



# CHURCH NEWS

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## Telling Stories

### The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

**Sunday 20th October**  
Lace Hill Academy

The service today will be led by  
Revd Tim Edworthy

**Reading Luke 15:1-10**

**Children and Young People:** We will share together in a time of worship and after the offering if you are under 16 you are very welcome to join in with our groups.

*After the service today there will be a prayer walk around Lace Hill Estate.*

*Please meet in the foyer at 12.30pm*



Tonight 7.30pm-9.00pm

### Chill n Chat

Upper Room, Well Street United Church

If you are in year 7+ then please do come and join us.

Any questions please speak with Margaret Kentish

#### Preaching at other congregations:

**6.00pm Revd Tim Edworthy—Gawcott Chapel**



Oli, Luke and Rachael as thank you for supporting their fundraising for their expeditions invite you to a



### Pudding Evening

On Friday 25th October @ 7.30pm

Well Street United Church

If you would like to hear about their Summer Adventure then please do come and join us for pudding and coffee.



**Saturday 26th October**

**Well Street United Church**

### Prayer Breakfast

**8.00am –9.30am**

Join us as we pray for our Church!



We start with breakfast and then pray from 8.30.

Please note that elections for Elders will be held at the AGM on Wednesday 27 November. Nomination forms will be available in a couple of weeks but please commence your prayerful consideration as to who you could approach to be considered.

**Sunday 27th October 12.30pm**

**Church Lunch @ Well Street United Church**

If you would like to join us for a Traditional Sunday Roast then please book your place with Ros Hutt tel 816570 . Cost £5 Please do let us know of any dietary requirements.

Thank you *Margaret and Shelia*

Church Office will be open until 1.00pm next week except for Wednesday 23rd October when the office will be closed

## Who we are:



We are an LEP (local ecumenical partnership) of Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches. Our vision is It is 'Putting the King at the Heart of Buckingham'. We want to be a church in the community for the community of Lace Hill. We desire to make Jesus known throughout Buckingham and beyond.

As an LEP we observe the traditions of our three denominations— please speak with our minister Tim Edworthy or duty elder regarding christenings, infant dedications, confirmation and believers baptism.

**DNA Fundraiser for Ellie**

**Friday Film Night**

**'New' Disney Aladdin**

**1st November 2019**

**6.15pm at Well Street United Church**

We are not able to charge for showing a film but would suggest a minimum donation of £1.50 per person.

Pop corn will be provided!

Open to young and old

*If under 18's are coming without an adult please do book a place with Ellie or Wendy so that we can ensure that we have sufficient adult cover. Thank you*



Save the dates:

16th November Murder Mystery Party

27th November Church AGM

1st December Christmas Unwrapped

7th December Breakfast @Bethlehem

8th December All In Nativity Service

15th December Community Carol Service

18th December Carols on Wednesday

*More information to follow.....*

**Mission of the month**



**BMS World Mission** used to be known as the Baptist Missionary Society. It was founded in 1792. Ever since, BMS has sought to make Jesus known around the world, beginning with William Carey in Serampore, India. Today, BMS World Mission continues to make Jesus known. *The current vision states:*

*'We have a plan: to transform one million lives in God's strength by 2020, through seven ministries. Through workers, partners and grants, this is what we do.'* Church, development, education, health, justice, leadership and relief are the key areas.

**This week BMS world mission ask for prayer for Justice**

**BMS World Mission justice ministries are breaking the chains of oppression across the world, from legal education and child protection work in Uganda to freeing women trapped in the sex trade in Thailand. But so many marginalised people are still unaware of their rights. Please pray this week for BMS justice work. Pray for BMS partners who are involved in the administration of justice. Pray that they would be men and women of peace who seek God's law above all else.**

**Joyce Newton -**

**The funeral service for Joyce will take place on Thursday 24th October 2.30pm at Aylesbury Crematorium, Waterside. Please do pray for the Joyce's family ad friends at this time.**

**Thank you**

**We would like everyone for their good wishes and cards for our Silver Wedding. Also for the support shown last Sunday for the renewal of our vows. We had a great weekend and appreciate the love of the church family. Jane and Peter**

**Before going to bed on Saturday 26th October**



**Sunday 27th October**

Lace Hill Academy 10.30am

**Telling Stories the Lost Son**

Luke 15:1-10

Preacher: Mike Ennis

Worship Leader: Chris George

**Christmas Day Lunch in Buckingham** is put on especially for those local people who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day.

Who do you know who could be a potential guest? We also need helpers—however we're encouraging people who could be at home with their family not to volunteer to be part of the team but instead consider inviting a neighbour to share their Christmas lunch or tea.

For more information contact Jill on Stephen Townsend [Stephen.Townsend@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:Stephen.Townsend@salvationarmy.org.uk) 07770 380717

**Christmas Unwrapped Monday 2nd December from 8.45am**

Every December Well Street United Church and Buckingham Parish Church open their doors to over 200 year 4 school children.

Christmas Unwrapped explores the birth of Jesus through storytelling, craft and questions.

If you are able to help with some craft, storytelling, hosting a school group (teaching staff are with the children!), providing refreshments for teachers and the team, then please do contact me.

If you have not been part of this event in the past please do speak with me as it is a great way to share the true meaning of Christmas with the children. Thank you

**Wendy (wellstreetoffice@gmail.com)**

**Breakfast at Bethlehem will take place on 7th December.**

Please do pray for the Children's Team as we start to prepare for this family event.

