

Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter

How do you deal with the leaves that fall in the autumn? I let the leaves settle wherever they go and then gather them up with the lawn mower. The mower cuts up the leaves so they compost a lot quicker and the compost helps to grow some lovely strawberries in the summer. A couple of weeks ago I got the lawn mower out to tackle the leaves but as I switched it on, the motor died.

The fuse and switch were OK but the motor had burnt out after 12 years faithful service. Time for a new lawnmower? No! I remembered Trigger's road sweeping broom in Only Fools and Horses that he had had for 20 years, it needed 17 new heads and 14 new handles! "How can it be the same broom?" asked Sid, the café owner. Trigger produces a picture of him and his broom and asks: "what more proof do you need?"

So I ordered a new motor which came a few days later. With the new motor installed I switched it on and was delighted as it burst into new life but with all the pieces in the garage, I couldn't resist cleaning up every part and sharpening and balancing the blade. I can't wait to use it on the grass which won't be long as spring comes early these days because of global warming. It gave me great pleasure to salvage the old mower and see it restored to how it was made to be; this was much better and more environmentally friendly than taking it to the dump and buying a new one, and it saved me £70.00.

The word salvage and salvation are very similar. God loves to see lives that are broken being restored to the way they were meant to be through salvation rather than have them go to the dump, otherwise known as hell. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:17). If your life is broken in any way, come to Him to be restored.... Far better than ending up in the dump!

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.

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 the Holy Spirit.

Mid-week courses and fellowship meetings: On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30pm on Zoom. We also offer a range of bible courses that can be arranged at a time to suit you. More details are on our facebook page and web site, please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 11th February 8:30-10:00am at the Red Lion with Akeel Yousaf, ex Pakistan Batsman running Get Sported for schools and children in the Chew Valley. Tickets £10:00 from Dave or The Red Lion.

Ukrainian Hub: Thank you to the Red Lion, the musicians and John O'Malley for a wonderful evening of carols, songs and magic before Christmas. Please continue to hold these broken families and Ukraine in your prayers.

Keynsham Food Bank: The following items are needed and can be donated at the Co-op in Chew Magna: Chick peas, Peanut butter, Squash, Sponge puddings, Instant custard sachets, Crackers, Mayonnaise, Razors, UHT milk (semi-skimmed, and whole). 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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