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A Letter from your Vicar

Lent this year will begin with two Ash Wednesday communion services on the 6th of March. The first being at our usual BCP service at 9:00am and the second being at 7:00pm, both being at St Bartholomew's and open to the whole parish.

Over the years Lent has been seen in different ways as our needs as a Church, and as a society, have changed but it remains a penitential season. Traditionally this has meant that we are to spend time examining ourselves to identify those things that we have allowed to come between ourselves and God so that we can repent. To really understand how best to make use of Lent we need to understand that there are three parts to the act of repentance. We often focus on the first two parts which are, identifying the wrong things in our life and saying sorry for those things. Of course, I wouldn't want to underplay the importance of these two parts, the third part simply can't happen without them. But it is important that our repenting is completed. After we have turned away from those wrong things in our lives and said sorry, we need the third part which is to put our back to them and turn to God.

Putting this rather simply if you believe you eat too much chocolate and choose to give this up for lent then, every time you would have eaten chocolate you will feel hungry and will feel tempted to eat chocolate. Turning to something good like eating a piece of fruit will stop you feeling hungry and reduce the temptation to eat chocolate.

Perhaps, this is why many people in recent years have begun to take up a good thing for Lent, rather than giving up a bad thing.

As Christians this act of taking up something for Lent should be about finding a way to spend more time with God and drawing closer to him, something we hope will extend far beyond Easter Sunday. Setting time aside to spend with God is always a good thing and doesn't need to be a difficult chore. One of the ways that my family and I have set time aside for God over a number of years now has been to go to a Christian festival in the summer. The one that we have found works for us is "The One Event" which is held at Lincoln Show Ground towards the end of August (23rd-27th August this year). We've chosen this one because it has a good mixture of teaching, relaxation, and children's groups. We also enjoy the camping which is how most people are accommodated, though there are plenty of B&B's in the area

If anyone would like to come along and join us this year, we would be very pleased to share this with you. Please feel free to ask me or Fiona if you would like to know any more about this, or take a look at www.one-event.org.uk and please book under our Church name, "Meltham Christ the King" which will allow us all to gather together.

God bless

Revd John



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getting to know each better and
enjoy each others company in a
more informal setting.

All are welcome!

OASIS

The next Oasis Quiet Day for Lent will take place at St James' Church, Meltham Mills.

Wednesday 27th March.

Coffee will be available from 10.00am and the day will end 2.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch, although there is no obligation to stay all day.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of peace.

Please speak to Jenny Mathers for more information -

01484 859830



Seasonal Communion Service

followed by lunch.

Wednesday 20th March at St Bartholomew's.

The service of Holy Communion begins at 11.00am and this will be followed by a light lunch of sandwiches and cakes.

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My faith started out as a young child. I grew up in a Christian household with, what I thought at the time, were quite strict guidelines on how to live. My parents wanted to raise me the best way they could according to the word of God, which I can never thank them enough for doing.

However, trying to live a different way to what the world see's is quite difficult growing up, most of the way through first, middle and high school I was bullied and made fun of for my faith. This led me down the road of starting to give into pressures that I wouldn't have done so before, but I just wanted to fit in. So, gradually I started drinking with friends, going to parties and experimenting with drugs, none of which I entirely enjoyed but doing just so I would be 'cool' and be in line with what the world says is right to do.

It was one night after a party that I'd had enough of not being me and trying to fit in. I'd always known who God was, but I never KNEW Him as my Lord and Saviour. So that night I cried out to Jesus, weeping and shouting how much I need Him back in my life.

A sudden peace came over me and my crying stopped.

From there I attended a youth festival called Soul Survivor, where I met some great guys and friends. During one of the talks the man who was preaching called out to those who had pain and wanted healing.

I had hurt my back from cricket a while before, and it was quite painful to sit for long periods of time. The guys I had met stood up and prayed with me and instantly my back was healed through the power of the Holy Spirit! I still haven't had pain to this day!

From then onwards I had no fear of who people thought I was, I was saved, I was redeemed!

I'm now living my life for Jesus and haven't looked back. Jesus restored my confidence in who I am, who He is and that He is the great healer that heals not only physical pain, but He healed my life as well. He made me realise, He is all I need.

"In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:6

- Jonny K



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Kind regards.