If you have any Nativity Costumes that your children have outgrown they would be much appreciated in the B@B Dressing up Box! **Lorna**

**Methodist Membership Cards**

**If you would like a Methodist Membership Card please contact Katy Morris or Wendy Edworthy.**



**On 3rd November** our morning service will include a baptism. If you would like to know more about baptism or feel that you too would like to be baptised then please do speak

**As part of our worship we take up an offering . If you are visiting please feel under no obligation to give. If you are a regular worshipper please speak to Geoff Morris as to how you can give by Standing Order and also about Gift Aid if you are a tax payer.**

**Well Street United Church, Well Street, Buckingham, MK18 1ET**

On 3rd September our Pastor Tim Edworthy set out on a 500 mile walk to Santiago de Compostela. He arrived at his destination on 5th October. During his walk Tim kept us upto date with his progress through his blog 'A postcard from the Camino'. Since arriving home Tim has written a couple more blogs reflecting on his journey.



## A Camino Reflection

Tuesday, 8 October 2019

### The Journey goes on...

I made it! Exactly one month after leaving St Jean Pied de Pont, I arrived outside the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela having completed the Camino Frances.



I had deliberately done extra miles on the previous day, so that I could arrive early on Saturday. Every pilgrim that completes at least the last 115 kilometres from Sarria to Santiago qualifies for a Compostela. To prove that you have done so, you must collect stamps in a 'Credencial de Peregrino': at least two per day from Sarria, and one per day before that. These can be obtained at albergues, churches, bars, restaurants and shops and sometimes, wayside stalls. On arrival in Santiago, it's important to proceed as early as possible to the Pilgrim Office to book your place in the queue for a Compostela. I arrived there around 9.30am and was 390 in the queue. Thankfully, there is an online app by which you can check where the queue has got to so that you don't have to stay there for hours!

I arrived alone outside the Cathedral, feeling quite emotional at the thought of the month-long journey and all that I had experienced. I had hoped for a few moments of quiet reflection, but the square was filled with people, music and the beginnings of a basketball tournament on temporary courts. There was a feeling of celebration, and I decided that I had better embrace the atmosphere. Within moments, I was embraced by members of my Camino family who had arrived the previous day: Darius, Blathnaid, Sabine, Christian. As the day went on, others arrived: Jess, Mack, Daniel, Mark, Theresia, Gill, Stephan and Annelie, Mauru, Bea, Katya, Daisy. In fact, I was so caught up in catching up that I nearly missed my slot to obtain my Compostela. I went running on sore feet down to the Pilgrim Office to find that the queue had reached 388. Just a few moments later and I would have missed my slot and had to rejoin the queue from the back; a wait of some hours!



During the rest of the day, I visited the tomb of St James inside the cathedral (currently closed for worship due to renovations), did a little shopping, found the Seminario Menor Albergue where I was staying for my last night, went to a Pilgrims' Mass and enjoyed a quiet celebration meal with Theresia and Gill. The next day, I was able to catch up again with a few friends, before taking up the kind offer of a lift to the airport from the afore-mentioned well-known comedian/comic actor who was on the same flight home as me.

What now? After a month walking the Camino, it's going to take a while to adapt to 'normal' life back at home. I'm not really ready to leave behind the Camino, and I've realised that I don't have to. For me, the Camino is not so much about following the Way of St James as about following Jesus, who calls us all to follow him. He said, 'Yo soy el camino' – 'I am the Way' (John 14v6). I believe and hope and pray that walking the Camino will help me to follow Jesus better. Whether or not I ever return to the Camino de Santiago (and I hope I do!), the Camino continues with Jesus wherever I am.

Buen Camino! **Pilgrim Tim**





# A Camino Reflection

Saturday, 12 October 2019

## 'For the least of these...'

Cafés filling for breakfast; traffic on snooze for Saturday morning; the tap, tap of walking poles; modern buildings giving way to ancient; Galician bagpipes blasting out merrily; a crowd gathering excitedly; music amplified raucously; spires reaching for the heavens. These were the sights and sounds as I walked into Santiago de Compostela around 9.15am on 5<sup>th</sup> October at the end of my pilgrimage on the Camino.

These were not the only things that I saw and heard. We remember things differently. You would have observed things that I do not, and vice versa. We have selective memories and choose what to report and what to keep to ourselves. There are things I have not yet reported, and I cannot keep to myself. If I did, I would be as guilty as the priest and Levite who walked by on the other side, in Jesus's story of the Good Samaritan. The heavily pregnant woman who knelt in silence in the middle of the path on the way to the Cathedral, a small pot in front of her. The dishevelled man outside the entrance to the Cathedral, his eyes pleading, his begging bowl waiting.

It's not my practice to give money to such as these. They say it only exacerbates the problem. The more who give, the more who beg. Also, I don't know their circumstances. Are they genuinely in need? Or are they there for easy pickings? I avoid making eye contact. I appear to ignore them. Yet I hear the words of Jesus ringing in my ears, 'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' I cannot help all, but neither can I ignore all.

My response through walking the Camino has been to invite sponsorship for Toybox, whose mission is 'changing the world for Street Children'. Toybox works in countries such as Bolivia and El Salvador, Nepal and Kenya. Toybox exists to see:

- A World with no Street Children
- No child living on the streets
- No child working on the streets
- Every child safe from exploitation
- Every child safe from traffickers

Toybox does everything it can to target those in genuine need. I know this because one of the staff is a member of my church, and she makes regular visits to ensure that it is the case.

I've been hugely encouraged and amazed at the generosity of the many who have sponsored me. All of this giving goes to Toybox. At the time of writing, it looks like together we will have raised over £2000. That's awesome! It's not too late to add to that if you would like to. Below, you'll find details of how. Thank you so much for your support of me on the Camino, for your giving, praying and encouraging.

We can't help everyone in need, but we can help some. And Jesus says, 'Whatever you did for the least of these... you did for me.'

Buen Camino! *Pilgrim Tim*



It is still not too late to make a donation to Toybox either visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TimEdworthy> or speak to Tim