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IT'S A FAMILY
YOU BELONG TO.**

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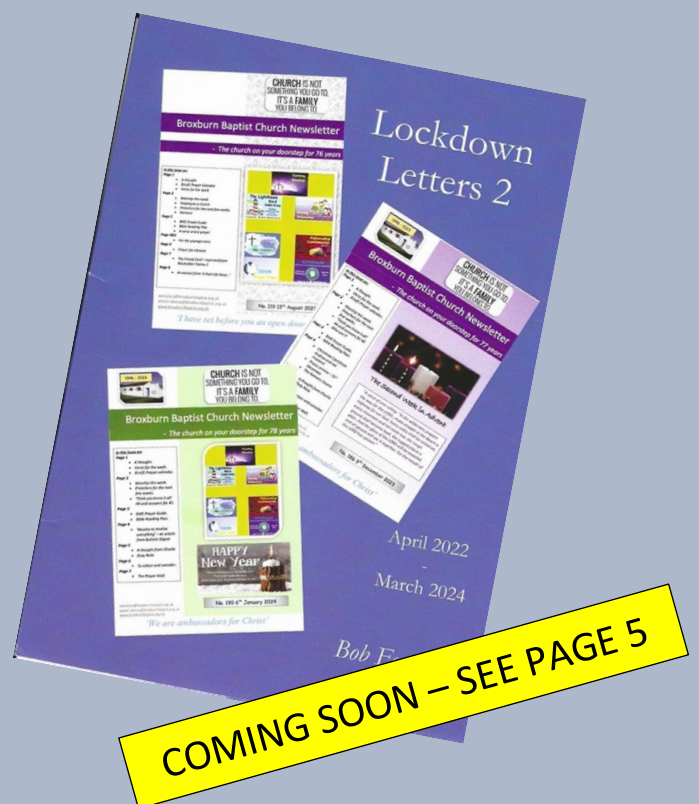
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'We are ambassadors for Christ'

Some thoughts.....

I was ahead of myself this week and had my 'thoughts' done and dusted by Monday. Little did any of us know what was unfolding in Barcelona until Donna's message to say that Davy had left the hotel in the early hours of the morning and was missing.

For those who don't know Davy, he is the husband of Christine, a member of the church here in Broxburn. Davy is a lovely 'gentle giant' who doesn't say very much but who is living with advancing Alzheimer's. The holiday to Barcelona was probably going to be the last opportunity for Davy and Christine to be together on holiday. Donna and Mark who have known Christine and Davy for a long time were there to support them. It was on Monday morning, the second last day of the holiday, that Davy went missing. Davy had left the hotel in the early hours and it was 3 hours before Christine awoke to find him gone.

Monday at 6.30 our time the message from Donna read 'Christine woke up and Davy is missing. Please pray.' Which is what happened and before long the word had spread and Davy was being prayed for countrywide. At the same time Mark and Donna went into action searching themselves, producing posters in Catalan with Davy's picture on them, finding Catalan speakers to contact local agencies, alerting the police, British Consul, newspapers, and an extensive Facebook appeal. There was no sign of Davy and by 9.00pm our time Donna and Mark were planning to visit homeless shelters in Barcelona. The church met for prayer for Davy's safe return and one particular prayer asked that someone be sent to meet Davy.

After 24 hours things were beginning to look grim and I was fearing the worst. At 7.30 on Tuesday morning I contacted Donna and asked if we should send someone out to be with Christine while they were busy but the time for them actively seeking was past. The newspapers had been alerted and several papers ran the story with pictures. Then at 3.51 on Tuesday afternoon 'He's been found!'. To read about that turn to page 4. He was dazed, distressed, dirty, disorientated but alive. At time of writing (Friday morning) he is still in hospital awaiting repatriation and his mental condition is giving concern. He is still very unwell and his experience may affect his future but it could have been much worse. Thank you for praying, keep praying for a good outcome for Davy and Christine – God is at work!

Robert

13th April 2024

Baptist Union of Scotland Prayer Calendar 2024

Here are the subjects for prayer this week..

W/c 15th April

Dalkeith Baptist Church
Dedridge Baptist Church
Dennistoun Baptist Church
Denny Baptist Church



You can sign up for prayer points via Facebook at <https://scottishbaptist.com/prayer/>

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God

BMS Prayer Guide 2024



BMS World Mission has been working with partners in Lebanon for a quarter of a century. In that time the country has seen prosperity and hardship, peace and conflict. In this current time of crisis for Lebanon, many feel hopeless. But there are signs of hope. God is at work through his people and calling many to him.

