

# Bearfield Church

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## Sunday 27th June

*'The fruits of the Holy Spirit - Peace' - John 14 v 15- 27*

**Morning service 10.30am** - with David Jewell preaching

**Lighthouses, and TGI** will only be happening physically at Bearfield.  
Please note that there is **NO JAM this week!**

**Church will be open for personal prayer from 2 - 4pm**

**Evening Taize style service 6 pm**

## **This Week**

### **Monday 28th June**

7pm - Older TGI youth group

### **Tuesday 29th June**

10.30am - morning homegroup

8pm - evening homegroup

### **Wednesday 30th June**

7pm - evening homegroup

### **Thursday 1st July**

7.30pm - Children & Youth Ministry meeting

### **Friday 2nd July**

7pm - TGI youth group

## Weekly wonderings ...

Gratitude is one of the great gifts and disciplines for Christians. We are called to be grateful people, and this is not just a commitment to positive thinking. There are times when we should bring our complaints to God and the Old Testament and especially the Psalms are full of complaint when it is necessary. However, we have much to thank God for. We can be grateful for the blessings of shelter, food and drink, the comforts we enjoy, for transport and quiet living. I knew a lovely South African man in Cornwall, and he was a very godly and gentle man. He had moved to the UK from South Africa a couple of years before I met him, and he told me that he was only just getting used to going out in the morning without a gun in his pocket! When I go to buy food from the supermarket, I have to remember to take five essentials with me - my shopping list, bags, my wallet, a pound coin for the trolley and a mask. Imagine having to add a sixth to that list - a gun! There are many other things we can be grateful for - family, people who love us, moderate weather, a free NHS, and school education and so on.

Last Sunday, I preached on kindness and some of my sermon time was telling you the listeners about kindnesses which had been done to me that last week. I would encourage you to be grateful for the kindnesses shown you week by week. Do not be like the nine lepers whom Jesus healed, but after having been seen by the Priest to certify that they were clean, forgot to return to Him to say thank you. Be rather like the other leper, the one out of the ten, who did return to Jesus.

I remember a few years ago, Fi and I had the blessing of going on a day trip from Bristol airport to Iceland. We set off very early one Sunday morning, returning home at midnight having had a glorious day seeing a little of the wonders of that very strange country! On the plane was another couple who we knew from delivering newspapers to them. They were very wealthy, but I observed that the man spent all his time on the phone fielding business calls. We spent some time as a group from the coach inspecting the terrain of this unique place, but he was off on yet another phone call. Do not forget to wonder at God's creation! If you have eyes to see and time to observe, God will show you so much that you never realised was there!

Practise gratitude and appreciation!

God bless you, *David*

# Prayer by Mary

*Sometimes when I talk with God*

*The lines get all mixed up*

*I concentrate on one thing*

*But other things turn up.*

*My mind spins in a tangent*

*Each time I try to pray*

*And half way through a sen-  
tence*

*My mind just goes astray.*

*So it's better if I write it down*

*The things I have to say*

*Then read it as a letter*

*It's easier that way.*

*I tell God all about the things*

*That's troubling my mind*

*About the people who are ill*

*And others who are so kind*

*If you can do a kindness*

*To anyone at all*

*It will not go unnoticed*

*The Lord God sees it all.*

*So pity my simplicity*

*Oh God in Heaven above*

*Accept the prayers I offer*

*They're sent with sincerest love.*

## Dates for the diary

**Thursday 8th July**

7.30 - 8.30pm - Prayer event

**Saturday 17th July**

2pm - Memorial service for Edna