Michael

Michael Angell *ACII Chartered Insurer*

St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship

The March meeting will take place on 26th March at 2.00pm, in church.

Our guest speaker will be David Cockman.

The Tea Ladies are Val Poole and Jean Collison.

The Annual Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning is on Saturday 16th March in the Church Hall, 9.30am - 12.00pm

Donations of cakes and tombola items, plus help on the morning would be much appreciated.

Ladies supper evening

A forward notice for your diaries:

After a fairly long absence, we are pleased to announce the next occasional Women's Supper and Speaker Evening will take place at St James' Church on Friday 5th April, 7.00pm.

We shall be hearing about life in Nepal and there will be an opportunity to purchase crafts made in Nepal.

More details to follow.

LENT 2019 - MELTHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER

As in previous years Meltham Churches Together will be running ecumenical home study groups on four different days each week for five weeks in Lent, starting from Monday 11th March.

We will be following the new York Course 'Daring to see God Now'. If you would like to join a group please sign the green 'sign up' sheets now in each church, the Crossroads Shop or Crossroad Centre. This helps us know how many course booklets we need to order for everyone.

However all are welcome to join a group at any time throughout Lent.

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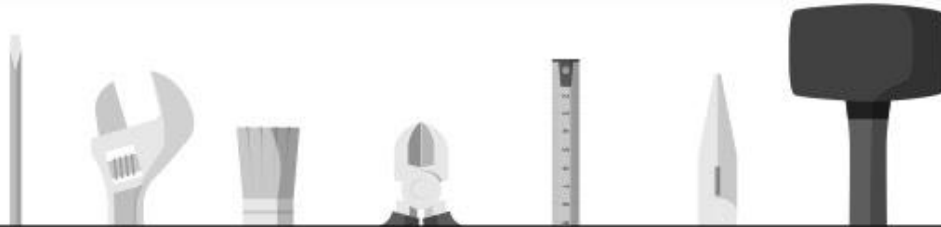
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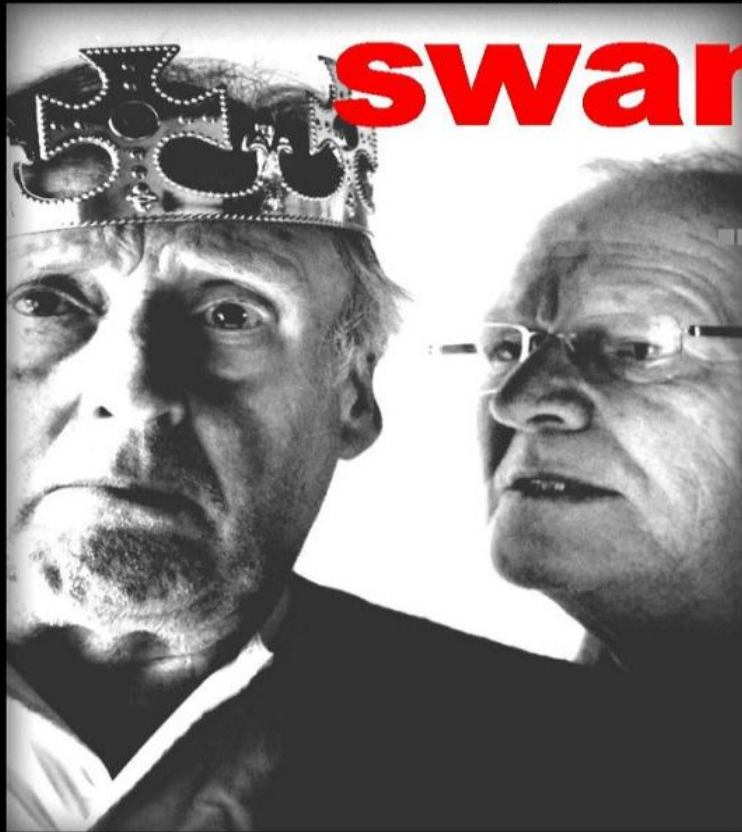
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But is Frank really a self proclaimed national treasure, or just an unloved aging bit-part player?

And who is Kenneth? Stooge, mentor or saviour; Laurel to Frank's Hardy; or Edgar to his Lear?

Trapped in embittered loneliness, Frank's none-too-glittering career seems to be fading away into oblivion. But the truth dawns on Frank in a surprising way...

