



21st June 2026.
 We extend a warm welcome to
 Rev Gregory Haynes and to all
 our members, friends and visitors.



For meditation: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning: great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3: 22 -23*

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is Father's Day. This is a secular tradition that has migrated to the UK from the US. It's beginnings are believed to originate from special services held on 5 July 1908 to honour the Dads who died in the Monongah mining accident in West Virginia which left 1000 children without fathers. Further campaigns led to the 1st Father's Day celebration on 19 June 1910 and by 1966 it was officially recognised by President Lyndon B Johnson. It was introduced to the UK post WWII through the influence of US soldiers based in Britain and by the 1970's there was wider recognition annually on the third Sunday of June.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, we are all so different, each our own being; and yet you love and care for us all, you nurture and protect us. How can we not be thankful to you for all that the journey with you offers! We thank you that you guide us, in unexpected ways, to find the right way in life. We thank you that when we wander, you draw us back to you, give us new direction and encourage us to follow where you lead. We thank you that you know our individual needs and quirks, and yearn for us to be on the journey of life with you. We thank you that the pains of life can be overshadowed by the joy of walking with you. For all these blessings and more, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

We are the focus of prayer across the circuit this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 28th June

- Genesis 22: 1 -14
- Psalms 13
- Romans 6: 12 -23
- Matthew 10: 40 – 42
- And in Bible Month we are up to Philippians 4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

.....but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers (and sisters), I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead. I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3: 12b - 14

DIARY

Thursday 25th June

Café 9.30 –12 noon
 All welcome

Sunday 28th June

Morning worship 11.00am
 led by Margaret West

The man – Edmund Banyard

This man he made the leper whole
 He gave the blind their sight;
 The deaf found they could hear again
 To darkness he brought light;
 And cripples found they had been healed
 While silent lips became unsealed.

But we are blind who do not see
 And lame who will not walk,
 And we are deaf who will not hear
 And dumb who will not talk;
 Captives, who do not seek release
 We do not want his way of peace.

To him the name of God was love,
 His kingdom was for all;
 The lost he welcomed home again,
 The outcast heard his call.
 To those who sought the promised day,
 He was the life, the truth, the way.

This man destroys our peace of mind
 We cannot bear his eyes;
 Just let us follow our own paths
 Don't point us to the skies.
 We want to walk in ancient ways
 Content and cosy all our days.

We cannot bear this nonsense of
 A God for everyone.
 We'll serve the God who cares for us
 As we have always done.
 We dare not let this man go free
 So nail him to the gallows tree.

You must do as well as ever you can whatever God gives you to do; that is the best possible preparation for what he may want you to do next. Thomas Chalmers