SUNDAY 14

Rejoice that BMS' partner the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in 2023. Pray that as its ministry continues under the new name Thimar ('fruit'), many more will see and hear of the transforming work of Christ.

MONDAY 15

Thimar supports local churches providing informal education to Syrian refugee children. Pray that teachers and staff in the education centres would continue to bring hope and healing to the children and their families.

TUESDAY 16

Give thanks for the welcome and care that Lebanon has provided for people displaced from Syria in recent years. Pray that despite negative social media and a harsh economic and political climate, Lebanon would remain a safe place for vulnerable Syrians.

WEDNESDAY 17

Refugee children in education centres receive psychological support and speech therapy, when needed. Pray that our partner's therapists will see God's heart for each child.

THURSDAY 18

Pray that Lebanon's Government would lead with justice, that the economy would be restored, and that health, social and education systems would work effectively and fairly.

FRIDAY 19

Give thanks for the theological study BMS supports at certificate, degree and master's level. Pray for the staff and faculty, and for students and their ministry in the Middle East and North Africa.

SATURDAY 20

BMS' partner is clear that their longevity and impact comes from God's faithfulness and provision. Pray that their (and our) focus on the Lord continues to be their strength and witness.

Bible Reading – the whole Bible in 2 years –How are you doing?.

14 th	Leviticus 18:14-30; Leviticus 19:1-28
15 th	Leviticus 19:29-37; Leviticus 20:1-27; Leviticus 21:1-3
16 th	Leviticus 21:4-24; Leviticus 22:1-21
17 th	Leviticus 22:22-33; Leviticus 23:1-31
18 th	Leviticus 23:32-44; Leviticus 24:1-23; Leviticus 25:1-8
19 th	Leviticus 25:9-49
20 th	Leviticus 25:50-55; Leviticus 26:1-35



A Thought from Charlie

*“Happy is he...whose hope is in the Lord his God.”
(Psalm 146:5)*

Happy is the man who has learned the secret of coming to God in daily prayer. 15 minutes alone with God every morning before you start the day can change circumstances and remove mountains. But all of this happiness and all of these unlimited benefits that flow from the storehouse of heaven are contingent upon our relationship with God.

Absolute dependency and absolute yieldedness, are the conditions of being His child. Only His children are entitled to receive those things that lend themselves to happiness, and in order to be His child, there must be the surrender of the will to Him. Man does not come to know God through works; he comes to know God through faith. Through Grace.

You cannot work your way towards happiness and heaven, You cannot moralise your way, You cannot reform your way, you cannot buy your way.

It comes as a gift of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Like any gift, salvation must be received!

Have you done that?

Do you want help in finding peace with God?

Church Stuff

Sunday 14th

11.00am Morning Worship – Rev Archie Young

To join on zoom just click the link below.

[Click to join](#)

5.30pm Family Fellowship - ‘New Life’

Thursday

10.30am Zoom Prayer

[Click to join](#)

Friday

9.00am The Lighthouse

Sunday 21st

11.00am Morning Worship – Donna



Duty Rota

Preaching

Door

Vestry Prayer

Communion Prayer

	14	Archie	Phyllis	Eddie	
	21	Donna	Linda	Linda	
	28	Andy	Bill	Bill	
May	5	Donna	Mark	Robert	Bill
	12	Andy	Lindsay	Robert	
	19	Andy	Doreen	Jim B.	

'He's been found!' - from Donna's fb messages....

MORE URGENT - please pray and share. Now missing 34.5 hours. Our friend Davy, who has Alzheimer's, left his room and our hotel at 4:30am this morning, without his wife waking or realising he had gone until she woke at 7:30am. The Night Manager tried to stop him, but he was determined to go. They called his wife, but she didn't wake. He is still missing, doesn't have his glasses, money or anything else. He is very, very vulnerable. He is wearing a thin navy jacket and jeans, grey trainers. Spanish Police have been dreadful and have wasted the first 30+ hours of this investigation simply hoping Davy would stumble in front of one of their patrols.