The performance lasts approximately 60 minutes.

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There was no service at St Mary's on 13th January as we joined the other churches in the Meltham area for the Churches Together service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The following week Rev Judy Kenworthy led a service of Holy Communion and spoke about how Jesus changes the old wine of guilt and failure into the new wine of love and forgiveness.

Rev John Dracup took a Service of the Word on 27th January and took his theme "Unity and Variety".

On the first Sunday in February we held a service of Holy Communion to mark Candlemass as we thought about The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Rev Judy was the celebrant and gave a talk on "Jesus the Light of the World".

On February 10th, Rev John led a service of Holy Communion and spoke about a "Great Catch of Fish". Unfortunately, the heating failed to come on early enough that morning so we just had two hymns and one reading as it was rather cold!! However, it was such a joy to share our worship with ten children who enjoyed playing musical instruments and taking part in an action song to warm us all up. (We obviously have some work to do on the timer for our heating system, which seems to be a bit temperamental at the moment!)

Our thanks go to John Andrews and Shirley Langrick for reading the lessons, to Elizabeth and Clive for playing the organ, to our sidesman Peter and to Kim and Lacey for leading the prayers and assisting at the altar. Thanks also to all who provide refreshments following our services - especially the homemade jam tarts which were delicious.

BELL HOUSE

Residents at Bell House enjoyed a service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 6th February. Rev Judy led the service and the lesson was from Luke chapter 2 verses 22-40, and Rev Judy reminded us that Simeon and Anna were some of the first people to see the baby Jesus, the Messiah, despite being old and that their patience has been rewarded. We sang two hymns and Rev Judy offered prayers.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms - We welcome you into the Lord's family

Jacob Oakes,

Funerals - May they rest in peace

Stuart Fawcett, Murial Tinker,

Robert Daniel

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In the Lounge

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HELME LADIES

January 15th was the date of the first Helme Ladies in the New Year. We start the year with a New Year party and faith supper, although we met at 10.00am as a trial of morning meetings for the first 2 months. Some of our ladies don't like coming out on the cold, dark evenings.

To say it was the first of our morning meetings, it was well attended so we had deep discussions on the programme for the coming year, who was going to lead the walks, where were we going to go for our weekend away and did anyone know anyone who gave interesting talks. Also who wanted to visit the theatre to see *Our House* and *Cats*.

The food for our 'supper' at 11 o'clock was second to none, quiche, pork pie, pate, biscuits and of course cakes. Where did we want to meet for our next meeting the AGM? As one of the members offered her warm home, we all agreed to take her up on her offer.

January 29th, the AGM (or as some would say the Annual Gripe and Moan) was well attended with the usual suspects comfortable in one of our members house. The leaders and treasurer's annual reports were read, and all said what a good year we had had. The officials remained the same and leaders for our summer walks were chosen. We also decided on which charities we were supporting, these being The Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Forget-Me-Not Trust, Smile Train and Sight Savers.

The programme for the coming year was discussed and finalised, and because our finances were in good condition, it was decided to leave our membership fee unchanged for now. After refreshments the ladies headed for home just as snow started to appear in the rain.

Please note: The Growth & Development group will now be meeting on the **4th** Wednesday of each month, rather than the 1st as it was previously.

Wednesday 27th March, 7.30pm at The Vicarage.

The Growth and development meeting has been now running for just over a year. It was originally intended, and still is intended, to be a parish wide event. Not just for those at St James'.

Sadly to date it has only been St James' members who have attended. We would love to see more of you coming.

It is not a group where there is a commitment, just come when you can. It is an informal group that shares news of what God is doing among us in the parish, discusses what we can do both collectively and individually to promote the parish's growth and development. And above all prays.

We all want to see four churches that are increasingly thriving and making a significant difference to peoples lives.

So come along and give it a try, all will be welcome!



Meltham Churches Together

'Praying with and for our community'

In **MARCH** we will be praying
Wednesday's,
10.00 - 10.30am:

6th March - St Bartholomew's
13th March - Methodist
20th March - St James
27th March - Catholic

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Connecting with Culture

DC Comics, famous for their depictions of superheroes such as Superman and Wonder Woman, is preparing a series, Second Coming, in which a new superhero, Sun-Man, teams up with Jesus to try to save the world.

