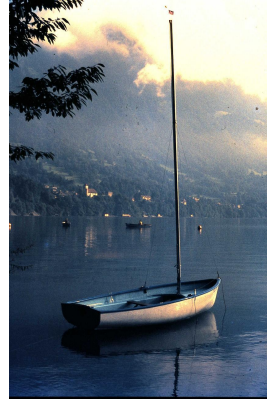


# Welcome to the Chapel In the Valley

JESUS HAS TOLD THIS CHURCH TO GO AND MAKE  
DISCIPLES AND TEACH THEM TO OBEY HIM.

21<sup>st</sup> May 2023



This Sunday morning (in church and also on Zoom)  
come and join us in worship and fellowship at 11.00 am

and also

at 6.00 pm in church with Rev Colin Braithwaite

There will be a Zoom prayer time on  
Monday at 10.00 am

John 20:30-31 - Evidence, faith, life

*<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe [Or may continue to believe] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

Seven miracles recorded in John's gospel

Miracle 1: Water Into Wine (John 2:1-11)

Miracle 2: Healing the Official's Son (John 4:43-54)

Miracle 3: The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9)

Miracle 4: The Feeding of the 5000 (John 6:1-5)

Miracle 5: Walking on the Water (John 6:16-25)

Miracle 6: Healing The Man Born (John 9:1-33)

Miracle 7: Raising Lazarus From The Dead (John 11:1-44)

## LET US PRAY

- With thankful hearts for answered prayer and providential guidance.
- For wisdom to prevail between nations that turns aggression into reconciliation, oppression into liberty.
- For a desire to be faithful witnesses to Christ in a world that seeks to deny Him.
- For those we know who continue to be beset by illness.
- Regarding technology - *“God, I ask, in the words of St. Augustine, that You would put salt on my lips. Stir up divine dissatisfaction, a desire for more of You than I am experiencing right now.”*

Does my cultural conditioning and my use of technology - scrolling, scanning and glancing - impact my ability to gaze on God’s beauty?

*“God, I pray for ‘digital natives’, the generation that has grown up with phone in hand. Lord, would You enable them to renegotiate their relationship with technology, put it in its proper place, and unplug enough so that they can plug into You.” (Lectio365)*

## Chapel In the Valley forthcoming events

- *Sunday services at 11.00 am and 6.00 pm (unless shown differently)*
  - 28th May : Morning - Clare Shenton, evening - in-house
- *Also:*
  - The Other Bible Study is taking a 2-week break, The next one will be on Monday 5th June at 10.30 am.
  - Thursday 15th June: In church - Chat Café from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm and Glue from 7.15 pm.
- *And:*
  - Every Monday at 10.00 am - Prayer time on Zoom and in church
  - Every Monday at 7.30 pm - Jill’s Bible study on Zoom
  - Every Wednesday at 7.30 pm - Band practice

Here and There in May and June:-

Sunday 21st May: New Swannington and Moira services at 10.30 am

Saturday 27th May: Ellistown - Coffee morning - 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Sunday 28th May: Ellistown: Morning service - 10.30 am

Saturday 3rd June - Ibstock coffee morning from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Sunday 4th June - Ibstock: Afternoon worship - 5.00 pm

What price celebrity?

During the past week or so we have seen (possibly) the Eurovision Song Contest take place with all the trappings of the desire to be famous, even if only for three minutes, news of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's car being 'chased' by New York paparazzi, and a seeming undiminishing desire to be part of the social media 'fifteen minutes of fame' culture.

And also there are those who find celebrity for less savoury reasons – infamous self-seeking leaders and others who would institute and commit violence towards the innocent.

Paul writes in Ephesians 4:1-3, *"... Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."*

May our prayers this week be, both for ourselves and for those we know or know of, that all might find their satisfaction in Christ's saving love, and then emulate the characteristics that Paul describes here.

#### Church Flowers

(There is a full list on the notice board)

Sunday 28th May - Sharon

Sunday 4th June - Sharon

Sunday 11th June - Lesley

Sunday 18th June - Lesley