## Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter: O.M.G.

"Oh My God!" the lady exclaimed walking her dog along the lane, suddenly aware of my presence on the other side of the hedge where I was working in the field. "It's not God, only me" I replied... The expression O.M.G. entered the dictionary in 2011 as an expression of surprise, excitement, disbelief, etc. and is now one of the most common expressions in our language today. Every week the young folk in the youth group come out with it and we ask "what would you do if God answered "What do you want?"

God is closer than you might think... James, the half-brother of Jesus wrote:

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you".

And Psalm 145 v18-19 tell us:

"The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

God loves us and has a special plan and purpose for each of our lives; He wants a personal relationship with each of us...

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 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 v 16-17.

So next time you use the words "Oh my God", tell Him how you are feeling, call out to Him for help or thank Him for something special like the beautiful crimson sun-set over the lake... He's closer than you might think.

May God bless you,

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

<u>Sunday Services:</u> at the Village Hall 10 am every week in the Taylor Room upstairs (Chair lift available) with children's Junior church for primary age. All welcome.

No meeting on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June but join us at our marquee at the Chew Valley 10k to find out more about Home for Good with Dave Kingswood, The Fishing Project, prayer requests, healing and much more.

<u>The Hiding Place:</u> Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 7:00pm at the Village Hall. The story of Corrie Ten Boom and her family's struggle to save Jews from the Nazis and how their faith became light in the darkest places by Oddments Theatre Co. Tickets £10:00, contact Jenny Harris Mob: 07938757390.

Messy Church: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 10:00am-12:00am at the Village Hall. Mainly aimed at preschool and younger primary age with activities, games and refreshments. Parents/carers, grandparents, and all the family welcome. Theme: Jesus heals the paralysed man let down through the roof.

Weekly prayer meeting: Monday 9:30am-10:30am at 24 Highmead Gardens.

<u>Connection:</u> "Going deeper with God" ... 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month. Next are 7<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, for prayer, praise, worship and waiting on God at 24 Highmead Gardens.

<u>Youth Group:</u> Monday 5:00pm - 6:30pm for Yr 5 (9/10 year olds) to Yr 9 (13/14 year olds) children for table tennis, pool, craft, jigsaws, etc. at the Village Hall Taylor Room during term time.

<u>Coffee Club:</u> Tuesday 10:30am – 12noon in the Village Hall Lounge for hot drinks, chatter, scrabble, jigsaws, and other board games, or bring your newspapers or art and craft, and just enjoy friendship time together.

<u>Food Bank:</u> We hold emergency food supplies at the Red Lion... many thanks Duncan for your help with this. If you hear of people in difficulty, contact Dave/Jenny to help these needy people. A BIG THANKYOU to all who have helped with this worthy cause.

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