

## WORSHIP AND MIDWEEK GROUPS 3rd - 17th October 2021

We would love to see you joining us for worship in church at 11am or streamed live on Zoom (Meeting ID: 407 593 4256 Passcode: 123456) this autumn.

On 10th October we have our harvest celebration including lunch at the cricket club. Book in quickly with Sue Williams on [sue.mwilliams@live.com](mailto:sue.mwilliams@live.com) or 07500 362415 if you would like to join us. Cost of £5 includes a cup of tea or coffee on arrival.

### Autumn Series The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus reveals the heart of God in Matthew Chapters 5-7. We are very much enjoying exploring his challenging teaching each week.

### Thursday 7th Oct Oct 12-1pm Zoom and Soul.

### Sunday 10th October 11am Harvest Celebration: Matthew 5:13-16

**Stick your head above the parapet!** Lead by Rev Peter Cousins, Rev Julia Bartholomew and Mark Rodgers.  
Followed by church lunch at Rhos Cricket club.

### Thursday 14th Oct 12-1pm Zoom and Soul: Mtt 5:31-37 and 19:3-9

### Sunday 17th October

### 11am Matthew 5:31-37; 19:3-9 Why is a marriage so special?

Lead by Rev Julia Bartholomew, Ellis Morey and Mark Rodgers.

### Thurs 21st Oct 12-1pm Soup and Soul in the Community Room.

Please book in with Howard Clayton on 07519 014313.

**Want someone to chat to?** For a friendly listening ear contact:

4th-8th Oct            Rev James Bolton 01492 547956

9th-16th Oct         Keith Harrison

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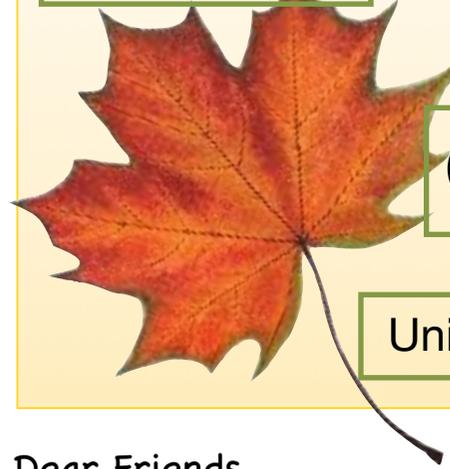
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Dear Friends,

How many tea/coffee shops, bars, restaurants and cafes can you name in Rhos? Quite a few! Maybe grabbing a coffee, a cuppa or a glass of wine with a friend is what Rhos is all about. What a great way for things to be! There is surely something for everyone from milkshakes to mochass, coffees to chardonnays, builders brews to best bitter. But the drinks, of course are just the lubricants for the star of the show which is the chance for a good natter with your family and friends. Surely an essential part of every weekly budget is a few pounds set aside for that cappuccino!

Paul the apostle put it slightly differently in his letter to the churches in Rome. *'Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!'* (Romans 12:15-16) Surely the perfect setting for living out that approach to life is the coffee shop!



Restaurants, pubs and cafes have been working so hard to keep their spaces safe the past eighteen months. This means that now we really can nurture ourselves and our neighbours or friends with a listening ear, some friendly banter and our favourite tippie!

With every blessing, Julia

## Community Events are starting up again in the church

**If you fancy a sing...in Rhos URC it is not just the 'three tenors' but the three choirs!**

- **Funtime Choir** meeting on Monday evenings from 7.30-9pm
- **Tenovus Choir** meets on Tuesday evenings starting 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. Contact [tenovuscancercare.org.uk](http://tenovuscancercare.org.uk) to find out more.
- **Rock Choir** will be on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm. Book in on-line. More information at [rockchoir.com](http://rockchoir.com)

### Groups offering exercise and more:

- **Tai Chi** at 12.00noon, with Carolyn, on Mondays Book in advance with China Bridge Centre instructor Carolyn Ridding on 07425 157360
- **"Move it or Lose it"** is gentle exercise for over 60's. Sessions are 9:30-10:30 am and 11-12 noon. Book in with Matt Freeman on 07542 882769 [matt.freeman@moveitorloseit.co.uk](mailto:matt.freeman@moveitorloseit.co.uk) and find your mobility improving.
- **"Versus Arthritis"** offers exercise, activities and friendship on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:30pm. Pop along, email [walesupport@versusarthritis.org](mailto:walesupport@versusarthritis.org) or telephone 0800 756 3970 for more information or to book in.



**VERSUS  
ARTHRITIS**

**MOVE IT  
OR LOSE IT!**

And of course on Fridays mornings we have the Country Market from 10.00am-12 noon; come along and buy a cake, some homemade chutney or a delicious pie! Light refreshments are being served again.



me it was a marriage arranged in heaven! But it wasn't! Before a year had passed Jack told his wife that she had to choose, this God of hers or him. She couldn't have both and he wasn't having her going off every Sunday and also during the week to church. He expected her to be home for him and she had to decide.

