

Bethel News, July 2020, 151st Church Anniversary

Bethel News: The Deacons felt it would be sensible to use this time while the building is closed to think about decorating the entire building. We have had the necessary quotes and have now agreed which contractors to use. The hall and the main church will be repainted by outside contractors while the young leaders have offered to paint the smaller rooms. We also have quotes for the outside of the building, which will be done at a convenient time. We have also arranged to have the hall lighting improved so we look forward to the building looking good when we are finally able to return to worship and for all the other activities to resume.

News from our many friends:

Over the past month I've been in contact with those who come to lead services for us. They all say that they are missing coming to Bethel and look forward to the time when they can lead services for us again. They all send their very best wishes to all of you.

Island News

- On Sunday mornings on Sheppey FM 92.2 at 10am there is a half hour slot with one of the Island ministers giving a message. There is also a service on BBC Radio Kent at 8am which is good. (Thanks to Brenda for telling me about that).
- The Food Bank, based at Holy Trinity, Sheerness have adapted their way of working and are still helping those in need. Major Lynne Clifton, who leads the Salvation Army on Sheppey has been working with the Food Bank. Lynne tells me that she obtained a supply of New Testaments from the Gideons and these have proved very popular with the Food Bank clients.
- Many of you will know Lena Crowder who is involved with the History Society. She has been making masks from new material sourced from Joan's craft supplies. They are really well made and Lena is happy to supply them free of charge and will deliver them to your home address. Just give her a call on 01795 875111 to place your order. When I asked her about payment she said that she didn't want payment but if people would like to make a donation to church funds she would be pleased. The History Society have been busy creating a memorial garden at the Gatehouse for Joan Ingleton and Mary Ingleton, who both supported the Gatehouse museum. If you have any plants you would like to donate please contact Lena and I'm sure she will be happy to bring you up to date on what they need. I know that Peter Ingleton has given some plants from his garden

Modern Technology

During this time of Lockdown many of us have become used to using technology more than we would normally. Here are some quotes on the subject of technology, hope they make you smile!

- Prayer is the world's greatest wireless connection
- Lost? Use GPS: God's Plan for Salvation.
- God has no phone, but we can still talk to Him, no Facebook page, but He is still our friend. He does not have Twitter but we can still follow Him.