

## **Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter**

As we enter August many of you will be taking summer holidays, a time to rest and be refreshed. A day of rest was the first thing that Adam and Eve did which establishes the principle that work should come out of rest and not rest come out of work; however, many work 50 weeks a year to enjoy a 2 week holiday for a time of rest and restoration. Restoration sounds like a combination of “rest” and “oration”- something to do with resting and talking but it comes from the Greek apokathistemi, apo meaning “of or from” and kathistemi meaning “to set in order” - to get our lives back into order. That’s the reason for holidays, a word that comes from “holy days”. The words of the hymn “Dear Lord and Father of mankind” come to mind: “Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace” to counter the stress and strain of life today.

The letter to the Hebrews talks of entering into His rest; this is not about putting your feet up on a Sunday to keep the 4th commandment that God gave to Moses to remind us that in six days He made the heavens and the earth and rested on the seventh day. The sabbath was a weekly reminder to the children of Israel that it is God who makes them holy (Exodus 31:13) and that this is not achieved by works but through a relationship with Him.

Entering into this rest is through salvation where our lives are set in order, being born again by faith in Jesus and what He accomplished on the cross to restore ongoing uninterrupted fellowship with God. Have you entered into this rest? “Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace”.

God bless and have a great holiday!

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## **Bishop Sutton Community Church Activities:**

**Sunday gatherings:** 10:00am at 24 Highmead Gardens or on Zoom for a time of worship, teaching, fellowship, encouragement and prayer; we can include live transcription for those with hearing difficulties.

**Mid-week courses and fellowship meetings:** We’ll be taking a break from our Monday evening fellowship meetings in August but continuing our Monday prayer meetings Mondays 9:30-10:30am prayer on Zoom: please let us know any prayer requests. Thursdays 11:00am-12:30 Worship at South Bristol Christian Centre, 5 Churchlands Road, Bristol BS3 3PW. 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.

**Ukrainian Hub:** Please continue to hold these broken families and Ukraine in your prayers.

**Keynsham Food Bank:** The following 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.

A number of food banks in Bristol are running seriously short of food so if you shop in Bristol, please consider donating food in the baskets at supermarkets in the City.

**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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