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Message from Joanne



During Lent I took part in a knitalong with daily readings and a mystery knitting pattern produced by Victoria Methodist Church in Bristol. We did not have a picture to go by only the knitting instructions which we had to follow in faith. In the early stages of following the pattern, at first it was not clear what the finished design was going to be, but as the pictures emerged on the front and back panels, the Easter theme became more obvious. I did have to undo a few rows now and then believing that the pattern must be wrong, only to discover that I had miscounted the stitches in error.



I wasn't the only one who had reason to question the instructions, some knitters ended up undoing rows and rows and even starting again from the beginning when they were confused with the pattern. I did have to catch up a bit with the knitting as Easter drew closer, having missed several days of prescribed knitting, but I did get to finish on Easter Sunday which was very satisfying.

Each of us had to trust that the creator of the knitting pattern knew exactly what she was doing and had got it right. This reminded me of how we are reliant on God to lead us in the right direction even when we think we might have misread the instructions. Having hope in what we cannot see is what Paul speaks about in his letter to the Romans Ch.8 v24 *'For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience'*.

I'm sure that God has a very good reason why we cannot see the full picture of things to come. Instead, we have to be present in the now, following the way of Jesus as a pattern for our own lives and trusting the Lord's guidance.

Caravan Tales—My Sister Alison and I spent the Easter break in our touring caravan at West Runton, near Cromer. It's a good job we went to check the van a couple of days before we went away, as we discovered a flat tyre. Our friend George helped us jack the caravan up so that we could change the wheel, otherwise we might not have got away on the Monday as planned. Whilst on holiday we went in search of a new caravan tyre to be fitted and were very pleased to learn that it was only a split valve that needed replacing. This was fitted for free which was very kind.

We visited Sheringham Park to see the early Rhododendrons that were already out in addition to doing some birdwatching. I was pleased to see a Nuthatch and a Chiffchaff or two, as they can often be heard in woodland but are not always easy to spot in the tree canopy. We also came across a deer back at the caravan site in the woodland area, as we drove through. I love the peace and quiet of the Inceboro Fields site, it is as they say my 'Happy Place' and I'm drawn back to it time and again.

Many blessings to you all.

Reverend Joanne

Future Dates

Thursday 12th May 12.30 **Christian Aid Lunch**



Saturday 14th May—**Messy Church**

Sunday 15th May **Service** led by Chris Curtis, CEO of Youthscape.

There will be a **CHURCH MEETING** after this service. Please try to be there for this meeting.

Tuesday May 17th **Fellowship Club** 10.15 “Traditional Treasures” - Gill and Barry Goodman.

Sunday 22nd May **Service** including **Communion** led by Rev Joanne Sherwood

Sunday 29th May **Service** led by Chris Berry

Sunday 3rd July 10.30am

Service of celebration to give thanks for the formation of the Olive Tree Church.

This will be followed by a picnic in the church grounds (bring your own picnic).

Please invite anyone to join us that has been part of our journey.

On **Saturday 18th June** 9.00am—12.00noon we will have a **working morning** to prepare the church and grounds for the special service. Please come and help if you can.

Ladies Tuesdays—May to July 2022

Tuesdays starting 17th May

Mornings – Exercise – Gym plus walking group.

Afternoons – English class or Craft group



The grass at the Olive Tree has been cut and some weeding has been done but more help is needed please.

If you are able to help with cutting the grass or weeding please let us know or feel free to do it!

It would be helpful to have a rota of willing gardeners to share the load.