

**A very warm welcome to everyone joining us today. It's great that you're here this morning. We hope that you enjoy today's service**

**Sunday 15th May 2022**

**10:30am - Morning Communion Service**

Led by Paul Bayliss

Preacher Catherine Young

**5:30pm - Rose Garden Church**

Led by Deborah Hartland

## For Your Prayers

Please remember the following people and groups in your prayers this week

- Alan S's daughter Hannah and her two year old son Guilio, who has Albinism and is visually impaired.
- Andy as he mourns the loss of his mother Cynthia.
- Ingrid who continues to recover from an operation.
- Chris T who is recovering from an operation.
- Lynne to quickly settle in to her new home and local area.
- Vision of Hope and their ministry to help people with problems with substance misuse.
- A collaborative Hereford churches response to the Ukraine crisis. In whatever ways God wants us to help and that HBC will play its part in this.

Please inform Martin Foster of any pastoral care needs and prayer requests for the Church notice sheet.

## Mission Prayers– Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe faced years of seemingly unending national emergencies. It once exported food, and then was no longer able to feed its own people, even with international aid. Millions left the country to seek a better life elsewhere, including many leaders in education, business, healthcare, and the church. Poverty grips millions who remain.

Pray for God to restore this once-prosperous land and to use His people to bring relief to the decades of suffering.

Life expectancy in Zimbabwe got as low as 40 years. So much death robs the nation of trained professionals and leaders and devastates the workforce.

Pray for wisdom to help the nation cope with this great loss of life.

Pray for churches to engage with the moral, spiritual, and economic effects of AIDS. (Operation World)

Christian Aid Week- There are envelopes available on the Welcome desk.

Your gift could help people like Jessica in Zimbabwe grow drought - resistant crops, set up water taps on her farm, learn how to grow food in the harsh climate. Her dry, dusty land could transform into a garden of hope, abundant with fresh food like tomatoes, beans and cucumbers. Please take and return envelopes to the Welcome desk by Sunday 21st May.

## Notices

### Annual Church Meeting

Members are reminded that the Annual Church Meeting will be held on Monday, 16th May at 7.30 p.m.

### Safeguarding Training

We are hosting a Safeguarding training event at HBC on Saturday 18th June, in the morning. If you are serving in the church and wonder whether you need this training then please contact Iain (safeguarding@herefordbaptist.org.uk) for more information.

### Offertory Envelopes

If you would like to give via the offertory envelopes and haven't requested a new set, please speak to Sheila. Please could the person using offertory envelopes no.5 contact Sheila so she can issue you with a new set.

### Pastoral Care Meeting

The next Pastoral Care meeting will be at HBC, on Thursday, 19th May, at 1:30pm.

### Food Bank Donations

Donations for the Food Bank can be dropped off in the foyer.

### Accommodation Request

Jenny is a teacher of braille at the RNCB, being blind herself, and is currently in lodgings. She will need to find somewhere new by 1st July 2022. Accommodation would need to include her dog, Pattie, a labrador/retriever cross. If you would like a lodger or to rent out a room please speak with Jenny when she attends HBC on Sunday 15th May or speak with Lisa.

### Link to Hope Shoebox appeal

Donation suggestions for May: toiletries—soap, flannel, razors, small scissors, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Please put your donations in the box in the foyer.

Donations of empty shoeboxes welcome any time.

### Threads through Creation at Worcester Cathedral

Until 5th June, Worcester Cathedral will be displaying 12 large silk panels, re-imagining the creation story from Genesis. Admission is free, with more information at [www.creation-threads.co.uk](http://www.creation-threads.co.uk).

## Reading: John 14

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me

does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

### Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.

And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”<sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?”<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.<sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.<sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance

all that I have said to you.<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.<sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.<sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.<sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,<sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

### What's on this week

<b>Monday:</b>	9:45am	Women's bible study
<b>Tuesday:</b>	7:30pm	Coleman's housegroup
<b>Wednesday:</b>	5pm-9pm	Youth—5pm food, 5-7pm Wildfires; 6:30-8:30pm Pulses
<b>Thursday:</b>	7:30pm	Musicians' Practise
<b>Friday:</b>	10-11:45am	Tot Stop

### BMS Birthdays

22nd, Margaret S