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June

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Service details for June

4th June

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Rev Judith Lincoln S

Duty Stewards: Roderick Lay & Hazel Brewer

Welcome Steward: Jenny Marsay

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service - Rev Helen Bell

11th June

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Mr Stuart Crossley R

Duty Stewards: Iris Bown & Ian Lay

Welcome Steward: Rosie Woodland

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Judith Lincoln

18th June

CTiM United Service

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship at St. Michael's Church

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Joy Langford

25th June

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Mr Tom Limb

Worship Leader: Ann Lay

Duty Stewards: Hazel Brewer & Roderick Lay

Welcome Steward: Ian Lay

6.00 p.m. Taizé Prayer

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
4th June	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	<i>Ann Lay & Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Janet Forrester Ann Lay Jill Gibbins</i>
11th June	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Ann Holloway</i>	
18th June	<i>United Service</i>		<i>Rosie Barrs Kate Scott Ann Holloway</i>
25th June	<i>David Woodward</i>	<i>Kim Tubby & Wendy Billing</i>	

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

As I write this, in mid-May, it's the day before Ascension Day. An important festival of the Church, yet one that can get overlooked because it lands on a Thursday. It marks Jesus' return to His Father after His resurrection- as the jokes in lockdown in 2020 put it, "when Jesus started working from home".

Jesus returning to heaven sounds joyful- but for the disciples, it was most probably a time of mixed emotions. They'd got used to Jesus being back, and now He was snatched away again. Some of the grief they felt at His death may have come back. They may also have wondered, "Was it all real?" and "Without Jesus to show us the way, what on earth are we to do?" For those who had seen Jesus ascend, His instruction just before He did so, might not have been helpful. "Wait for the power from on high." For how long would they be in limbo? Yet they did "wait for the power from on high"- perhaps with a bit of fidgeting, but when that power came, at Pentecost, it was way beyond their imagining.

We live, especially since Covid, in changing times- for society and for the Church. We may feel like those disciples after Jesus' ascension, disorientated and uncertain, as if caught in an emotional and spiritual washing machine on a 1400 spin. We may want to fix things NOW, and God's timing can seem frustratingly slow... or wonder what we can do, where we'll find the energy. But maybe, if we "wait for the power from on high", are open to the Spirit, God will do more than we can imagine, even if we can't see what yet.

With love in Christ,

Judith

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Rev Judith Lincoln, on 0116 2313957, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

HOME FELLOWSHIP

The June Home Fellowship meetings are on **Tuesday 13thth & Tuesday 27th**, starting at 5.30 at the home of Hazel & Douglas Brewer. Please contact Ann or Ian Lay if you need more information or would like a lift. (Tel: 01530 242166)

MUSIC CAFÉ

2.00 – 4.00 on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Don't be on your own! Come for a music-based afternoon of friendship and fun.

This month we will meet on **Thursday 8th & 22nd**.

Contact Linda (01530 242607) to find out more.

“COME FOR A CUPPA” Every Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00

Come and meet each other for a cuppa and a chat. There is no charge.

CHURCH AGM & LUNCH

It was wonderful to see so many folks at the AGM with Service and bring and share lunch. Everything went really well and the feedback from folks has been excellent. It is so important that the whole Church knows about Church business: where we are now and where we want to go etc...

Many thanks to Rev Judith who did an outstanding job on the day and for all her efforts in preparing the service.

The bring and share lunch was also absolutely amazing - what a spread! No-one should have gone home hungry! Thanks to everyone who organised and helped with that, it is very much appreciated.

The minutes of the meeting have been circulated but, if by any chance you haven't received a copy and want one, please let me know.

Kerry

IMPORTANT DATES – A REMINDER

JULY 2ND – Judith's last service at our church

JULY 23RD at 3.00 p.m. – Judith's Farewell Service at Ratby

AUGUST 27TH at 2.30 p.m. Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Jimi Kaci at our church

Items for the **JULY** notices should reach Linda & William Walmsley by **18TH JUNE**

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