

MY NEWSLETTER

February 2022

Sunday Events:

The Church is a body

Sunday 6th February, 10:30 am
[1 Corinthians 12:12-27](#)

The Church is a building

Sunday 13th February, 10:30 am
[Ephesians 2:19-21](#) &
[1 Peter 2:4-8](#)

The Church is an army

Communion Service,
Sunday 20th February, 10:30 am
[1 Timothy 6:12](#) &
[2 Timothy 2:3-4](#)

Practical Christianity (Part 2)

by Kevin Gerald
Sunday 27th February, 10:30 am

Part one of Kevin's talk can be
found using the link
monksyard.link/PC1

Connect Groups:

MY Photography:

Tuesday 1st February, 7.30 pm &
Tuesday 1st March, 7.30 pm

MY Creative Crafts:

Monday 14th February,
between 10.30 am & 12.30 pm.

MY Workshop:

Thursday's, between 9 am & 1 pm



“One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back praising God in a loud voice.” (Luke 17:15)

When Jesus healed ten lepers, they all received a miracle. Something they could never imagine possible, became possible. Their lives were forever changed. The healing did not only cleanse their disease, but it gave them chance to go back home. The people who had previously isolated them would now be able to embrace them once more.

As they rushed off to tell everyone about what had happened the bible tells us that one stopped. Just one! Nine carried on running towards the family they had been estranged from and the community they longed to be part of once again, but one stopped. He headed back in the direction he had been so desperate to leave all these years. He went back because he decided to be the one.

He found Jesus and threw his arms around him and with tears of gratitude thanked him for the miracle he received. He did something that seemed unnecessary to the other nine, but for this one was essential before he could go on. He was the only one who went back to say thank you. He wanted to show his gratitude.

Today why don't we be the one who makes time to say thank you for all God has done. Be the one who shows gratitude to those around you. We have so much to be thankful for. Let's live our lives with an attitude of gratitude.

Marilyn

“Baby— basics” South Somerset



January has been a crazy month, with so many new referrals since Christmas. We have completed 22 referrals this past month! It's wonderful to be able to support so many families in our community. We already have 16 referrals on our system for the coming months so we have seen a big increase in referrals since the last quarter.

There are many challenges facing families at the moment; the effects of Covid, the increase in gas and electricity prices, and the reduction of universal credit. Please continue to pray for the families we support, and many others, who are struggling financially and emotionally at this time.

Due to the increase in referrals, we have needed a lot more items in order to complete our requests. Therefore, we have taken in quite a few donations from our community this past week too. We also have an ongoing relationship with Taunton food bank, and the business Ardo, who often helps us with toiletry donations when we're lacking items.

Just to give you an idea of the volume of items we give away, in completing 22 referrals in January, we gave away around 176 baby grows, 44 packs of wipes, 132 pairs of socks, 88 knitted cardigans, and this is only 4 different items, so much more is included in our starter packs. It's amazing the number of items we have given away in just one month!

Our community continues to be incredibly supportive. I've got to know one lady who donates every month; she comes armed with bags of toiletries, and clothing she has sourced from charity shops, all with money that she puts aside for us each week. How incredible is that? The generosity of God is being demonstrated abundantly in the generosity of his people.

We are currently in need of the following items:

- Baby Towels
- Size 1 nappies
- Conditioner for mum
- New-born and up to 1 month size clothing

If you'd like to support us through our Amazon wishlist, the link is monksyard.link/amazon

If you have any questions or would like to chat more about what we're doing please either call us on 07541 336732

or send us an email at:

babybasicssouthsomerset@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone for their continued donations and prayers, it is so appreciated.

Lisa x





MY POETRY:

Snowdrops

*Poem & Photo
By Marjorie Edwards*

Snowy white flowers
Nestling in the woodland
On a February day.
Warm rays of sunshine at
Dawn make the buds open.
Raindrops glisten like diamonds
On a sparkling ring
Petals sway in the breezes.
Snowdrops herald God's Springtime.

VOLUNTARY JOB VACANCY:

The Lord's Larder is a charity who, with the support of a dedicated team of volunteers, prepare emergency food supplies for people in need.

They are looking for a helper on Friday mornings for a couple of hours at the Forefront Community Centre in Chard.

Interested parties can contact Maurice Banfield through the contact form on their web site, lordslarder.chardct.org.uk or call 07542 498366 on weekday mornings.



In Vietnam a criminal case has been brought against 13 members of an evangelical church for its alleged involvement in the COVID outbreak.

In Eritrea around 160 believers remain behind bars for their faith. 15 Christians who were released in the summer of 2020 have been arrested again. Pray for a change in government policy toward Christians in Eritrea that will prompt a prisoner amnesty and an end to arbitrary arrests.

Soldiers in Ethiopia have been targeting Christians who are in displacement camps having fled from Eritrea.

Please pray for them,

Marion

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<https://releaseinternational.org/>



MY CHURCH ONLINE:

**Marion's Thought for The Day:
(YouTube)**

monksyard.link/MTFTD

Prayer Meeting (via Zoom):

Every Tuesday 7 pm

monksyard.link/Zoom

**MY Sanctuary Space Music Playlists:
(YouTube)**

monksyard.link/SS

STAYING CONNECTED:

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OFFERINGS:

We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to the continued work of MY Church and support with our ongoing costs. Your giving is making a difference.

You can now donate through Stewardship. If you are viewing this newsletter digitally simply click the button below or visit our website.



www.mychurchuk.co.uk/donate

You can also specify if you want your donation to go to a specific project such as Baby Basics South Somerset or MY Worskshop.

The advantage of giving via Stewardship is you can fill out the Gift Aid form online. Gift Aid makes a huge difference as we receive **an extra 25p for every £1 donated!**

You can also give using the following details:

The Monks Yard Church
Account Number: 01309233
Sort Code: 30 92 40

You can also post a cheque to Monks Yard (address on reverse side) made payable to Monks Yard Church.



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Postcode: _____

I want the charity to treat as Gift Aid: (please tick as appropriate)

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- The enclosed donation of £ _____
- The donation of £ _____ that I made on _____
- All donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Notes on Gift Aid declaration:

1. You must pay an amount of income tax and / or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for each £1 donated).
2. If your declaration covers donations you may make in the future, please notify the charity if you change your name or address while the declaration is still in force.
3. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the charity. It will then not apply to donations you make on, or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
4. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and / or capital gains tax equal to the tax that the charity can reclaim, you can cancel your declaration.
5. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
6. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid Tax Relief, ask the charity, or your local tax office, or refer to leaflet IR65-Giving to charity by individuals, available on-line or through your local tax office.