



5th May 2019

Lesley Wasley writes...

This morning I found myself unexpectedly the 'Newsletter Article Writer' and I found myself saying "What on earth am I going to write?" At the same time, I was thinking about how good God has been to me and what an awesome Father He is.

I have had this song going around in my head all week – God often gives me a song but not always when I want it – like at 4am when I can't sleep!

*O Taste and see that the Lord is good
O Taste and see that the Lord is good
O Taste and see that the Lord is good to me
You have turned my mourning into dancing
Put off my rags and clothed me with gladness
And I will arise and I will praise you
I'll sing and not be silent*

*O Lord my God I will give thanks to you forever
O Lord my God I will give thanks to you forever*

*I will live only for you
I will lift these hands up to you
I will dance before you
I will shout it I will shout it to you*

I have been singing this to myself whilst sending emails, inputting rotas and making dinner, so why couldn't I think of anything to say? It can be a bit like that sometimes when you are in a conversation with someone and they ask why there is so much suffering in the world and suddenly it's like you have gone mute (or is that just me?)

I recognise the suffering in the world, you only have to switch on the news or look at social media to see it and sometimes it feels like we are surrounded by it. Sri Lanka has been very much in our minds, hearts and prayers as Ian and Erika return (Praise God) from their visit to Pastor Sriyamal and family in Negombo. But God **is** good, and His love is unending.

So my prayer for anyone suffering but particularly at this time the people of Sri Lanka who have lost loved ones suddenly, are in shock and may not even have started the process of grieving is that one day God will turn their mourning into dancing, He will clothe them with gladness and they will be able to lift their hands up to praise Him, in the knowledge that His promise of eternal life is true.

Psalm 34:8

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.**

Blessings, Lesley

Notices

BEN BISCOE IN CALIFORNIA- good news!

Ben has been accepted by the board of Refuge Long Beach church to continue in ministry with them. They will help him apply for a Religious Worker visa which would last for 5 years. Please continue to pray for God's protection and guidance over the next steps of Ben's journey.

CLIMATE JUSTICE WORKSHOPS

Join us at ECB in Meeting Room 1 on 6 May, 3 June and 1 July at 7.45pm to discuss and plan ways to reduce the worldwide effect of global warming.

Please speak to Debbie Winson for further details.

LADIES PAMPER 'N'CHAT

With facial skincare tips and advice. Saturday 11th May 10-12noon Meeting Room 2.

WHO LET THE BLOKES OUT!

Meeting again on Saturday 11th May 10am to 12 noon in the ECB café. A chance to meet up with other men to chat and chill. Bring your children and let them play. Bacon sandwiches, tea and coffee.

PLANT SWAP

Saturday 17th May 10.30-12noon outside the café here at Emmanuel.

ENCOUNTER EVENING

Meeting again at GagleBrook School on Saturday 25th May 7-9pm. Please search: **Encounter @ Gagle Brook primary** for more details on Facebook.

ISRAEL—MAY 2020

Join Helen and Clive as they lead a 9 day tour of Israel in the Footsteps of Jesus. Places limited to 35 and you can reserve your place from now on. For all the info and details talk to Clive or Helen and also visit www.israel2020.co.uk

ROTAS: If you need to check rotas please log on to Church Builder. Contact the church office if you need help doing this.

ECB DIARY

SUN 5th May	10.30am	Informal Worship Doors to Mission Leader: Ian and Erika Biscoe Preacher: Cathy Ross
	7.00pm	Evening service (café open at 6.30pm) Colossians –Prayer and Thanksgiving Leader: Helen Collier Preacher: Clive Collier
MON 6th May	7.45pm	Climate Justice Workshop
TUES 7th May	9.00am	Prayers
WED 8th May	10.30am	Oasis Small Group
FRI 10th May	9.30am	Cherish Group
	7.00pm	Prayers
	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline
SAT 11th May	10.00am	Cherish Pamper’n’Chat
	10.00am	Who Let the Blokes Out!
SUN 12th May	10.30am	Café Church Prayer Leader: Jackie meek Preacher: Lesley Wasley/Liz Newby
	7.00pm	Evening service (café open at 6.30pm) Colossians –Paul’s Ministry Leader: Dorothy Williams Preacher: Peter Hill

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