

# WBCWBC Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Welcome to another edition of the WBCWBC, see what's new, and refresh your mind of what you may have already known!

**Roads for Prayer:**  
Watchet – Harbour Road  
Williton – Kebbys Farm Close

**Birthday:**  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Ruth L

## WBC AGM

Partners will know that our Annual General Meeting, scheduled for March was cancelled because of the current pandemic. Plans are now in place to hold this meeting online on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. Further details will follow, but we hope as many partners as possible will be able to join the meeting, so please make a note in your diary!

**Online Worship Service**  
[www.youtube.com/watchetbaptist](http://www.youtube.com/watchetbaptist)  
Sunday at 5.40pm with service starting at 6pm.

**Start the Week Prayer**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6196377534>  
Monday at 9am for about 40 minutes

**Small groups (Tide groups)**  
These meet on various days throughout the week.  
Please ask for more info.  
**Open Prayer Gardens**  
These take place most weeks. Info is published by email as these are arranged.

## Keep in touch!

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## Open Prayer Gardens

Most weeks, a garden will 'pop up' which, for one hour, is open to those who would like to join together to pray. It won't always be the same garden and it won't always be the same time each week and some weeks, there may be more than one garden popping up.

A few days before a pop up, you will receive an email telling you which garden is opening and at what time. With current social distancing rules, there will be a strict limit to the number of people able to get together. Currently this number is 6. If you would like to host an open prayer garden, please email [jrbwbc@gmail.com](mailto:jrbwbc@gmail.com)

## Bible Chat Mat

Produced by his team at work, Andy L has provided us with a 'Bible Chat Mat' (see page 4) as it relates to this week's **Matthew 13** passage.

Alternatively, follow this link to download:  
<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Jesus-the-Gardener.pdf>

It is free to use/reproduce and will hopefully keep your children (and you!) entertained for some time!

## The MATTHEW READING PROJECT

Look out for our brand-new Matthew reading project on our website. You can now access the entirety of the Gospel of Matthew with each chapter read by a different member of our church family. Check it out on the 'downloads' section of [watchetbaptist.org.uk](http://watchetbaptist.org.uk)

### Raising Faith

#### Care for the Family's free online event for parents and church/ children's leaders

This takes place on the evenings of 6, 7, 8 October. A ready-made programme to help strengthen parents in church, as they inspire their children's faith journey at home. Our key messaging here at the '**Kitchen Table Project**' has never been more applicable than throughout 2020. Parents are the greatest influence in their children's lives and most have become their children's church leader too. The resources we have produced will give them confidence, inspiration and many ideas, as well as helping them know they are not alone on this journey.

To find out more, follow these links:

For leaders - <http://bit.ly/MessagettoLeaders>

For parents - <http://bit.ly/RaisingFaithInvite>

For more information and to book free tickets visit <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online/raising-faith>

### BMS Catalyst Live

If you love Jesus, enjoy good speakers, like to be entertained and to use your brain, then you will love Catalyst Live. This event is usually held annually at two sites – and brings together a variety of voices from across Christian thinking.

Hosted by BMS, the event has typically brought together thought provoking speakers from the world of media, entertainment, theology and mission. This year, it's online. Its length has been slimmed and so has the cost. For just £5 you can engage with world renowned theologian Stanley Hauerwas, international artist, writer and speaker Makoto Fujimara, comedy rap jazz duo (much funnier than it sounds) Harry and Chris, and local voice of biblical studies Helen Paynter (from Bristol Baptist College).

Check out the website here: <https://www.bmscatalystlive.com/> and find out more. Just £5 gets you the link to the event, which runs from 7.30pm on Friday 9 October – so less than two weeks away.

### Inspire online

Hosted by Andy L, the popular resource evenings for **all those working with children, young people and their families** will be on Zoom this time. We have a morning, afternoon or evening session for you to enjoy from the comfort of your own home. Join us with a cuppa and a cupcake!

**Tuesday 13 October, 14:00 - 15:30**

**Thursday 15 October, 19:30 - 21:00**

**Friday 16 October, 10:30 - 12:00**

Entitled 'All Things Change' each Zoom session will include inspiring talks from a range of voices; space to discuss and reflect on our work with children and young people; and some new resources and ideas for Advent 2020. The events are free and open to all volunteers as well as paid workers and clergy. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things. Our lives have changed and so has our work with children, young people and their families. It has and will change our ministry going forward and we'd like to offer the opportunity to gather online, to reflect and to be inspired afresh for this vital work.

To register click here <<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/event/inspire-event-all-things-change-3/>>. Make sure that you select the date from the drop down list, and you will then be sent your log in details. (Please book by Monday 12 October 2020).

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2020/09/inspire-events-go-online/>

### Book Reviews

Some time ago, Mike was in touch to ask if there were folks among us who would be willing to read and review books – books that might help any and all of us to grow in our discipleship. A few people came forward and said they would be happy to. In the weeks and months to come, we will be sharing these reviews and encouraging you to buy or borrow the books themselves.

Some are lighter reading and others need a bit more concentration. There is fiction as well as non-fiction. And a mixture of devotional content with advice on Christian living, too. Good websites for picking up Christian books include [eden.co.uk](http://eden.co.uk), while sites such as Book Depository and Amazon often sell second hand version for a cheaper price. And if you wanted to share your own experience of reading a book, do let Mike know. It would be great to develop a library of books that we know as a church and through which, we might encourage each other.

The first review, by Dorothy is below...

#### **A Long Obedience in the Same Direction by Eugene Petersen**

This book is based on the Psalms of Ascents, the Pilgrim psalms ( Psalms 120 -134 ), which were sung by the ancient Israelites as they travelled to Jerusalem for the great festivals. Petersen takes us through 16 chapters in this book towards mature Christian discipleship, our day to day life is our pilgrimage. I found the short chapters helpful to enable me to read, re-read and digest the teaching (it takes a while to sink in with me)

Petersen says ‘ There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little enthusiasm to sign up for the long apprenticeship in what earlier Christians called holiness’ , obedience in the same direction, a life- long apprenticeship.

It is a very down to earth book with deep teaching, not to be rushed, or read in haste. Although written 40 years ago to a society in a hurry, we are now more than ever a society ‘obsessed with instant response, the quick fix’ , this applies to the Christian life as much as anything else. Petersen looks at the Christian Life as an apprenticeship, as a lifetimes journey with God as we pray and read the Scriptures. It is not enough to read Scripture, we have to grow to live it through prayer.

He warns that there is ‘often little enthusiasm...for the long apprenticeship, when the novelty wears off’. He warns against Christians adopting’ the lifestyle of a tourist – only wanting the high points under which Christians cannot mature’. This book is not light bedtime reading. It requires us to examine our own walk with God and how we convey to others what it means to be a Christian and walk the Christian life.

We should read this book and be prepared to be challenged to look at our own Christian walk.

Do we dip in and out as we feel like it?

Do we pray and read scripture to develop our relationship with God?

Do we walk in obedience to God or our feelings?

Read this book ...be challenged.



Find these things!  
Garden trowel, spade,  
fork, packet of seeds,  
bucket, spider, mouse,  
hose, wheelbarrow.

Thank God for something  
he has done for you  
and ask him to help you or  
someone you know this week.

What is your  
favourite part of  
the story? Why?

What did you learn  
about Jesus from  
this story?  
all plants.

How could you share  
the love of God this week?

# Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew  
Chapter 13  
Verses 31-32

Jesus

It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants.