

Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter

Amidst the storms of mid-October was a 5 hour window between 4:00am-9:00am when I was able to get a line in the sea in the hope of catching a Codling; Codling, a small Cod less than 6lb are around in the autumn and winter months after a storm to feed on the crabs that have been broken up by the storm. Unfortunately for me, the Codling were on their holidays leaving the coast clear for Dogfish and Conger Eels. Dogfish need handling with strong rubber gloves to prevent the rasping skin causing painful grazes, the skin used to be used for the finest of woodworking: some Dogfish scales were found on the 1715 'Titian' Stradivarius violin. In contrast, Conger Eels are "as slippery as an eel" with a set of teeth as sharp as a razor and a set of jaws like a hydraulic press that should come with the warning "handle with extreme caution!" Imagine my delight when amidst the series of Dogfish came a small Conger Eel. I very carefully unhooked it and returned it to the sea but each time it washed up again with the strong incoming tide. After 3 failed attempts, holding it firmly behind the head, I hurled it beyond the breaking waves to freedom but my impersonation of an Olympic hammer thrower caused me to overbalance just as a large wave came in and soaked me. That was at 5:00am and rather than return to our caravan a mile away for some dry clothes and miss out on an hour's fishing, I just carried on. My reward was a much larger Conger Eel that provided us with a delicious lunch...Conger Eel contains lots of bones that take some filleting out but the flesh is firm and full of flavour. Why did Jesus choose Peter, Andrew, James and John for his key disciples? They were fishermen, prepared to stay up all night (which can be good for praying), and they never give up. "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."... Galatians 6:9, God bless,
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Bishop Sutton Community Church Activities:

Sunday gatherings: 10:00am on Zoom for a time of worship, teaching, fellowship, encouragement and prayer; we can include live transcription for those with hearing difficulties.

Sunday 13th November: Remembrance Day Service

Connection: 7:30-9:00pm ish on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in the month on Zoom for going deeper together in worship, prayer and connecting with the Holy Spirit.

Mid-week courses and fellowship meetings: Our mid-week meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30pm on Zoom.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 12th November 8:30-10:00am at the Red Lion with Andy Street who will be speaking on "Sharing the Journey". Andy is a Director of SLR Consulting and is involved in charity work in Bristol and the developing world. Tickets £10:00 from Dave or The Red Lion.

Ukrainian Hub: Thank you to all who have been supporting in many different ways. Please continue to hold these broken families and the situation in Ukraine in your prayers.

Keynsham Food Bank: The following items are needed and can be donated at the Co-op in Chew Magna: tinned macaroni cheese, ravioli, spaghetti bolognese, beans & sausages, deodorants, toilet cleaner and crackers. If you hear of people in difficulty, contact Dave/Jenny to help these needy people.

Lonely or self-isolating? If anyone is lonely or self-isolating and would appreciate a call, internet meeting or in need of help, please contact us.

To join us online on Zoom: Click on the link on our facebook page / web site or use the Meeting ID: 871 1725 3595 and Passcode: 578732.

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