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The unfolding truth

 **John 16.12-15**

Jesus realises that the disciples are sad and anxious because he is going away. He comforts them by promising that he will still be with them in the future, but in a new way.

Now read **John 16.12-15** see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

The disciples reveal some very human emotions here. We all at times experience feelings of uncertainty, even panic. How will we cope, what should we do? We, like the disciples, can take comfort from the words of Jesus. He, through the Holy Spirit, will be our friend and guide, even in uncertain times.



Make a 'thank-you' card for someone who has shown you love or kindness. This could be in response for a particular deed or for their continued help or support. Children could be encouraged to do this, perhaps with the end of term in mind, for a teacher, childminder or activities leader.



Every day this week, try to find a way of letting someone know that they are loved. You might do a chore for them, especially unprompted – even better if you know it is one they dislike doing! You could write a little note to slip into someone's lunch box or pocket, or fix a post-it note to their computer screen. What ideas can you come up with?



In what ways can you carry on Jesus' work in the world today?



This story is told that, during World War 2, a church was bombed and mostly destroyed. In all the devastation, the local people were relieved to notice that a precious statue of Jesus remained standing. In all the devastation, the local people were relieved to notice that a precious statue of Jesus remained standing. Unfortunately, its hands had broken off (search the internet for pictures of this statue). A local sculptor offered to repair the statue, but church leaders declined the offer. It had occurred to them, anyone who looked at the broken statue and asked where Christ's hands were, could be reminded of the words of St Teresa of Avila that: 'Christ has no hands in the world but ours'. In what ways can you be Jesus' hands – i.e. carry on his work – in the world today?



Do an internet search to find and listen to the hymn: 'Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee'.
 Thinking about the week ahead, what opportunities might there be to use your mind, head, hands, feet and heart to serve others?
 Use this prayer every day this week:

Lord, let me be your feet today, going to people who need help.
 Let me be your ears today, listening to those who need to talk.
 Let me be your eyes today, noticing a job to be done or a person in trouble.
 Let me be your lips today, speaking words of kindness.
 Let me be your hands today, active and serving others.
 Let me be your heart today, showing your love to the world. **Amen.**

REFLECT

Think about the ways God shows his kindness in the Bible, especially through Jesus, but also in the Old Testament. Remember that God promises to be with us always. In what ways are you aware of God's presence in your life and of God's kindness and goodness to you?



Daily Readings for week commencing 13 th June 2022		
Monday	Joshua 7: 1-15	Luke 10: 25-37
Tuesday	Joshua 7: 16-end	Luke 10: 38-end
Wednesday	Joshua 8: 1-29	Luke 1-13
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	John 6: 51-58 <i>Corpus Christi</i>
Friday	Joshua 9: 3-26	Luke 11: 29-36
Saturday	Joshua 10: 1-15	Luke 11: 37-end

Pray for those in need... Please pray for the people of Ukraine...for those in need of God's healing touch...Heather, Dorothy, Pat, Sue, Joyce, Maureen, Shane, Bryn, Katie-Lou, Margaret and Alison... **Please pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one....**



At Perry Wood School on Sat. 25th June. 11.00a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Please come along and support our school. We are running a Human Fruit Machine stall – you'll love it - Rob is looking for donations of good size chocolate bars for prizes.

"On Saturday the 16th of July at 10.30am on Newtown Green field (by Ronkswood Community Centre) Newtown Green Community Groupe are holding a 'Blindfold Mile' in support of New College Worcester. People (all ages) are invited to take on the unusual and memorable challenge of walking a sponsored mile blindfolded whilst raising funds for NCW.

The aim is to spread awareness of vision impairment and allow people to experience some of the challenges that blind and partially sighted people overcome each day. Sponsor forms available soon.

Covid Update

The PCC has proposed an update making the use of masks in worship optional. Many places, including the hospital, have dispensed with this rule. If, however, you feel more comfortable, please do continue to wear a mask.

Can we remind you to remain vigilant. Do not attend if you have been in recent contact with someone infected with Covid and continue to test yourself regularly.

Let's keep everyone safe!

'It's the hope that kills you'.

Football fans of every stripe live by hope. Fewer clubs than ever dominate the league and cups in most European countries now, but every football fan will have reasons to hope that this year will be different: a new manager, some new investment, a key player signed from a rival club. The back pages of our newspapers are full of gossip about which players are moving and which clubs might sign them, and for how much. The comedian, Reginald D Hunter, once described professional sports as 'soap operas for men' and there certainly seems to be a lot of drama invested in events which don't accrue points or league position. Football in the UK follows a pattern set by many other aspects of life where it is suggested that success or happiness can be achieved with the acquiring of the right player or manager (for a football club), car or appliance or home decoration. It's so important for us as Christians to live in the present, enjoying what God has given us and receiving the strength we need from His Holy Spirit. We do have hope for the future but our hope for the present is just as strong – and vital if we are to witness to God's presence to those around us.