

Think and Sing to God - online

Hi folks

I am doing a short, **Think** type reflection on Facebook **live each Sunday morning at 9.15 am.**

If you would like to join us, even if you have never been to Think before, you would be most welcome.

I think in order to access it you need to be my Facebook friend-just send me a request and I will sort it.

Similarly, we hold a **Sing to God** on line on Zoom, each month singing in our own homes and if you would like to join in the next one you would be very welcome then too.

E-mail me with your details I will respond.

Keep safe! love and blessings

Janet x

If you want to join in on zoom and don't know Janet's e-mail address please e-mail the newsletter:

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and I will forward it on to Janet - Ed.

Would you like someone to pray for you?

Please phone or text:

Southside Methodist Church.

Prayer Hotline: 07506 893786

If nobody answers please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Thank you to all our Southside friends for **your** Christmas greetings in the Special newsletter and in the cards we have received.

And a big thank you for **Karen** for putting the **Christmas Special** together.

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Green curtains

Green technology is becoming a consideration for energy conservation in construction Worldwide. Planted either at ground level, or on each floor elevation, as is the case with the Agora Tower in Taiwan. (worth a google, this is the future now). A 20 storey twisted building, with an oasis of greenery reaching to the lofty heights of the skyline. It is claimed green installation costs are recouped with savings on heating and cooling in a few years.

But unlike Taiwan, here at Southside we still await the future.... so, the green curtains come down.

With a mix of ivy and cotoneaster horizontals, the former is inclined to grow upwards and the latter as the name suggests horizontally. This specimen planted in front of the windows, over the years had crept around the corner to the front of the building proceeding a few meters towards the entrance, before the loppers pounced.



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Give your worries to God

Realising that the newsletter was going to be a little sparse this month, I was looking for some sort of inspiration to pad it out. When I looked to my daily Bible notes UCB's "Word for Today" the topic of the day was "Give your worries to God". I expect we've all had some worries during 2020 and expect we are going to have some more in 2021. Sometimes giving your worries to God is easier said than done. As was the case for me recently when our broadband hub stopped working.

Being without broadband may not sound like a big deal to some. But as I now have to work from home, thanks to the COVID pandemic, I need broadband to do my job. I simply can't do my job without it. I told my boss who managed to get me a hot desk in a small office, used by another team, which would be vacant for a few days. Knowing that many things are being delayed due to the pandemic I was concerned that it could be a while until we got a new hub delivered. And we could be without broadband for a considerable time. My broadband provider said they would send us a new hub but it would take 3 days. Then two days later I received a text from them saying there was going to be a delay and they didn't know when they were going deliver our hub. Hence, I panicked. Fortunately, the next day the courier company contacted me to say they were delivering our new hub that day. And it arrived that evening, so it did only take three days. I had prayed asking God to get a new hub delivered to us quickly, but admit I was also a bit worried.

My Bible notes directed me to Philippians chapter 4 verses 6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." NIV

My Bible notes went on to say that Paul used a military metaphor here as the Philippians lived under Roman occupation, which was bad. But they knew that the sentries also guarded their town, which was good. They knew that before an enemy could get to them, it had to get past the guards.

I had asked God to help us get our broadband and he did. But we had to wait a few days, which under current circumstances was to be expected. Anyway, the disruption provided me with an opportunity to meet some new colleagues in a different team which was good. And the anxiety I experienced probably helped me to remember that sometimes I need to ask God and give my worries to him. And then I need to remember to thank him afterwards for his help.

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by Midnight Sunday 24th January

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The Editor