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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK —

Lesley Utley

I've always loved listening to stories – the highlight of the week at primary school was sitting at our teacher's feet on Friday afternoons as she read the next chapter from a really good book – Treasure Island, The Silver Sword, Black Beauty – purely for enjoyment.

My dad was a fantastic story teller. He told us a whole series of tales about a character called Jumper Frog who went to the circus, worked as a firefighter, had a picnic, enjoyed a trip to the seaside etc , just making them up as he went along while we snuggled under the blankets. Others had my sisters and me as the main characters. The settings were familiar – we sat on three toadstools at the bottom of our garden, were suddenly plummeted underground and held captive by an ogre! Or we would get on a bus that went the wrong way and took us to an Enchanted Forest! Once we were on the towpath by the canal and rescued a puppy that had fallen in the water.

There would often be a moral to the stories and Dad would involve us in the decision making – should "Lesley" keep the money in the purse she found and spend it on sweets or should she try to find the owner?

In our Scripture lessons at school we studied The Parables, told by Jesus using everyday situations to illustrate a particular principle to which his followers could relate. It was a simple yet effective strategy to get the point across.

During the summer those of us who come to communion on Wednesdays are sharing our favourite bible passages. It's my turn this week and I've chosen The Parable of the Sower as I love the imagery and the lessons it teaches me, a bit like my Dad's stories!

In your daily prayers, please remember especially the following members of our church family:

Stephanie Cater, Brian Fairclough, Sarah Russell, Dorothy Williams, Mike Oswald, Janet Humphries, Sue Kirby, Peter Fallows, Bernadette Hallman, Alf & Maureen Fairclough, Carol Swinyard, David Brooks, Rob MacDonald, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Dave Smyth, Gwyneth Shackleton, Gordon Orritt, Adam Newbury, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Lol Crilly, Elaine Tiscornia, Christopher Jones, Peggy Fumage, John, Simon & Crystal, Joanne Duthie, Jean Sergison-Main, Richard Gedge, Jonathan Etheridge, Andrew Harwood and the bereaved family & friends of Sandra McParland



Names for this prayer list
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LATEST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Sponsored Bike Ride

Supported by Crosby Royal Naval Association, we are having a community bike ride on **Saturday 29th August at 9am**. All money raised will go to church funds.

Individuals, groups and families are invited to take part and can choose one of the set routes via the Sefton Circular route.

Information sheets and sponsor forms are at the back of church.



Our next Men's Working Party is on **Saturday 23rd August 9am - 12 Noon**.

We always welcome new people who can come along and help with simple maintenance and repairs around the church building and gardens.

There will be a bacon butty and cuppa waiting for you!



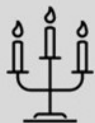
Over the Summer, our **Picnic Praise** dates will be :

Sunday 2nd August

Sunday 6th September

Do join us for fun, fellowship, games and prayer at 4:30pm in the church halls.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



Prayer For July

Lord of light, thank you for your steadfast love for us. Help us to connect with you each day; to seek your guidance and revel in your love. Help us to find different ways to bless others in your name.

Amen.

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OUR REGULAR SERVICES/EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8.30am - Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer on **1st Sunday** of each month)

10.30am - Eucharist

10:30am All Age Service on **2nd Sunday** of each month (No Eucharist)

4.30pm - Picnic Praise on **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month.

MONDAYS

6:00pm – Prayers together in the council chamber

WEDNESDAYS

9:00am -10:00am Church is open for private prayer

10:15am - Eucharist and Bible Study

THURSDAYS

9:00 am - 1:00pm - 'Soupa Thursday'.

Tea/coffee, toast, soup, company and chat

6:00pm - 7:00pm - Bridge Youth Group



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THIS MONTH'S RULE FOR LIFE

**Called to pray, read and learn.
Sent to tell, serve and give.**

Suggestions for July...

Read a psalm each day – maybe all the ones with a number 3 and 4!

Pray The Lord's Prayer every morning – that His will is done that day.

Learn a bit more about the groups we have in church – and notice the things we aren't yet doing.

Tell 3 new people about something you are praying for and ask them to pray too.

Serve by joining the Sunday reading, praying, tea or welcome rota – ask Beth about it!

Give yourself 5 mins (10 if possible) of peace and quiet each day.

Please e-mail items for newsletter
(by Wednesday 9 a.m.)
to: stnicspa@gmail.com



Our 10:30 Sunday Service is
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Feel free to contact us:

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We will once again be collecting stationery items over the Summer holidays to help local families in need be able to send their children back to school with some of the essentials.

If you are able to donate NEW items such as pens, pencils, highlighters, pencil cases, rulers, A4 note books, scientific calculators and maths equipment (compasses, set squares etc) they would be very gratefully received.

Thank you in advance.



Our Wellbeing service at 10:30am this Sunday is on the subject of 'Rest'. ALL ages welcome!

Do join us at this informal service for prayer, songs, activities and fellowship.

Refreshments will be available throughout.

Soupa Thursday

Tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits
toast, soup and toasties,
company and chat.

Food served 9am to 1pm

Pay as you can!

All are welcome - everyone belongs!

Sefton Warm Spaces

a space for community and warmth in Sefton

in partnership with Sefton Council Sefton CVS

In St Nicholas small hall – best accessed through the rear carpark.