

10th March 2024

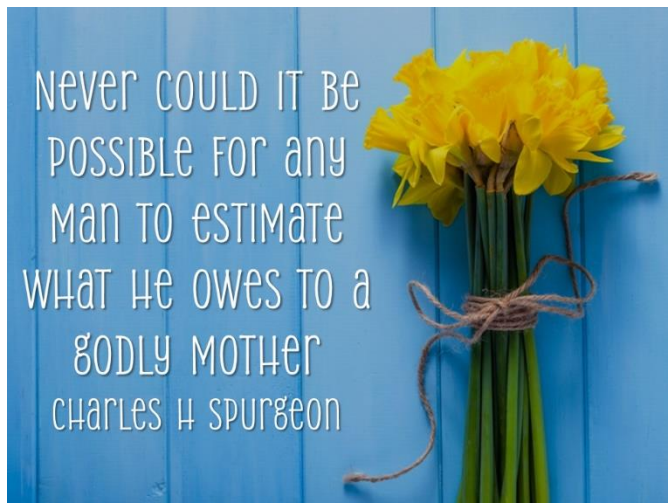


Do you ever find yourself thinking, 'what if...?' Sometimes we may wish our lives had taken a different path and sometimes we might be really glad they didn't. There may be many times when we don't seem to have much say in the outcomes of our 'what if ...?' questions. There may be times when the decisions we make along our journey have far-reaching repercussions for others. I'm sure Moses' mother had no idea that her actions would have such far-reaching consequences. In the face of Pharaoh's evil plan to kill every boy born to his Hebrew slaves, I'm sure her over-riding thoughts were simply about saving the life of her baby. But what if she hadn't had the idea of hiding him in his little floating basket among the reeds by the river bank? If she hadn't, Moses would never have been found and adopted by Pharaoh's own daughter and raised in the Egyptian court (Exodus 2.1-10). If that hadn't been the case, it's hard to imagine he would later have been granted an audience with the then Egyptian ruler to demand the release of God's people.

If Moses' mother hadn't taken action to save his life, the people of God wouldn't have had the great leader who trusted and obeyed God and led them through the wilderness; the one who brought them God's Law and guidance; the one who would talk with God face to face, as a friend.

For all that to be possible, Moses' mother had to be willing to give up her son in order to save him. She did that because she loved him completely. God was willing to give up his Son, in order to save us. He did that because he loves us completely (John 3.16). What if he hadn't done that? Where would we be? Even though we may traditionally call 'him' 'Father', God knows all about loving with a mother's love. Many people will be taking time today to show their gratitude for a mother's love. How might we show our gratitude to God for his love too?

Catherine



Please pray for...



Ron Jones, John Panter, Laura McGarry, Beryl Hinton, Colin Smith, Helen Hughes, Ray Croucher, Helen Smith, Joe McFee's grandson Jaiden Roberts, Adrian & Jenny Corney's friend Becky Turner, John Halford's brother David and Liz Barnes' brother John.

We pray for the family and friends of Jill Hurst.

We periodically update our prayer section. Please let the Church Office know if you wish names to remain on or be removed from the list.

Lent: Wilderness and Discipleship



Next session Tuesday 12th March, 6.45-8.30pm in St Mary's Church. Please note that this course is now full.

Mothers Union



Meeting on **Monday 11th March, 2.30 pm** in the Parish Rooms when the speaker will be Carolyn Lawrence on 'Nuts about Brazil'. Visitors most welcome.

Also, THANK YOU SO MUCH for your support of our Mothering Sunday stall last week at which we raised £292.00 for MU projects in various African countries as well as Papua New Guinea.

The Filling Station



25th March at Rodington Village Hall, Shrewsbury with speaker Rev Dr Christopher Landau. See poster at the back of church for more information.

Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated.

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Family Friendly Morning Worship CW

Readings: Exodus 2.1-10, John 3.14-21

This service will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMOR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom services can be accessed via landline using any of the following numbers, with the meeting IDs and passwords above: 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240 / 0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874.

Worship @6

Market Drayton Methodist Church,
Sunday 10th March 6pm.



Helpers Needed

More helpers are needed for refreshments after the 10.30 Sunday morning services. If you are able to volunteer, please speak to Pat Fox.



Children's Society Boxes

Time to collect again! Please could you bring your boxes into church on Sundays, or bring them to 60 Rowan Road. Cheques made payable to the Children's Society. Contact Elaine Mason 07846 715620 if you need more information. Thank you.

Beryl Hinton

Beryl is now home. Many thanks to all those who popped in to see her while she was in hospital.

Shropshire Supports Refugees

Some of you will remember Chris Ashley, who now worships in Wellington. Chris is doing a lot of work with refugees and particularly wanted to share with us the work being done by Shropshire Supports Refugees (Registered Charity No. 1196673) There is a newsletter from Chris on the notice board at the back of church, including information about a clothes appeal and you can find out more about the charity at

<https://www.shropshiresupportsrefugees.org/>

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required.



Jars/tins of cooking/pasta sauces; jam; shampoo

We have plenty of—Cereals; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Tinned Tomatoes.

If you need to contact the Foodbank, please call

01630 654007 (not the number in the current church directory). The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.

Foodbank Trustee Needed

The Foodbank are looking for someone with a finance background to join the Board of Trustees. For more information please see the poster on the notice board at the back of church or speak to Catherine.

Spring Harvest

There are 3 places available at Spring Harvest **8th to 11th April** (Minehead). There is 1 double room and 1 single room available (as part of 3 bedroomed chalet). If anyone would like to know more (cost etc) then contact Laurina ASAP. Please don't let cost be a barrier, support is available.

Staying in Touch

Please either leave a message or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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