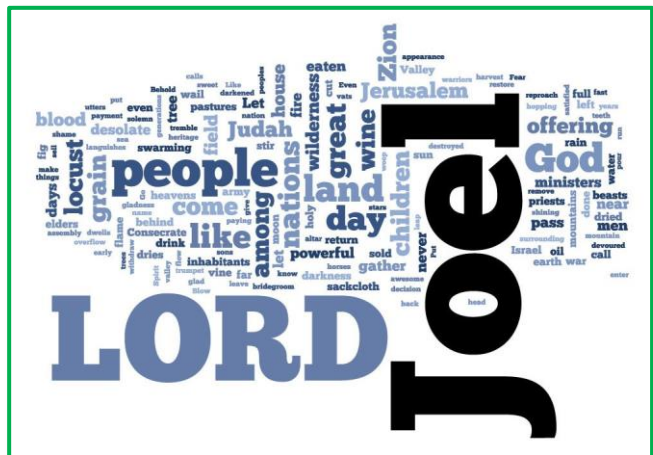


WORD Cloud of the week

In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear. Look out for them when you read this Old Testament prophet.

Source: BlueLetter Bible / Apps & Tools / Free Social Tools.



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Father, I place into Your hands
My friends and family.
Father, I place into Your hands
The things that trouble me.
Father, I place into Your hands
The person I would be,
For I know I always can trust You.

F: from 'Father I place into your hands
the things I cannot do' (v.2)

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Parish of The Lye and Stambermill

From the Editor's Den

Passwords & PINs

I seem to have had a run of requests for my passwords and PIN number lately. There are so many requirements: with or without numbers, spaces, special characters, upper or lower case letters.

Passports to Position

The only 'upper' and 'lower' questions in the past were about our social class and background – much less significant today – in determining where we fit on the 'social ladder'. These days it's not our pedigree we have to claim but that we're not a robot!

Passport to the Kingdom

In today's world we have to prove our identity and our level of risk to those we want to be accepted by (or be 'special characters' who find honour in our celebrity culture). In God's world there is no such requirement. To be accepted in His Kingdom it's our *allegiance* that counts. As Paul wrote to the Romans: "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart ... you will be saved" (10:9). Jesus however, warned that not everyone who says to Him, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter His kingdom (Matthew 7:21) – we have to mean what we say, truly believe. Not only that, but it's the *only* authority we can call on: "There is no other Name ... given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Our password is His own cypher: "... sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are His" (2 Timothy 2:19).

So He already knows our name and has given us our identity – and, unlike others, His password will never need changing!



PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

Previews

CLOSURES

Church Office will be closed this week for annual leave. Contact Chris Kent for spiritual matters: chris.kent@christchurchlye.org.uk or for other items Mark Kent: mark.kent@christchurchlye.org.uk.

Editor's Den will close for the Editor's second eye surgery:

– there will be no Newsletter next week.

High Street will be closed near Lye Cross next Sunday (4th Aug) affecting leaving church – please use an alternative car park.

CORRECTION

Lye Carnival date should have read Sunday, 15th September.

Pointers

FREE FAMILY FUN

. . . in the park with your local Family Hub in August:

Wollescote Park: Fri 16th, 10am-12pm and Weds 28th, 1pm-3pm.

Mary Stevens Park: Weds 7th, 11.30-4pm and Tues 20th, 1pm-3pm.

Drinks and snacks provided. To book call the hub on **01384 818780**.

STOURBRIDGE JIGSAW LIBRARY

Over 1000 puzzles to choose from at Mary Stevens Hospice. £2 per puzzle with all proceeds going to the Hospice. For more details and opening times, see the Church Foyer noticeboard.

Prayer

Pray for our service leaders, PCC members and group leaders as the **vacancy** continues, following the recent second period of advertising without applicants for the post of vicar. This is a general trend currently across the C of E, especially evangelical churches. Advertising can start again in September for interviews in October.

For daily suggestions see this week's diary here...

Today 28 th July	10.30am Service of the Word 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video Pray for newcomers and visitors to church
Monday	7.00pm Online Prayer Group Pray for members of the PCC
Tuesday	Pray for our Administrator and volunteers
Wednesday	Pray for leaders and our church groups
Thursday	Pray for external Groups using the Church
Friday	11.00am Open Door 12.00pm Midday Worship Pray for staff of CPAS and Diocese
Saturday	Pray for prospective vicar applicants
Next Sunday	<i>(HIGH STREET CLOSURE)</i> 10.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video Bible Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16



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