

Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter

October is the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles when people camp outside in booths made of leafy branches to remind them of the 40 years they spent in the wilderness before they entered the promised land. If you have ever camped, you know we have to forgo a lot of conveniences.... it's what you call roughing it which many of us are going to be experiencing this winter with soaring energy and food bills. Roughing it at Tabernacles is a reminder that everything we possess both physically and spiritually comes from God.

Tabernacles is also a time when the Israeli's gave thanks for the harvest.

We've had a good harvest but only because Bristol Water was able to maintain water supplies through the heatwave...Thank you Bristol Water!

Each day during Tabernacles, a priest would go to the pool of Siloam and fill a golden pitcher with water to pour out at the Temple to symbolise the cleansing of sin and dependence on God for salvation; as it was poured out the people cried out Hosannah "save us". As the people cried out to God for salvation Jesus stood up on the last day of the feast and proclaimed: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given. (John 7:37-39).

This is also what Jesus said to the woman at the well in Samaria: "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14)

Are you drinking of this water? It's only through Jesus that we can obtain salvation and receive living water to satisfy our souls.

God bless,

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Bishop Sutton Community Church Activities:

Sunday gatherings: 10:00am ... a time of worship, teaching, fellowship, encouragement and prayer. We run hybrid services from the Village Hall so you can join us in person or on line with Zoom.

Sunday 23 October: Family Harvest Celebration 10:00am with non-perishable food being donated to the Keynsham foodbank.

Connection: 7:30-9:00pm ish on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in the month in the Village Hall Taylor Room and 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.

Ukrainian Hub: Thank you to all who have been supporting in many different ways. English language classes have been taking place 3 days a week and are being funded by the Church. Being able to speak English is vital for employment and education. If you would like to contribute towards this please get in touch. 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 Chew Valley Spar in Bishop Sutton: deodorant, cleaning spray, crisps, UHT fruit juice, crackers & savoury biscuits, dry sauce mix, razors. 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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