can request one either via our website, <http://www.thomasrisley.org> or by emailing [secretary@thomasrisley.org](mailto:secretary@thomasrisley.org).

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