DAVID HAS BEEN FOUND and it was through Facebook and Faithful Prayer!!! A young woman whose Dad has Alzheimer's, who has experience of this tragic illness, saw a post whilst she just happened to be on holiday in Barcelona and decided to look for him. She found him resting in a bus stop, filthy and 'out of it'. Looks like he's been walking all night and all day. He's conscious but unwell and heading to hospital in an ambulance. There's not a word for the gratitude we feel right now to all who Posted and Prayed. We worked together, by the grace of God, and saved a man! More news when we have it!

Update on David - he is still in hospital, his feet are injured, he has an upset tummy, but no serious physical injuries. Unfortunately, in the 10 hours Mark was with him in the hospital, he was never lucid, never in the 'here and now', which is entirely out of the common for Davy. He is being kept in for observation, hydration and rest.

It transpires he was found by a young Canadian woman living in Barcelona. It was her birthday yesterday and she was reminiscing about her own father who sadly passed away, and had similar symptoms to Davy, was even the same height! She felt burdened to search for him and set out, finding him in approximately 15 minutes, close her own home, in the bus stop. Her name is Emma Dagenkamp. We praise the LORD for her, her history and how it has shaped her empathy and motivated her to search for a stranger. We are hoping to meet this generous-hearted woman tomorrow.

(Barcelona has a population of around 1.6 million.

The city has about 43 million visitors every year.

Davy was missing for over 24 hours.

He was found by a young lady – who:

- just happened to be in the city
- just happened to have a father who had had Alzheimer's,
- just happened to be concerned enough,
- just happened to find him in a bus shelter near her house.

I don't know about you but that seems to be a lot of 'just happened' – or could it have been anything to do with the prayers?)

'Lockdown Letters 2'

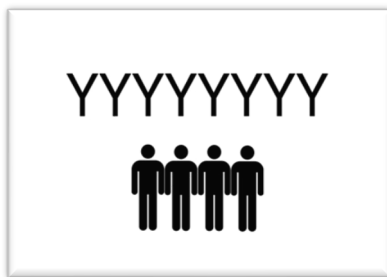
Two years ago I put together 'Lockdown Letters' which was a compilation of the 'thoughts' from Newsletters 1 to 101. I had 40 copies printed and they were snapped up (well they went eventually - thanks to all who took them.)

I've just finished proof reading Lockdown Letters 2 which covers Newsletter 102 to 202 - the 'thoughts' and other bits and pieces in a bound A5 format. Before I let the printer know how many to do I wondered if there is anyone out there who would like a copy (or copies) – drop an email to secretary@broxburnbaptist.org.uk or a text to 07780873997 letting me know how many you want.

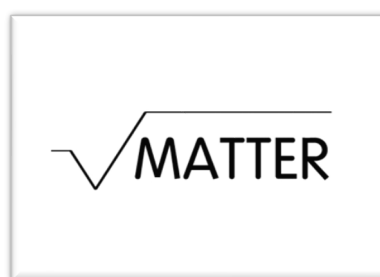
As last time there will be no charge but if you feel guilty then you can give a donation to your favourite Christian charity.



Bible Dingbats – say what you see - ANSWERS!!