‘The conceit,’ explains writer Mark Russell, ‘is that God was so upset with Jesus’s performance the first time he came to Earth, since he was arrested so soon and crucified shortly after, that he has kept him locked-up since then.’ Seeing Sun-Man’s performance, the Father thinks Jesus could learn a thing or two and sends him to Earth for another try.

Many Christians are rightly troubled about this utterly unbiblical depiction of the Lord, and have signed petitions calling for DC Comics to drop the series. For those who would like to express their strong reservations, this is a good way of letting media companies know that we love Jesus and are committed to seeing his name honoured and not mocked.

But the comic also gives us a wonderful opportunity to talk about our beliefs with our friends and colleagues. How will you respond if someone asks what you think about it? You could brush it off in disgust, or use the opportunity to bring light in the darkness.

We can learn from Jesus’ approach in this. When people questioned him about the controversial topics of the day, he refused to take their bait, and instead turned the questions on them.

So, if someone asks what you think about a cartoon depicting Jesus as a failure, why not ask if they agree that he messed up the first time round? Why do they think that? What would success look like to them?

Should Jesus have used superhero-like powers to wipe out all the bad guys so the rest of us can live in peace? The Bible’s view of the human problem is that we are all ‘bad guys’. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The wonderful news is that Jesus didn’t come to wipe us out. Nor was his goal to subdue humanity and make us obey him out of fear of the consequences. He came so we could be transformed into genuine ‘good guys’.

His crucifixion was not the failure it might first appear, but a glorious victory that was the only way the world could be saved. What an opportunity to share that good news with our friends!

Article by Jennie Pollock

Jennie is a freelance writer and editor. Written for The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

For more information or other articles visit www.licc.org.uk



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Come and join us in Meltham Parish Church Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th April 2019, for an evening of musical memories and a Pie & Pea Supper.

Tickets £10.00 (supper included) available from The Flower Box.

We hope to see you there!

Meltham Mustard Seed AGM

Come and hear a first hand report from Kyema, Uganda, by Jane Collins (secretary) who will have just returned from her fact finding trip.

Wednesday 13th March

7.30pm

Meltham Methodist Church

From Dennis A...

A would be robber to man: "Hands up! Gimme all your money".

Man: "But I'm a Politician".

Robber: "Okay, then gimme all MY money!"

- - -

I asked a mate of mine "How's your girlfriend?"

My mate replied by answering that his girlfriend has said she was ready to
"walk down the aisle".

"And?" I said,

"So I took her to Morrisons". was his reply

- - -

One of my prayers:

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder... and your hand over my mouth!

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1. How many books are there in the whole Bible?

2. How many books are there in the Old Testament?

3. How many books are there in the New Testament?

4. In which Testament would you look for the Sermon on the Mount?

5. In which Testament would you look for the story of Jonah and the great fish?

6. How many of the New Testament books are called the Gospels?

7. In what book of the Bible would you read about Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego?

8. What is the first book in the Bible?

9. What is the last book in the Bible?

10. If you opened the Bible in the middle, what would you find?

Answers can be found on page 33

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S - MARCH 2019 ROTA

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESPERSONS	COFFEE
3rd	Mr & Mrs J Halstead	Mrs J Swallow Mrs A Woodings	Mrs C Moulson Mrs M Ball
10th	Lent (No Flowers)	Mr J Mitchell Mrs C Mitchell	Mrs J Gilleard Mrs L McNeil
17th	Lent	Mrs M Thorley Mrs J Hilton	Mrs M Hardy Mrs S Wood
24th	Lent	Mrs M Hardy Mrs S Wood	Mrs C Ward Mrs J Collison
31st	Lent	Mrs B Jennings Mrs F Whittaker	Mrs M Thorley Mr Ben Wadsworth
7th April	Lent	Mrs C Ward Mrs N Wilkinson	Mrs B Jennings Mrs V Armitage

ST MARY'S - MARCH 2019 ROTA

Date	Service	Readings	Prayers
3rd	Service of the Word 11.15am	Angela	Kim
10th	Holy Communion 11.15am	Shirley	Kim
17th	Service of the Word 11.15am	John	Kim
24th	Holy Communion 11.15am	Shirley	Kim
31st	Mother's Day 11.15am	John	Kim

