

Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter

Many of you will have known Simon who grew up in the village these past 30 years and tragically died recently. Simon had a good and caring heart that was demonstrated in his unique character, enthusiasm and wit but suffered like many of us to addiction. TV, work, exercise, shopping, junk food, chocolate, pornography, social media, gambling, smoking, alcohol and drugs are just a few of the addictions that can take control of people's lives today and if you are suffering please seek help. There are many accounts of people being set free from their addictions but sadly not in Simon's case.

Simon grew some black potatoes with us last year and somewhere that crop will be multiplying... they looked disgusting but tasted delicious... don't judge something by the outward appearance, God looks at the heart! (1 Samuel 16:7). Shortly before Christmas we returned home to find a pile of globe artichokes on our doorstep... "The generous soul will be made rich" (Proverbs 11:25). And in the spring time Simon left us some Black Aspen saplings that were being discarded that he didn't want to see go to waste. They are now growing in the hedge that runs along the footpath between Church Lane and Parkfield Gardens as a fitting memory of his care for the environment, along with the tadpoles at the recreation ground.

Simon was working his way through the book of Proverbs. In his Bible I found a marker in Proverbs 18, I wonder which particular verses he was focusing on in that chapter? Maybe verse 10 "The Name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and they are saved".

Our thoughts and prayers are with Simon's family and friends for God's comfort, strength and peace through this difficult time and for all who are suffering addiction to be set free.

God bless,

Dave & Jenny Dickerson, Tel: 01275 332746 Mob: 07766331146.

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: 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. 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.

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.

Email: bishopsuttoncommunitychurch@hotmail.com

Web: www.bishopsuttoncommunitychurch.com

Facebook: @BishopSuttonCommunityChurch