

# CONCORD



Thursley nature reserve, Surrey

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**London Road Ewell  
and Tolworth  
pastorate 2023  
Online and telephone  
Lent study  
group**

**M.A.D. as in "let's make a difference"**

Some readings, reflections and discussion  
time on making a difference to ourselves  
and to one another

Some time ago, when we were meeting online we held joint pastorate bible study online. Do you remember? We could not meet up in person so our churches joined together for some study and social time during lent.

*WE THOUGHT WE WOULD DO IT AGAIN! FROM YOUR OWN HOME, GRAB A TEA AND...*

here is the invitation to meet up again for one hour each week for five weeks during Lent. Join us and join in on

The telephone **03306060403 (await instruction)**  
**Access code (enter) 1529640#**

Or <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/rjones853>

**Mondays 12.30pm starting 27th February 2023**

**Wednesday 7.30pm starting 1st March 2023**

## From our Minister

Dear Friends,

March 2023

People have been making a difference for centuries. Millenniums in fact. Actually, longer than this. There was a story in the news in February, in the New Scientist, from the National History Museum of finding the ancient remains of our oldest human relative. Paranthropus. Mr Paranthropus was apparently using tools to manipulate their environment 2.6 million years ago! A set of stone tools found in Kenya is the oldest of its kind and one of the oldest to have been used by ancient hominins. The find adds to the evidence for widespread tool use relatively early in human evolution.

It is obvious that the use of tools, 2.6 million years ago, gradually leads to the greater use of much grander and more sophisticated tools by humankind. Biblically speaking, tools that were eventually used to build arks and temples and crosses. Tools used by Jesus himself, being skilled at the plane and the lathe.

All were making a difference and leads the mind bogging sophisticated tools and instruments of today. We just don't know what kind of difference we are making. To one another. To our sisters and brothers in far away continents. To the future of humankind.

We may not all work with tools in our hands for food like the prehistoric peoples or buildings like the ancients. Although many still do. But like many going back over thousands of years you make a difference in your work and relationships, activities and hobbies.

Our Lent Study for 2023, has been designed by Embrace, the Middle East. Their work is in a place in the world so entrenched that making any kind of difference to improve lives seems impossible. But their booklet, **The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace** is a sign and symbol that many living and working there still believe that they and we can make a difference. A sign and symbol of hope for us all, to make a difference.

However unlikely it may seem in such an environment, as unlikely as men and women two million years ago have an impact on our world today, differences can be made...

***Your Kingdom come, O Lord, your will be done.*** (Matthew 6)

The font in Coventry Cathedral is made of a huge limestone boulder from the hillside above Bethlehem, with a shell shaped scoop for water carved into the stone. It is mostly left rough and unfinished, and its wonderful to touch and hold this extraordinary way of connecting with the life of Jesus.

Jesus with his father Joseph, hands skilled with tools worked on wood as carpenters in occupied Roman lands. Is it possible they could have been commissioned to build crosses for the Romans?

We do not know what difference we are making. The lent study, coming out of an entrenched and seemingly unchangeable area of the world may help us see where we can make changes in the world, in our communities, in our lives. Where we can make a difference.



RALPH BEYER  
CARVING OUT THE BAPTISMAL FONT IN COVENTRY  
cathedral

The Lord's Prayer feels a safe tradition. Yet it is not about tradition, says the Lenten booklet it's "*about transformation: transformation of the world beginning with those who pray these extraordinary words. It's a prayer of longing for things to be different*". These words shape the Lenten study for us this year. Join the reflections on line or on the telephone, Mondays 12.30 and Wednesdays 7.30pm. The same details.

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God bless

**Roger**

## **Tolworth Family Circle**

Heather Lodge is recovering after a bad bout of Covid and Cynthia Stock has been in hospital again for a few days but is now resting at home.

Mary Carvalho has eye problems and is having ongoing treatment. June Davis is at home with carers in attendance. Please remember all these friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Those who remember Mary Bell will be saddened to learn of her death on 9<sup>th</sup> February after a long fight against cancer.

## **Church Meeting**

As agreed at the last Church Meeting, our next Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon till 1pm, after the morning service.. Please try to stay on for this, the Church meeting is for everyone.

## **Tolworth URC's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Our Church will celebrate it's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June. We are planning to hold an exhibition of photos and memorabilia on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June and a special Communion service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> followed by lunch,. If anyone has any photos, memories or records of past events, we would be grateful for your contributions. Please give anything you think might be suitable to Gillian, Brenda or myself as soon as possible. Thank You.

**Moira**

## March Diary – Tolworth

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am 7.30pm	Playtime Lent Study course
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Mr Nick Mayhew-Smith
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm 5.30pm	Lent Study course Pilots
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 7.30pm	Playtime Lent Study course
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Biscuit Club – Sing-a-long with Roger
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am 12.00pm	Morning Communion led by our Minister Church meeting
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm 5.30pm	Lent Study course Pilots
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 7.30pm	Playtime Lent Study course
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Messy Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Mothering Sunday</b> Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Dennis Evergreen Church
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm 5.30pm	Lent Study course Pilots
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am 7.30pm	Playtime Lent Study course
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Family Service led by our Minister
Monday	27 <sup>rd</sup>	12.30pm 5.30pm	Lent Study course Pilots
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 7.30pm	Playtime Lent Study course
<b>April 2023</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.30am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Morning Worship led by Revd Barbara Pearson

## **Ewell Family News**

We were very sad to receive the news that our dear friend, Joan Deering, a member of Ewell United Reformed Church for many years, died recently. Even though she hadn't been able to attend church for some years, she continued to take a lively interest in the life of the church, continued to support the church financially, and was a regular participant in the online services. We shall all miss her but are glad for her that she now shares a new life in heaven with dear ones who have gone before.