Wise Men



The root of the matter



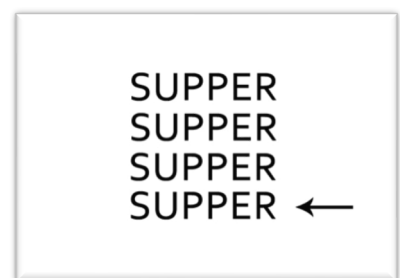
The tree of life



Daniel in the lion's den



The golden calf



The last supper



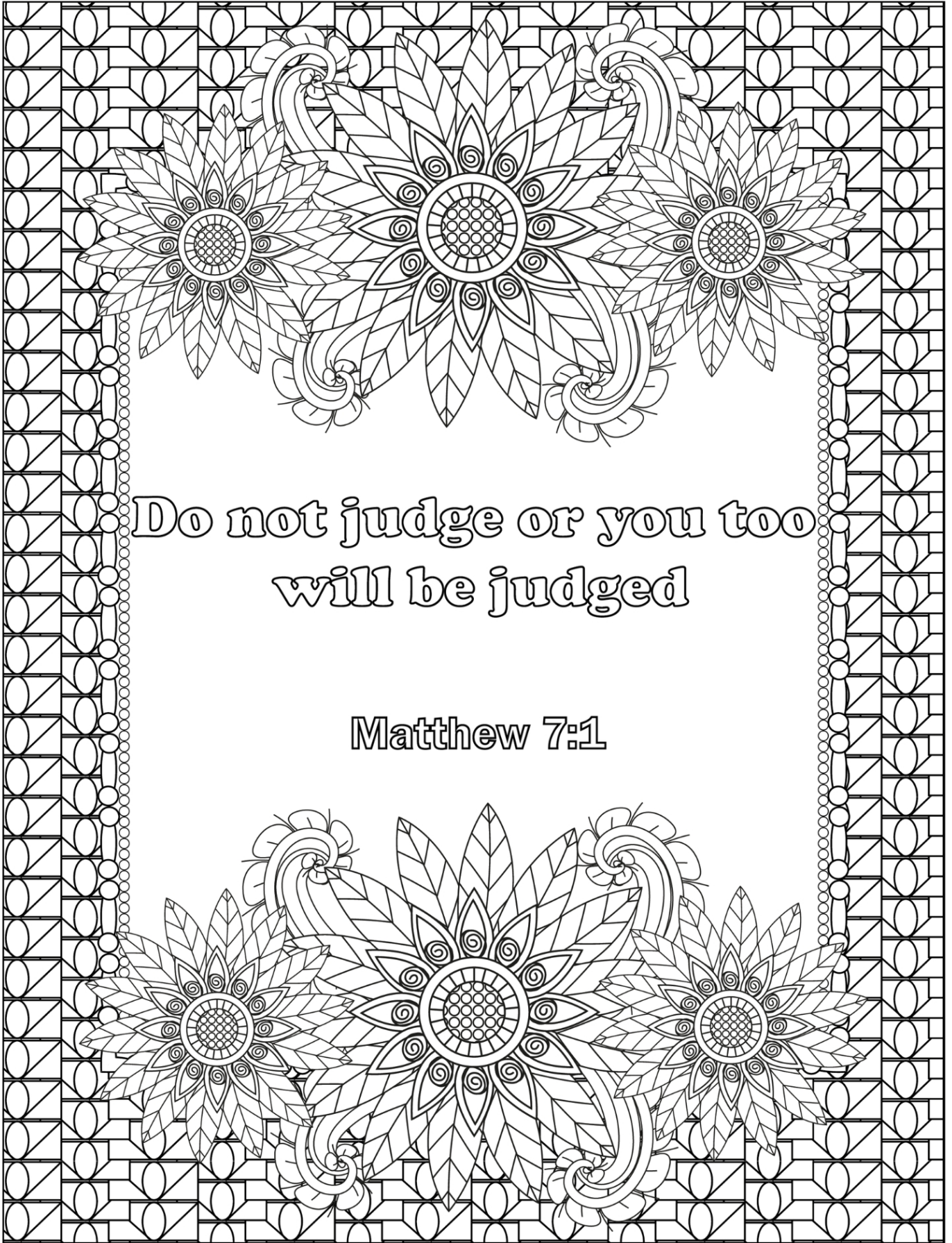
Caesar



The burning bush



Philemon



Do not judge or you too
will be judged

Matthew 7:1

The Prayer Wall

Dear Lord,

As I look back over the past week I can see times when I have been true to what I believe and other times when I haven't been the person I should be. As I think over these times please forgive me and give me the strength not to make the same mistakes again.

In Jesus' name

Lord, show me how to radiate the hope of the gospel in a world which seems devoid of hope.
Amen

Lord, I want to thank you for Davy being found safe. As he recovers from this traumatic time please guide those who will be responsible for his care. Strengthen Donna as she makes arrangements for his transport home and Christine as she waits at home.

Amen

Lord, thank you for our NHS and those who work in it. As it struggles to meet all the demands we put on it give courage to the politicians that they might be honest as to what it will take to put it right. May we be willing to do our part in providing the finance required,
Amen

Lord, I remember the churches that meet in our town. Thank you for their work and witness. Be with them as they meet for worship. Guide them as they plan for the future and inspire them as they witness for you.

Amen

Lord, I pray for my neighbours, the folk I work beside, the shop workers I meet, the postman who delivers my mail and all the others I come in contact with.
May they come to know you.

Amen

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips Psalm 34:1

Lord, life isn't always easy and there are times when I find it difficult to praise you. At these times please help me to remember all the things I have to praise you for and extol you in the difficult.

Amen

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?

Only a Holy God
Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

https://youtu.be/OWsZov9KJ_U

Father, as I look forward to another week help me to live for you, to tell those I meet about your love for them, and honour you in everything I do.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV