

The Link Letter

Everyone has heard of the terrible Titanic disaster, but are you familiar with the tragic story of how the RMS Empress of Ireland sank on 29th May 1914? The ship's passengers included 167 members of the Canadian Salvation Army band. Only eight of the band members survived. As these Christian men and women went in to the water with their life jackets, they swam through the cold waters, seeking out people who didn't have a life jacket and were struggling to survive. Each time they found someone, they asked "Do you know Jesus?" If the person replied "No", then in an act of unbelievable courage and sacrifice, the Salvation Army band member took off his or her own life jacket; and gave it to save the other person. They drowned so that others could live and have more time to discover Christ, safe in the knowledge that even in drowning they would be with God.

Why would anyone do such a thing? Because of what Jesus has - done for them through His death and resurrection, and their passion for no-one to miss out on the true life that He alone offers. At Easter time, we remember afresh that Jesus' agonising death on the cross means that He paid the price for our sinfulness and selfishness. Easter reminds us that we can be forgiven by God...

'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' (1 John 1:9 NIV).

May God bless you all,

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The Link Activities:

Sunday Services at the Link, 10 am every week:

The Link will be open on Good Friday between 10:00-12:00am for reflection with pictures of aspects of the crucifixion made by different organisations that use the Link. On Easter Sunday there is Rev'd Michelle Ireland's last Son Rise service at the Woodford Lodge area of Chew Valley Lake at 6:30am. Michelle has always wanted a Bar BQ with fish at this service and will get her wish!

Connection: "Going deeper with God" ... 3rd Thursday in the month. Next is 20th April, 8pm, for prayer, praise, worship and waiting on God.

Stop and Drop: Stop for a cuppa before dropping off kids at the pre-school, everyone welcome, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:55am-9:30am term time.

Fitness Fun: Low impact aerobic and stretching exercises with Julia. Tuesday 9:30-10:25am, £3:00 per class, all abilities welcome, wheelchair accessible.

Coffee morning: and chatter, with Scrabble and Upwords... Tuesday 10:30am-12 noon. Other board games are also available.

Food Bank: Tuesday 10:30-12:00am or emergencies contact Dave & Jenny. Particular needs Sugar (1kg bags), Coffee, Dried and Long Life Milk and Breakfast Cereals.

Art and Craft Group: Tuesday 2pm-4:30pm.

Chill Out Zone (1) Youth Group: ... Monday 5:30pm-7pm for 9/10 year olds (year 5) to 13/14 year olds (year 9).

Bishop Sutton Film Club: Saturday 29th April, Family Matinee 2:00pm open for 2:30pm start; Evening Film 6:30pm open for 7:00pm. For film titles and bookings email: Bishopsuttonfilmclub@hotmail.com or tel:07843 276593 /01275 332746.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 20th May 8:30am-10am in the Red Lion with Noel Fellows who was falsely convicted of murder and imprisoned for 5 years. Tickets £7 from Dave or booking: thelink.bsbc@btinternet.com /01275 332746.