ST JAMES' ROTA - MARCH 2019

Date	Service	Preacher/ Leader	Sides- people	Reader	Coffee
3rd	S of W 9.30am	J Dracup	M Lucas S Glover	S Glover	D Still K Crossley
10th	HC 9.30am	N Priestley	A Whiteley D Leach	J Wrathall	A & R Whiteley
	5 Alive 5.00pm	Team			A Whiteley D Still
17th	S of W / Ref 9.30am	C & P Rolls	A Pearson M Still	D Leach	J & C Burhouse
24th	HC 9.30am	J Dracup	M Lucas S Glover	R Whiteley	K Crossley S Priestley
31st	Mother's Day 9.30am	N Priestley	J & C Burhouse	TBC	A & R Whiteley

CHRIST CHURCH ROTA - MARCH 2019

Date	Flowers	Intercessions	Side Person	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
3rd	Cyril	Clergy	Janet	Janet	Moyra	Jenny H
10th	Lent (no	Clergy	Jenny H	Jenny B	Eileen & Sheila	Janet
17th	Lent	Clergy	Christine H	Christine	Janet	Irene
24th	Lent	Clergy	Moyra	Janet	Christine H	Pat
31st Mother's Day	Lent	Clergy	Eileen	Jenny B	Rita	Moyra

PLEASE NOTE If anyone would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one,

READINGS IN THE PARISH - MARCH 2019

Date	1st Reading	Gospel
3rd	Exodus 34:29-end	Luke 9:28-36
10th	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Luke 4:1-13
17th	Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18	Luke 13:31-end
24th	Isaiah 55:1-9	Luke 13:1-9
31st	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:33-35

SERVICES IN THE PARISH - MARCH 2019

Date	St Bartholomew's	St James	Christ Church	St Mary's
3rd	HC 9.30am	S of W 9.30am	HC 11.15am	S of W 11.15am
10th	HC 9.30am	HC - 9.30am 5 Alive - 4.30pm	S of W 11.15am	HC 11.15am
17th	HC 9.30am	S of W / Ref 9.30am	HC 11.15am	S of W 11.15am
24th	HC 9.30am	HC 9.30am	S of W 11.15am	HC 11.15am
31st	Mother's Day 9.30am	Mother's Day 9.30am	Mother's Day 11.15am	Mother's Day 11.15am

DON'T DELAY, DO IT TODAY

by Pam Murgatroyd

When I was very young, my grandma always seemed so wise,
She saw things that I couldn't see, not through my younger eyes.
She said the years passed quickly when you were getting old,
But I could not imagine that, it was just what I was told.

As I was growing up, the years all seemed the same for sure,
The days increased by one in leap year, that was one in four.
That stayed with me for quite some time, 'til children came along,
Their birthdays passed so quickly, I soon saw I might be wrong.

Then they had children who had birthdays too, as nature says,
The years are passing quicker now, though just the same in days.
Winter goes, then Spring springs by and Summer is followed by Fall
And soon it all comes round again with no respite at all.

I hadn't believed my grandma when she said the years went fast,
All logic proved her wrong with this year just the same as last.
I only age one year when my own birthday comes around,
But with others' birthdays I feel older I have lately found.

And now as I am getting old I think grandma knew the score,
Each year that passes me, I find goes quicker than before.
So now I ask my grand children to listen to what I say:
“Don't put off 'til tomorrow what you could do today.”

1. Sixty-six 2. Thirty-nine 3. Twenty-seven 4. New Testament 5. Old Testament 6.
Four - Matthew, Mark, Luke & John 7. Daniel 8. Genesis 9. Revelation 10. Psalms

Answer to Puzzle Time:

CHURCH HALL DIARY FOR MARCH 2019

Please note - ALL bookings for the Church Hall MUST be made with Beverley Hirst on 07518 920214 / bhirst530@btinternet.com

WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Tuesday	Pilates	10.00am
	'Good as Gold' with Pam Cox	2.00pm
	Slimming World	5.30 and 7.30pm
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold	10.00am
Every Friday	Baby Sensory	10.00am
	G&S Rehearsal	7.30pm

MONTHLY BOOKINGS:

1st Tuesday	Women's Institute	7.30pm
2nd Wednesday	Flower Club	7.00pm
2nd Thursday	Over 60's Club	2.00pm
Last Tuesday	Women's Fellowship	7.30pm