Mrs P did decide. She packed her clothes and left. God came first and foremost. She told Jack that she loved him and she with God would be a far better person than she without God. He didn't want to know about her God. For years Mrs P worked in a Village Mission living in a caravan and travelling all over the West Midlands to hold missions in small villages. During that time the Mission saw hundreds of people put their faith in Jesus especially children who they encouraged to go to Sunday School. During winter Mrs P worked as a nurse; in spring and summer as a Missioner. And she continued to do that until she retired and came to live four miles from our church.

Jack thought he had made the right decision by getting rid of his wife but he took to drink. He never found another woman who he liked; he drank more and more by way of compensation until he became an alcoholic. He was always short of money, at times begging, and from being tall and extremely smart became more like a tramp. Finally he collapsed and was taken to hospital, but went back to drinking as soon as he could. Then something happened that is truly amazing. Mrs P got to hear about her husband whom she hadn't seen for forty plus years. She heard about his plight, found out where he was, took a taxi, found him and brought him back to her house. She bathed him, bought new clothes for him, fed him, looked after him, took him for walks and took control of him.

Within months both Mrs P and Jack came to church; he listened to the message, saw the truth of it, apologised to his wife for being such a fool as to get rid of her when he could have had an amazing life, and offered his life to Jesus. Full reconciliation after all that time! Jack never went in a pub again but they did walk around our village arm in arm telling people how they had come back together again and how wonderful life was now they saw eye to eye. They lived together for about two years before both of them died within a few days of each other. "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

## **The Amazing Story of Mrs P. shared by Trevor Mills**

Mrs Palfrey came to church twice on a Sunday and twice during the week. She lived four miles away so came by bus. She was the only one in the congregation who had a key to the side door of the church because often the buses were early. She made herself a cup of tea and biscuits were always left out for her. She was known by everyone as Mrs P. I would guess she was by this time in her late sixties but very well and fit. She appeared to be austere so no one fooled around in her company.

No one knew anything about her; she never talked about her past until one evening she was asked to give her testimony. She told us she had been born into a high ranking family and as a child had lived in a big house with many servants. Although her life was very privileged she had no one to play with. Then she discovered Sunday School and loved it. The stories of Jesus fascinated her and at the age of about eleven she gave her life to Jesus fully aware of what she was doing. She was given a Bible and told she could read it. But her father told her he had no time for religion, confiscated her Bible and threw it onto the top of a very tall bookcase in the library – and told his daughter she was not to go to Sunday School again. In fact to prevent her doing so she was locked in her bedroom on Sunday afternoons to make sure she didn't go.

She lost touch with Sunday School but not with God. She talked to him and by some acrobatics managed to climb up the book case, get her Bible and take it to her bedroom where she read it at every opportunity when no one was around. Being home tutored meant she didn't go to school having no opportunity to hear Bible Stories from that source. Eventually at eighteen she left home against her parent's wishes, started work as an Auxiliary Nurse and attended a church at every opportunity she could. (The first part of this story was told by Mrs P. This next part was told me by my father.) Then she met Jack! Jack was a tall, very good looking man who saw this beautiful young lady and within weeks asked her to marry him. She agreed. They were married in our village church with the wedding attended by a lot of the people from the village. It was quite an occasion. My father knew Jack; they had been to school together and had been friends. Dad told

HARVEST CELEBRATION Sunday 10th October 2021

All gifts (other than in church weekly envelopes) in church on 10th Oct will be given to support the work of Tearfund, the Christian charity which responds to disasters across the world and equips people to build new lives. Special envelopes will be given out for this.

You are also invited to donate food for the **FOODBANK**. This can be placed in the bucket in church or placed on the table at the back of church on Fridays from 10-12 or on Sunday mornings.

**PRAYER FOR AFGHANISTAN**

### **1. Pray for the Christians who have stayed**

Some believers have chosen to stay to be a witness for the Lord.

### **2. Pray for those who have fled**

Pray that they will know God's presence, wisdom and peace.

### **3. Pray for the young girls and the women**

Many are vulnerable, and afraid that their education will be cut short, or will be a cause of shame, not confidence.

### **4. Pray for the secret Christian believers**

Practically all Christians in the country are secret believers.

### **5. Pray for the seekers**

Pray that those who want to find truth will find Jesus.

### **6. Pray for the food and economic situation**

While global focus is on the conflict, local Afghans are going hungry.

### **7. Pray for the Covid-19 situation**

Healthcare and oxygen supplies are failing & vaccination rates falling.

