

## Knowle Members' Bulletin October 2020

**This is the seventh new style Bulletin to keep you in touch during this difficult period for us all. We continue to pray that you are all keeping well at this time.**

### For Our Prayers

As the restrictions come back in some areas please continue to pray that individuals and families will continue to adhere to the social distancing rules and the wearing of face coverings as we appear to be in the second wave of infections.

### Wave of Prayer Dioceses

5-7 Oct Mbhashe in South Africa; Kitgum in Uganda; Ukwu & Ilesa South-West in Nigeria; Tasmania in Australia and Central Melanesia in Solomon Islands

8-10 Oct Ethiopia; Zanzibar in Tanzania; Awgu/Aninri in Nigeria; Freetown in Sierra Leone; Monmouth in Wales and Malaita in Solomon Islands

**September branch meeting by Zoom:** We hope you enjoyed listening to Stewart as our first meeting under new conditions using the Zoom meeting system. We heard about the history of gospel music which originated among slaves when they sang repetitive songs to boost morale. Stewart also told us about the intricacies of the Hammond organ and how the amplified organ has enhanced gospel music over the years. His talk was fascinating and we also managed to sing together - one of Stewart's own gospel songs. It was so encouraging to see members and friends after months of lockdown. Members gave us very good feedback.

**October branch meeting by Zoom:** After the success of our first Zoom meeting we are pleased that Nick Brown, who many of you will know, will talk on Thursday, 8 October at 2pm about "The Queen, Prime Ministers and the Railways" a career of Christian service in industry including a spell as MD of the London Underground. This should be an amusing afternoon. Everyone is welcome and have your own tea and biscuits!

The Parish office will send out an invitation to join; just accept the invitation and you will be sent details of the meeting ID and password nearer the date. If you do not get an invitation and would like to join the meeting, please contact the Parish Office to ask to be included.

Helen Allen on 01564 779123 or email: [office@kpc.org.uk](mailto:office@kpc.org.uk)

We are pleased that Plastic Surgeon Bruce Richard has agreed to speak on **12 November** on Self Image & Facial Disfigurement (e.g. cleft palate) and how others see us and on **10 December** Sue Ashton will lead an Advent meditation. Both meetings on Zoom.

**Knitting** – The Birmingham Hospitals are now taking knitting; so if you have any items please take to Judy Townsley (01563 774413 or [judyandmike@btinternet.com](mailto:judyandmike@btinternet.com) ) or she will collect from you. If you have made any other craft items this year for charity e.g. fiddle muffs would you please let the committee know how many items you have made.

We are still waiting for information from the PCC about the safe use of the Guild House before we consider re-starting **KnitWits** – watch this space. We have also had to cancel the Beetle Drive and Advent Lunch this year.

**Two encouraging Bible verses** sent by a friend to one of our members:

*Psalm 46: 10*

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

*Hebrews 13:8*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**Women’s Aid - donations wanted** - Sadly Birmingham & Solihull Women’s Aid, who run a number of refuges, are seeing more women than ever and are short of items to help them as many turn up with nothing. They are looking for toiletries for women (deodorant, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, sanitary towels and tampons, tooth brush & toothpaste etc.) and items for babies and new mums (nappies & baby wipes, powdered milk, baby skin care (baby shampoo, bath, moisturiser & oil), cotton wool, baby food (jars & packets) & brand new packs of underwear (for mum)).

Items can be left at 17 Hallcroft Way (porch will be open) or 42 Crabmill Close.

**Two books with Christmas in mind:**

*Tales of Tommy Twitchnose* by Terry Waite introduces us to Tommy, a mouse, living under the floorboards of a converted barn, with his wife and children! These six short stories will delight children (and many adults!) and make a lovely present for those from around four to eight, to hear or to read.

*Journey to the Manger* by Paula Gooder, written for adults, examines the story of Jesus’ birth in the context of His time and Old Testament prophecy. Paula helps us to grapple, not just with understanding Jesus’ birth but to see it in the light of God coming down from Heaven to be born as a small baby into a poor family. Well worth reading as we prepare ourselves for Christmas.

and finally if you would like any **Christmas cards** or indeed any MU cards please contact Carol Kay on 07771 831 033 and see the range available on the enclosed information sheet sent with this Bulletin.

**Your own needs at this time.** We are happy to help where we can. If you would like to talk to a member of the committee for any reason their numbers are:

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