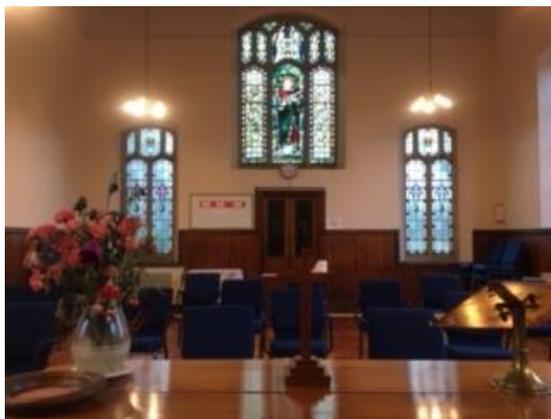


News Letter for February, 2021

The latest news on the present Lockdown is that it will Monday, 8th, March before schools are likely be open to all children. This an indication as to when some form of relaxation of the preventative restrictions, for Covid 19, may be lifted. However, given the rapidly changing pandemic conditions it is unclear as to when the church authorize will advise that we can reopen our buildings for regular worship. Easter, the most important celebration in the Christian year, on Sunday, 4th, April, would be a good time to start. But this is by no means certain so it may be a good idea to pray that this may happen, or for the Holy Spirit to be with us all, at that time, if it doesn't.

Last month the church buildings have been affected by the bad weather with some flooding in the area of the church flat. This required new guttering to be fitted and the drains cleared. The church building has weathered these conditions, with only a minor problem of the hall door being swollen by the constant rain make entry difficult at times.



In the sanctuary everything is in place for reopening to worship - as can be seen from the photograph taken on the 3rd, February. On the 23rd, March, we have the anniversary of the first lockdown. This day has been designated as a time of reflection for all of our church nationally. The pandemic has brought on some changes in society and so it is important for us to think about how we work, as a fellowship, when we are able to come together again. Change can be difficult, but face it we must if we are to be relevant as a force for good in the community. Let us, therefore, pray sincerely and openly for guidance as to what we must do as faithful followers of our Lord Jesus.

Ray Tunnicliffe, Group Magazine Coordinator for Guisborough URC.

Guisborough Churches

St Nicholas Parish Church is closed but provides service downloads and a weekly newsletter.

St Paulinus RC Church is closed but is streaming services of Saturday and Sunday Mass. They have Zoom prayer sessions and a virtual coffee morning on Sundays at 11.00am.

Guisborough Methodist Church describes itself as a church without walls. On offer are online Sunday services, a Sunday Club for children and the Rev John's pastoral letter.

Community

Noted that the 'Guisborough Coronavirus Community Project' is an initiative set up to help people with problems arising from the effects of the pandemic. It is good that provision has been made in the town and can be contacted on 01287 722036.

95 Miles for the 95

The Scripture Union have set up a campaign to bring more young people to faith in Jesus. Entitled: The 95 Campaign, the 95 represents the number of young people who have no contact with a church. This is a problem mentioned in the January Newsletter and is a crucially important issue for the future of the church.



There are three elements to the campaign:
The Revealing Jesus Mission Framework; Faith Guides and the 95 Challenge.

The Revealing Jesus Mission framework is designed to help churches connect with the 95 percent and provides support and resources that are needed to help fellowships to walk alongside young people as they find and grow in faith. We at the Guisborough Church are fortunate in that we have a small Junior Church, but we could find that additional help and new ideas could be a valuable asset.

The second aspect of the Scripture Union campaign is the concept of Faith Guides. These will be volunteers making a commitment to be there for the long run, helping children and young people find and grow in their faith. This can seem like and is a formidable challenge but the Scripture Union commits to be there for the long run too, providing Faith Guides with practical relational support from their local Mission Enabler as well as first class resources and training materials to help them in their vital role.

And then there is The 95 Challenge. Throughout February, Scripture Union Staff will be donning their best fitness gear and hitting the streets. Their goal is to cover a distance of at least 95 miles between them each day, under their own steam (walking, running, cycling, skipping, you name it)- that's around 1.5 miles per day, for each person taking part. Or, to put it simply, 95 miles a day for the 95!

The message the Scripture Union put forward is that to spur them on, our help is needed, with a donation or other. I think it is a great idea, which I support.

Perhaps, you may wish to think about this campaign then, perhaps, wish to join me and offer your support?

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Thanks, Ray.

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