### **8. Pray that no more terrorist attacks will take place**

### **9. Pray for the Taliban**

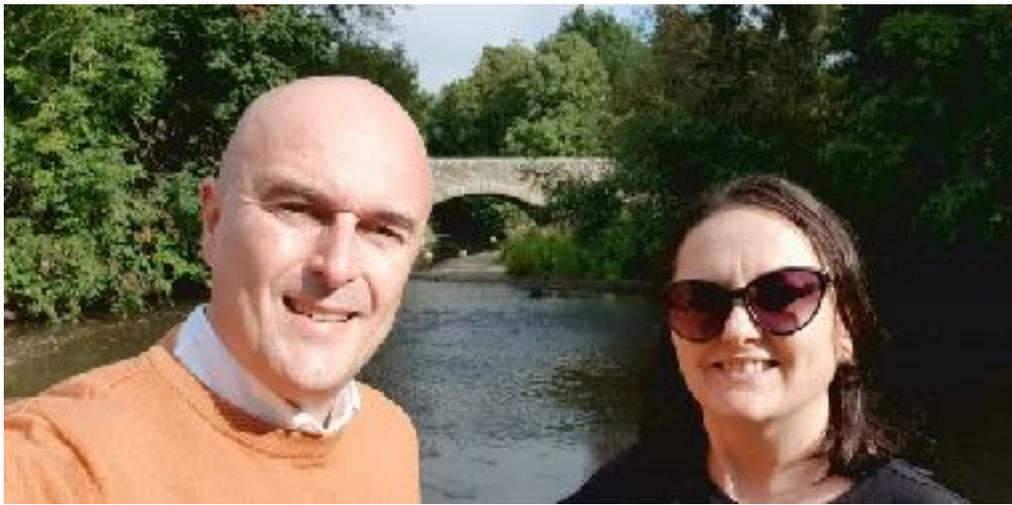
The Bible calls for us to pray for persecutors. Pray for miracles – that God will reveal Himself to these leaders through dreams and visions.

## **HARVEST LUNCH on Sun 10th Oct at 12:30 after the 11am service.**

Head down to the cricket club after church. The cost for the lunch is £5 which includes a welcome cup of tea or coffee. Additional drinks can be purchased at the bar.

*We are gathered,  
planted as seeds,  
grounded in his Spirit,  
germinated in Jesus, fruit for God.*  
Derek Hall





### **Brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings!**

My name is Mark Rodgers, and I am a third year Ordinand, studying at Northern College, Manchester and will be spending the next two years with you all, on placement at Rhos URC. I hope our time together will be blessed.

I am married to Collette and have two daughters – Lydia who's 20 and in her final year at the University of Exeter, studying History, and Hannah who is 18 and in her first year at the University of Liverpool, studying Archaeology. (All those years dragging them around National Trust properties paid off!). When they are home they both live with us in Wrexham.

Collette is a supply teacher, although one day her dream is to have a permanent class of her own. But she enjoys it all the same and embraces the variety of settings she teaches in, (and no doubt the early darts home too!).

I started my discipleship in 2008. Before that God did not feature in my life, although he was equipping me for ministry even then without me knowing it. My journey started with a bad bout of depression due to unresolved trauma I had experienced in my late teens. It seems I am not alone though and trauma plays a huge part in Christianity, even in the writing of the Bible! I decided to sort it out once and for all, part of

which involved changing my attitudes and openness to new ways of thinking. God had opened my mind and my eyes. I suddenly came into contact with many Christians and viewed for myself what God was doing in their lives. So, after a year of discovery, God led me, like a little bird following a trail of crumbs, to Salisbury Park URC, one of the best things to ever happen to me.

Before training for ministry I worked for Careers Wales for 21 years, doing a multitude of Jobs but mainly working with young people aged 14-18, equipping them with the skills and confidence needed to find work or training. In the days before that I had opened a retail fashion outlet for designer men's clothing. I have also been a keen actor, director and writer in the past, the pinnacle of this being playing MacDuff at the RSC's Swan Theatre. I have also been on a few quiz shows in the past, so if you are a keen watcher of Challenge TV you might just see a repeat of my time on The Chase or The Weakest Link. I am always up for a quiz night!

I hope to get to know you all during these next two years, although I do forget names very easily. It will be nice to share time and contribute to God's work with you all.

See you all very soon

**Mark**

### **Church News**

#### **Please keep up the great work of supporting the church**

If you would like to contribute to the mission of the church and the upkeep of the building there are several ways you can do this:

- Leave a donation in the box in church
- Contact Delyth Beecroft on 01492 547859 or [delyth.beecroft@gmail.com](mailto:delyth.beecroft@gmail.com) for information about weekly envelopes or a regular bank transfer and Gift Aid.

#### **Friday Night is Youth & Children's club night at Rhos URC.**

Contact Youth Leader Ellis Morey on 07761 085863 or Julia if you would like to help with the clubs starting over the next few weeks or if you know of youngsters who might be interested in joining us. Our next meeting is Friday 22nd Oct 2:45-5:15 for school years 2-9.

