

From the Editor's Den

Mending Clothes Pegs

The sun came out on Thursday so we took advantage and hung out some washing. I pegged it out (smug face) and my darling wife got it back in later. As she did so, one of the pegs jumped off and split apart; I often have the job of prising the spring back into place and bringing the two halves back together again. Every time this happens I'm reminded of an old phrase I think I can remember: "*Brothers, let us come apart for a while.*"



Coming Apart

Strangely, I can't find this actual wording in any version of the Bible, but I'm sure it came from the Gospels when Jesus said to His disciples, '*Come ye apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going,*' (Mark 6:31, KJV).

Like Jesus and His disciples, when life gets hectic we too may need to make space for ourselves by stepping aside to rest with Him. Jesus Himself modelled this early in His ministry by getting away to be alone with the Father, typically early in the morning.

Getting a Grip

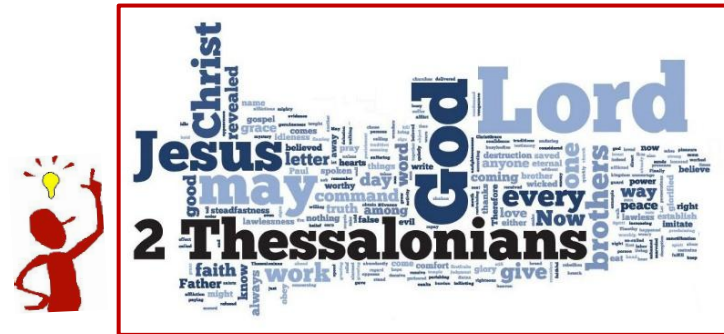
We're told that keeping a balance in our lives is important for our mental health. Equally important is our spiritual health: Jesus said, "*I will give you rest*" – whenever we "*labour and are heavy laden*" (Matthew 11:28). And the next verse goes on to say, "*Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*"

Hung Out to Dry? So don't allow yourself to become a spiritual '*wet blanket*' – rest in Him.



WORD Cloud of the week

Here is an interesting way to gain an overview of a Bible book. In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear. Look out for them when you read this New Testament letter.



Source:
BlueLetter Bible /
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"TOP TWENTY" BIBLE TEXTS COUNTDOWN

Source:
BibleStudyTools.com

14. Romans 12:2

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will."

Top 20 most popular Bible verses according to online search rankings.

*** Items for the next edition ***
to reach the **Administrator** by **Thursday morning** please

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PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

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Previews

6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video: “Knowing The Holy Spirit”. This week: *Pt.5: “Trinitarian Fellowship”*. It’s not too late to join us!

ALPHA – on Thursday lunchtimes from February 13th for 10 weeks
Week 1 will run from 1pm to 3.30pm;
Week 2 onwards: 12noon to 2.30pm.

Find more information or **book your place** on the Church website.

Trudi Jones’ Funeral will be at 12.20pm on Tuesday 11th February at Stourbridge Crematorium. Open to all who would like to attend.

Carol Parkes’ Funeral (Date to be announced). In order to plan arrangements, Mike would like to know who would like to attend.

Women’s Muslim–Christian Dialogue Group will meet again on Thursday evening, 13th February, here from 7pm to 9.30pm.

Pointers



Young Active Citizen Award – Nominate a young person for this award! To find out more visit the West Midlands Lieutenancy website. **Closing date:** This Friday, 7th Feb.

The Christian Institute which campaigns for Biblical principles in justice and lawmaking is meeting again this Thursday (6th Feb), 7.45pm-9pm at Pelsall Evangelical Church. See flyers in the foyer.

Prayer

PRAYER DIARY The Diocesan Prayer Diary to March is available in the foyer. Pick one up to enrich your prayer life with topics and background articles from around the Worcester Diocese.

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

Today <i>February 2nd</i>	10.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Zimbabwean Church 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video 6.30pm Youth Alpha 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	10.00am Lion Club Pray for leaders and our church groups
Thursday	 Pray for external Groups using the Church
Friday	11am–2pm Warm Place 12.00pm Midday Worship Pray for staff of CPAS and Diocese
Saturday	 Pray for prospective vicar applicants
Sunday <i>February 9th</i>	10.30am Service of the Word Bible Reading: <i>Luke 6: 17–26</i> 11.00am Zimbabwean Church 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video 6.30pm Youth Alpha

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