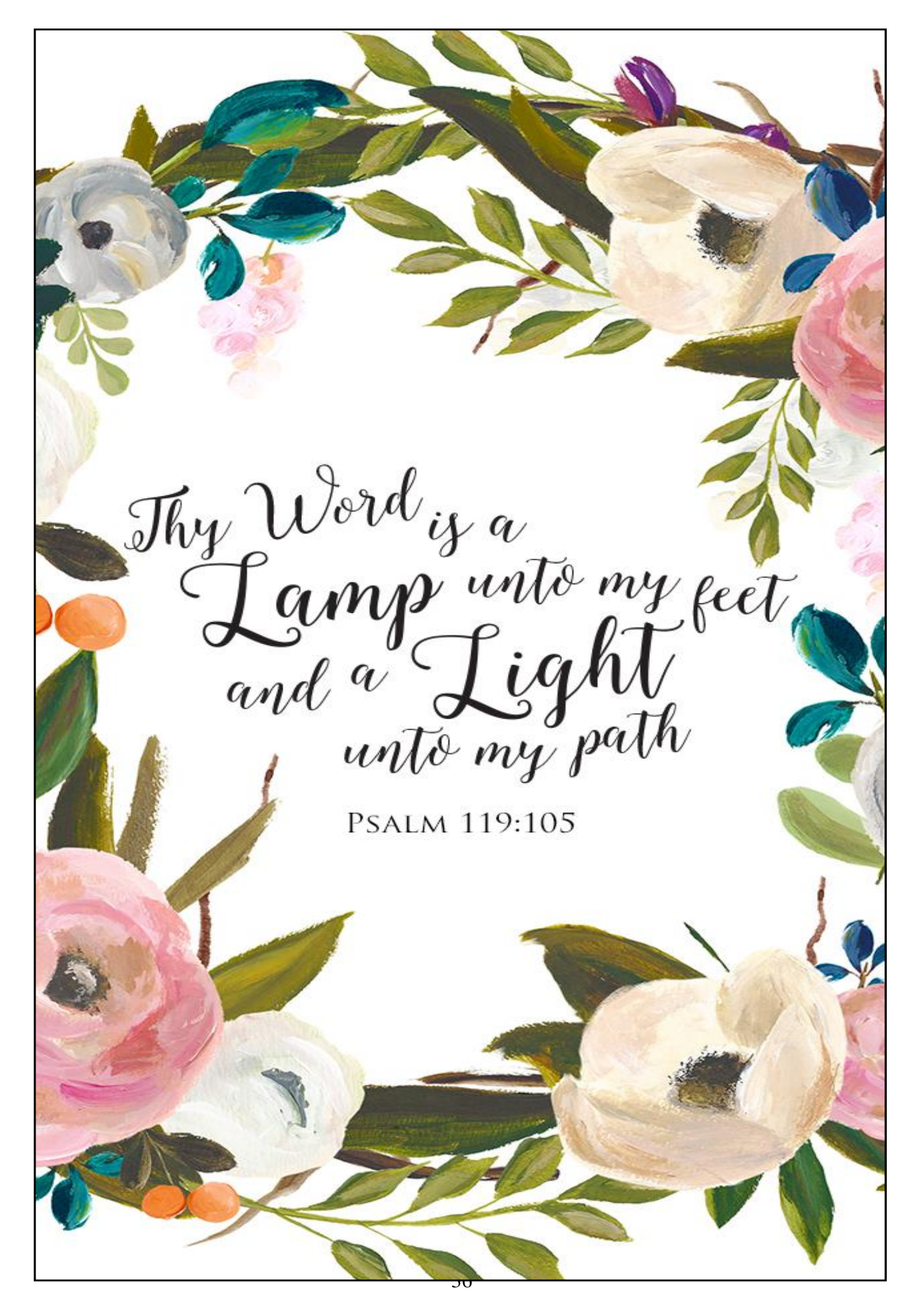
SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS - Doors open 9.30am

2nd March	Meltham Hospice Support Group
9th	Stage Players
16th	Women's Fellowship
23rd	Meltham Over 60's
30th	Gilbert & Sullivan Society
6th April	St Bartholomew's Church

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Lamp unto my feet
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PSALM 119:105