

**BRADMORE
METHODIST CHURCH
@ THE LABYRINTH**



June-August 2018



Great blessings belong to those who are pure in heart, in thought, and in deeds, for God will be with them. We remember those who have inspired us by their faith and life, and pray we may be an inspiration to others.

(Matthew ch.5 v.8)

You may not realise this but one of my favourite sports is Ice Hockey.

There is an incredible story happening in the National Hockey League (NHL) over in North America right now. This season a new team was formed in Las Vegas called the "Vegas Golden Knights". In order to help them form a team they were allowed to draft one player from each of the 31 teams in the league. Each team could set their best players off limits, so the makeup of this new team was full of rejects, unfulfilled potential, and players who are deemed past it.

This bunch of misfits was slated by the media. They were predicting this team would set a new record for the worst performing team. However, as you read this newsletter the Vegas Golden Knights has one of the best records in the league, they made the playoff final, and will have either won or just missed out on the Stanley Cup, the trophy every team wants to win in the NHL. If they win it's one of the greatest fairy-tales in sporting history. A bunch of misfits banded together, on the verge of remarkable things.

The assumption is Christians in the church have their act together and can appear to be so perfect. Let me shatter an illusion... we're not!!! We are simply a bunch of misfits from different walks of life; carrying with us frustrations, doubts and the baggage of a messy broken world. Even as a minister, I recognise I am a misfit who doesn't always get things right. What is amazing is that throughout the Bible God doesn't work with those deemed the most successful. He calls and works through misfits who fail at times.

Moses, the man who led the Israelites to freedom out of Egypt, struggled to get his words out. David, a king and whose lineage traces to Jesus, allowed his own personal feelings to take over, even to the point when he had one of his own soldiers killed so he could take the soldier's wife for himself. Jonah ran from God, and then threw a tantrum only a toddler could be proud of when God showed mercy on a city. The first disciples Jesus calls are fishermen and despite their constant mistakes, Jesus

doesn't give up on them. So if you feel like a misfit, don't panic. God doesn't give up on anyone. I believe God is *"able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us"*.

Have a great summer.
Simon

IT'S TEA-TIME!

What better way to celebrate summer than with afternoon tea in the sunshine? This summer you get not one but two tea-parties to come along to. Both events are at the community hall.

The **Bradmore Parish Events Committee** presents an Afternoon Sing-A-Long Tea with cakes and the music of the era, on Saturday 30th June 3:30-6:00pm, commemorating the 1914-1918 War. Tickets (£7.50) from Chris Barratt,
Tel: 0115 921 4508 or 07854 387517.

One month later, on Saturday 28th July 2-4:30pm, the **Community Hall Committee** offer a charity tea, which this year is in support of Prostate Cancer UK. There will be a Teddy Bears' Parade at 3pm (with prizes! - for biggest, littlest, oldest, cuddliest, best dressed and Judges Favourite), plus a village history spotter-trail and a tombola raising funds for the Friary Drop-in Centre. Quoting from the Friary's recent newsletter: *'People living with very little have no choice but to manage with what they have, and hope to God that someone else with more resources might share something with them.'* So come and enjoy the afternoon and help others at the same time.

Bradmore Church calendar

June

Saturday 2nd 10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.
Sunday 3rd 10:30 Family worship at St Mary's Bunny.
Sunday 10th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School
service led by Brian Horler.
Saturday 16th 8:30am Prayer fellowship. 9:30-11.00 Toddler Group
Sunday 17th 10:15 Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School,
service led by Rev Simon Rose. All welcome.
Sunday 24th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School,
service led by Douglas Kerr.

July

Sunday 1st 10:30 Family worship at St Mary's Bunny.
Saturday 7th 9:45 Prayer fellowship. 10:30 Coffee, Chat & Crafts.
Sunday 8th 10:15 Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School,
service led by Rev Simon Rose. All welcome.
Sunday 15th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School,
service led by Rev Rachel Ward.
Saturday 21st 8:30am Prayer fellowship. 9:30-11.00 Toddler Group
Sunday 22nd 10:15 Worship service led by Rev Mark Roberts.
Saturday 28th 2-5:00pm Teas, Village History Quiz trail and
Teddy Bear's Parade (with prizes!)
Sunday 29th 10:30 Worship at **Ruddington Methodist Church**,
service led by Rev Dick Jones.
NOTE: NO SERVICE AT BRADMORE.

August

Saturday 4th 9:45 Prayer Fellowship. 10:30 Coffee, Chat & Crafts.
Sunday 5th 10:30 Family worship at St Mary's Bunny.
Sunday 12th 10:30 Worship, service led by Kath Jones.
Saturday 18th 8:30am Prayer Fellowship. (Note no Toddler Group.)
Sunday 19th 10:15 Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School,
service led by Rev Simon Rose. All welcome.
Sunday 26th 10:15 Worship service led by Ian Collinson.