

Don't be jealous or proud but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought.

(Philippians 2:3-5; CEV)

I've been thinking about this part of Paul's Letter to the Philippians quite a bit recently. We can't copy Jesus exactly as he was both fully human and fully divine whereas we are, of course, 'only human.' This is not an excuse, however, for us to not try and be Christ-like in our attitudes and in our dealings with one another. As my mum used to say to me, "Treat others as you would like to be treated." Whether she knew it or not, my mum was quoting Jesus in Matthew 7:12. I'm not sure who first said it, but I do like the phrase: *It's nice to be important, but it's much more important to be nice.* Another saying that I like in a similar vein is: *People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.*

Many of us will have seen at least something of the Olympic Games from Paris this summer. I have been struck by how gracious most of the athletes have been in congratulating others that have been more successful than them or praising the team as being more important than themselves alone. There was one notable exception which took place in the context of gymnastics. During a team competition, one of the gymnasts fell from some apparatus and effectively lost that team any chance of victory. The other teammates of that competitor turned their backs on him, essentially shunning him. I can only imagine how devastating that must have been because the individual would already have been feeling upset and disappointed.

Writing to the church in Philippi, Paul urges his hearers and readers of the letter to put away such negative emotions as pride and jealousy. Rather, he says, let the Philippians, and us, strive to imitate the mind of Christ who always put the needs of others first. Let us emulate his humility and really care for one another, as others do for us.

With my very best wishes,

Howard

BORDEAUX QUARTERLY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2024

DATE	MORNING SERVICE 11 am
1 September	Read
8 September	Fellowship
15 September	Roger Browning
22 September	Fellowship
29 September	Rev David Knight Harvest
6 October	Esther Male
13 October	Rev David Stretton HC
20 October	NO SERVICE
27 October	Rev David Knight
3 November	Read
10 November	Rev David Stretton
17 November	Fellowship
24 November	Rev Dawn Saunders HC

SPECIAL SERVICES

29 September - Harvest Festival

Church Council Meeting on Monday 14 October at 7 pm in the church.

Anyone who has ideas to help the church move forward, please come.

10 November - Church Lunch, 12.30 for 1 pm at La Villette Hotel. Further information will be circulated later.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At the AGM on 26 September 2023, it was decided that the group would meet on the last Tuesday of each month from 2 - 3.30 pm.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

2 October	30 October	27 November
16 October	13 November	11 December

In the New Room from 7.30 pm until 8.45 pm.

Everyone wishing to study the Bible and wanting to pray for others are welcome.

TEA/COFFEE ROTA

1 Sept	Jan	6 October	Jan	3 November	Jan
8 Sept	Pat	13 October	Mary	10 November	Pat
15 Sept	Mary			17 November	Mary
22 Sept	Shirley	27 October	Shirley	24 November	Shirley
29 Sept	Pat			1 December	Jan

CHURCH KEYS

If you need access to the church for any reason please contact someone and arrange to collect and return a key. Church keys are held by the people listed below.

Linda Allett	07781 123771		
Rex Martel	249355	Pat Cushing	07781 438459
Mary Drake	726652	Graham De Jersey	07781 100117
Jan Brown	245986	Jan De Jersey	07781 405257
Glenn Drake	07781 148833	Cathy Robert	07911 713209

FLOWER ROTA

1 September	Alison Le Page
8 September	Judith Creber
15 September	Monica Le Page
22 September	Margaret Bretel
29 September	Sue Payne HF
6 October	Linda Allett
13 October	Janet De Jersey
27 October	Pat Cushing
3 November	Sheila Oliver
10 November	Joanne Martel
17 November	Mary Drake
24 November	Shirley Banyard
1 December	Marion Brackley

On Saturday 28 September the church will be open from 9 am until 4 pm in order to decorate the windows.

Jan will open up church at 9 am on Saturday 28 September for anyone happy to decorate the window ledges with donations of fruit, veg, and groceries which will go to the Cheshire Home, Guernsey Welfare and individuals. Thank you.

Thank you to all who kindly put flowers at Bordeaux each week, they always look lovely.

Pat