We were very sorry to hear that Anne Sexton has had further problems with her eyes and is now severely visually impaired. We send her our warmest good wishes.

A further friendly reminder to Ewell folk that if they wish to continue to receive copies of Concord they should pay £5 (for an email version) or £10 (for a posted copy) to George Pearson, either in person or by post to 50, Church Road, Worcester Park, KT4 7RD. Would anyone who no longer wishes to receive a posted copy please let David Mugridge know on 020 8393 7005.

**Barbara**

## **March Diary for Ewell**

Sunday 5th	10.30 am	Morning worship with Holy Communion, conducted by Revd Jones
Tuesday 7th	12.30 pm	Lunch Club at The Haywain, Epsom (names to Dennis or Anne Sexton)
Sunday 12th	10.30 am	Morning worship conducted by Ms. Christine Thompson
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Elders Meeting
“	“ 10.30 am	Church Annual General Meeting
Sunday 19th	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday morning worship conducted by Revd Roger Jones
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 – 3 pm	Friendship Hour, all welcome
Sunday 26th	10.30 am	Morning worship conducted by Revd David Skitt
APRIL		
Sunday 2nd	10.30 am	Palm Sunday morning worship with Holy Communion, Conducted by Revd Roger Jones

## Tales from our campground 7: HELP!

We've nearly finished checking everything ready to start camping again. The final part is the emergency kit – a collection of stuff on the off-chance that either we or something we're using suddenly falls to bits. Although if it's us that comes apart, well, our first aid kit has plasters and aspirin.

Predicting what equipment or clothing might fail is like forecasting wet weather, it's often unexpected and frequently happens at the most inconvenient time. Remember Storm Frances in August 2020? The zip on my tent door split when I tried to hurry inside on returning from a loo trip. Remember Storm Aiden a few months later? The zip on my new waterproof fell apart in the middle of that one. We don't do very well with zips. Or storms.

Whatever has broken often seems to require something other than whatever we've packed as a repair but, based on past crises, we now carry a small kit that will deal with broken zips and rucksack buckles, leaky shoes and sleeping mats, torn trousers and missing buttons, failed guy lines and bent grommets.



And at the very bottom of the kit is a, now ragged, piece of paper in which we place huge trust. It bears Psalm 91 – “no evil will befall you, no plague will approach your tent.”

**Heather Lodge**

### From Brenda Kelly

I did suggest to Heather that she wrote about the circle of life in the garden and I wrote about camping. I have no idea about camping, it is not something that I feel the need to do and never had. Heather felt she could not write about a garden. When thinking about it I thought there is a common denominator here. Heather writes about what pleasure she gets from camping and I write about the pleasure I get from my garden. We are both interested in nature albeit in a rather different way. I am not sure about the physics that Heather writes about, but certainly the weather is most significant in both cases and however we try we cannot fight the weather. It is going to happen and we can do nothing about it. It is lovely to wake up to a sunny morning it makes me feel very positive about the day ahead. I sure Heather feels the same. All we know is that come rain or shine and God is in control whether we like it or not. He does not think it will make us happy or sad, but I suppose we just have to accept each day as it comes.

**Brenda**

**Roger Fenn's March Quiz - One of the greatest Creation Psalms is Psalm 104 telling us how God provides for the inhabitants of his earth. Please answer the following**

1. How does God stretch out the heavens?
2. What use does God make of the clouds?
3. What made the waters flee?
4. Which animals quench their thirst from the rivers?
5. Which three products nourish the human race?
6. Where does the stork nest?
7. Where do the wild goats feed?
8. What happens to the lions at daybreak?
9. When does man set off for work?
10. Name the sea monster in verse 26.
11. What happens to the mountains when God touches them?
12. Whom does the psalmist want banished from the earth?

**Answers on next page**

**An invitation**

Members of Tolworth meet for lunch at The Hogsmill, Worcester Park. However, Due to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to change some of the dates for for Ladies and Gentlemen who lunch. We would like to invite friends from Ewell  
The dates:

22nd March  
26th April  
7th. June  
12th. July

The time is 12.30

If you would like to join us please let me know the Sunday before, so I can book the table

Thanks

**Brenda** (01372 743968)



## **”You can take the boy out of Glasgow but you can’t take Glasgow out of the boy”. Some Glesca marriage secrets revealed -**

- ◆ Twice a week they go out to a nice restaurant, have a little wine, some good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, he goes on Fridays.
- ◆ They also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in Edinburgh and his is in Glasgow.
- ◆ He takes his wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.
- ◆ He hasn’t spoken to his wife for 18 months. He doesn’t like to interrupt her.
- ◆ He knows he definitely married Mrs Right - he didn’t know her first name was Always!
- ◆ Why do most Glesca men die before their wives? Because they want to.

### **A Glasgow exile**

#### **March Quiz – Answers**

1.	Like a tent	v 2	7.	On the mountains	v 18
2,	Rides them like a chariot	v 8	8.	They lie down in their dens	v 22
3.	The sound of God’s thunder	v 7	9.	At sunrise	v 23
4.	Wild donkeys	v 11	10.	Leviathan	v 26
5.	Wine, oil, bread	v 15	11.	They smoke [volcanoes]	v 32
6.	In the pines	v 17	12.	Sinners	v 35

**Thanks to those who have contributed to this edition - please keep them coming – especially from London Road! We hope to publish a magazine for April. Please let me have all your material by 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

# **SUNDAY WORSHIP at TOLWORTH**

**Morning Worship at 10.30**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month - Evergreen Worship at 6.30pm**

(You can still join in with Roger at 10.30am on Sundays  
'Phone: 03306 060403 with code 1529640# - remember the #)

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## Morning Worship at 10.30

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