

Please remember in your prayers...

Those with health concerns at this time: Bill Collins, Beryl Shaw, Doreen Herridge, Margaret Stephens, Jiemei Clarke, Lucy Mills, Bernice Carters, Colin Mawdsley, Elizabeth Harris, Karen Stefan, Elaine Brennan, Christine and Michelle Frost, Ian Massey and Lowen Castaignos.

Those with anniversaries this week: Hilda Jacklin, Catherine Mawdsley, Patricia Bolton, Julie Atherton, Brian Hodson, Joan Winstanley, Joan Taylor, Kenneth Collier, Sheila Taylor, Thomas Andrew Meek and Derrick Grocock

Also for all who live in Bank Street

Just for fun

A little boy was pestering his parents for a baby brother or sister. They kept telling him "maybe one day but we can't afford one yet." Then one Sunday the little boy dragged his parents over to the noticeboard at the back of church. It was advertising a coming sale at the church and announced: Children: free.



Weekly News Sheet

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Today's hymns are...

293 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

James Edmeston wrote this hymn which has long been a popular choice of wedding couples. James wrote 2,000 hymns and also taught the architect Gilbert Scott whose grandson designed our cathedral.

73 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Richard Gillard who wrote this hymn, one of the nicest of the "new" ones we sing has had no musical training. Born in 1953, the youngest of six children, he was taken to New Zealand at the age of three

372 O Jesus I have promised (omit v2 and 4)

Rev John Bode (1816-1874) gave the famous Bampton Lectures "for the exposition and defence of the Christian faith" at Oxford in 1855. John was a rector in Cambridgeshire and Oxfordshire. This gifted poet and hymn writer, this being one of his, and published *Hymns for the Gospel of the Day* for each Sunday and festivals in 1860.

422 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Rev Henry Francis Lyte, a Scot, based this hymn on Psalm 103. A graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Henry intended studying medicine but abandoned this for theology, taking Holy Orders in 1815.

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while so that you might have him back for ever ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

²²One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Luke 14 25-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

²⁵Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, He turned and said to them, ²⁶"Those who come to Me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well. ²⁷Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciples. ²⁸"If one of you is planning to build a tower you sit down first and work out what it will cost to see if you have enough money to finish the job. ²⁹If you don't you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation and all who see what happened will laugh at you. ³⁰"This man began to build but can't finish the job!" they will say. ³¹"If a king goes out with 10,000 men to fight another king who comes against him with 20,000 men he will sit down first and decide if he is strong enough to face that other king. ³²If he isn't he will send messengers to meet the other king to ask for terms of peace while he is still a long way off. ³³In the same way," concluded Jesus, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