

Thought for the Month

For the “Thought for the Month” for January I felt I could do no better than to re-offer my thought of 3 years ago, which I feel is becoming increasingly relevant.

In the weeks running up to Christmas, as I was preparing to write January’s “Thought for the Month”, I couldn’t help but notice the number of people commenting on how quickly the year seems to have passed. I have made similar comments myself throughout the year.



This feeling tends towards a looking back over the events of the year; and whilst as Christians the season of Advent is one of looking to, and waiting for, the birth of our Lord, many of our day-to-day conversations relate to past events.

However, once we get to January the tendency is to look forward to the hopes and aspirations of the new year, rather than back to the old. This leads many people to make New Year’s Resolutions concerning aspects of their lives they intend changing for the better throughout the fledgling year.

Many, if not the vast majority, of resolutions made at the beginning of January fail to make it to Easter, let alone to the end of the year and this is testament to our collective lack of willpower (and I very firmly put myself in that category!).



There is, however, one resolution that, as Christians, we should all keep, and not just for the new year, but for the whole of our lives. It is the resolution that our Lord Jesus gave during His sermon on the mount, when He told the gathered crowd,

'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' (Matthew 5: 14 – 16 NIV)

This resolution is for us all to show our faith to the world, not by how often we go to church, or how often we pray, but by living our lives in a way that honours our Lord. We honour Him by trying to be more like Him every day. All of us will fail on many, many, occasions, but we must all keep on trying; and remember; we have the greatest support team behind us: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

May God bless us all throughout this New Year, as we try to keep the most important New Year's Resolution ever.

Yours in Christ,

Steve Walton, Networks Leaders Team

January Church Services		
6th Jan	11.15am	Networks Praise
13th Jan	11.15am	Holy Communion
13th Jan	6.00pm	Raise the Roof
20th Jan	11.15am	Praise with Puppets
27th Jan	11.15am	Networks Big Brunch
3rd Feb	11.15am	Christening

	<p>Are you looking for a new interest for 2019?</p> <p>Jacqui Mellett is looking for new people to join the rota for the flower guild and was wondering if any of the Networks congregation were interested?</p> <p>Currently the flower arranging takes place on a Friday morning, but there is no reason why this couldn't change to a more suitable time. Perhaps some of the older children may be interested in pursuing this (with a supervising adult)?</p> <p>Please let the parish office know if anyone is interested.....</p>
	

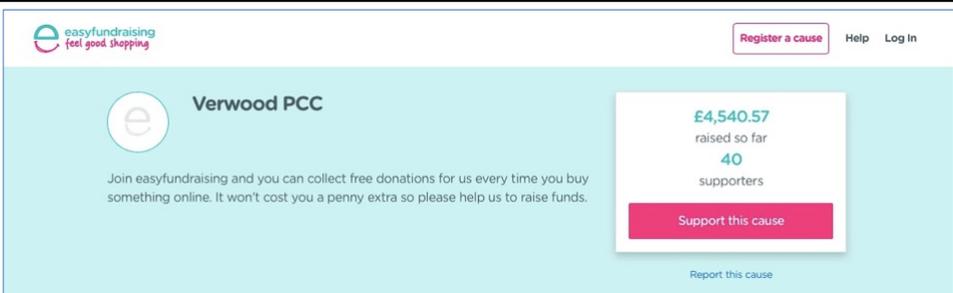
<p>LIFT Ladies in Faith Together</p>	
<p>Well done LIFT!! Over £900 raised at the Christmas Fayre</p>	
<p>04-Jan-19 - LIFT Planning Meeting - 54 Woodlinken Drive</p>	
<p><i>Many Thanks and God Bless, Debbie</i></p>	



15th Jan
3.15 - 5.30pm
Theme - Prodigal Son / Forgiveness

The Memorial Hall
Food provided - usually jacket potatoes and fillings.
Churches Together, Verwood

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Make Verwood PCC your beneficiary & a percentage of what you spend will then given by the retailer to Verwood PCC for much needed church funds.

It's as "easy" as that!



Big Brunch
Sunday 27th January 2019
in the Parish Centre.

Please spread the word and invite your friends & neighbours.

Offers of help on the Saturday evening to set up and Sunday for clearing away, gratefully accepted.

Ringwood and Verwood FoodBank
URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS
(Jan 2019)



COFFEE
MASH
SPONGE PUDDING
CHOCOLATE
TAMPAX
CLEANING CLOTHS

(The foodbank is not able to use out of date food or opened packets.)

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Food for Thought Tuesday!

... is now the name for the New Wine Home Group which meets at Rachel & Ady's House during term time.

The new name has nothing to do with the cakes provided!



Studying 'Crazy Love' teaching by Francis Chan.

All very welcome - contact Rachel or the Parish Office
01202 813256 for more details.

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