Wrenbury & Nantwich Mission Area Methodist Churches

**Sunday 8 November 2020 Remembrance Sunday**

Dear friends

Sadly, we are once again in lockdown, and church buildings are closed having not long reopened (or have had their reopening delayed longer than they would have liked). Plans are being frantically changed (not least for Remembrance Sunday services), and many are feeling a great sense of disappointment that plans which were being made have had to be put on hold or even shelved altogether. At the time of writing, there does seem to be an end date to this period of lockdown, but things may yet change. It is of course a deeply frustrating time, made worse by the fact that as lockdown progresses, the nights will get darker and the weather will almost certainly get colder.

In my sermon last Sunday, I referred briefly to a period of Exile. I used the word deliberately to refer to the exile faced by the ancient Israelites when they were in exile in Babylon for 70 years, an event which gives rise to a lot of the writing of the Old Testament, perhaps most famously Psalm 137 “By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept” (and if you’re of my generation, you cannot hear those words without the strains of Boney M accompanying them!)

More seriously though, although the Israelites did find it hard to worship the Lord in exile (“How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?”) they did not abandon their faith, and God had not abandoned them. Throughout these past months, it has been heartening to see many faithful Christians finding new ways of being church, continuing to serve their Lord and their community whilst the church doors have been closed. We will do the same again now.

In this season of Remembrance, with All Saints Day fresh in the mind from last Sunday, we do remember that there have been many before us who have endured tough times in the hope of a brighter future. Whilst that bright future may have seemed very elusive and the difficulties very real, it was a hope which refused to die.

Let us support one another through these times. God is with us. He has been faithful to His people through the ages, and He won’t let us down now.

With love in Jesus,

***Robin***

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***Broomhall and Sound Chapel***

Sun 8 Nov. Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am led by Deacon Jill Taylor

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82976672769?pwd=aG9pSjMvR3dzaDJaZlFkcnduSmFTZz09>
Meeting ID: 829 7667 2769
Passcode: 366121

Doors Open 10.15am

We are disappointed to have to confirm that all other services and activities on church premises have had to be suspended again.

We shall give as much notice as possible when we are able to reopen.

Meanwhile, please take heart from Robin’s encouragement above.

Let us not cease to be God’s people wherever we are, and reach out with his love via whatever means of communication are available to us.

“When you feel hemmed in, may God give you a sense of wide open space. May you find the room to breathe, and may you remember that even when you feel isolated and cut off from others God’s Spirit remains close to you at all times. You are not alone.” *(‘Niteblessings’)*

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This short act of worship has been prepared for us to use as we are not able to gather for worship. We can remain connected in fellowship by following this simple act of worship around the time you would normally be gathered for worship in your chapel/church.

**Opening Prayer**

Remembrance Sunday is a time to remember those who lost their lives in the conflicts of the 1st and 2nd world wars, and to remember all those whose lives were changed by those conflicts and the many conflicts since. It is also a time to remember all those around the world whose lives have been lost or changed because of the conflicts of the world since 1945/6. Today, many people within this nation and around the world will gather at Memorials on which are engraved the names of those who did not return to the community from which they left. It will be a different form of remembrance today due to the Covid 19 restrictions, but people will still gather to remember. As we do so today we pray for all who continue to work for peace within our divided and fractured world.

**Hymn: StF 696**

**For the healing of the nations.**

For the healing of the nations,

Lord, we pray with one accord;

for a just and equal sharing

of the things that earth affords.

To a life of love in action

help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;

from despair your world release,

that, redeemed from war and hatred,

all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness

fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,

let it from the earth be banned;

pride of status, race, or schooling,

dogmas that obscure your plan.

In our common quest for justice

may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written

your great name on humankind;

for our growing in your likeness

bring the life of Christ to mind;

that by our response and service

earth its destiny may find.

 *Fred Kaan (1929-2009)*

**Let us pray together**

 The tradition of taking time to hold a silence of remembrance at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month came about at the end of the Great War of 1914 – 1918, and Church services of Remembrance have taken place on the nearest Sunday since that time.

 The tradition is still followed today and is part of our worship at home on this Remembrance Sunday. Later on in today’s service we will be using words spoken at the first Remembrance Sunday, which are still used today.

For our opening prayer we say the words of Alan Gaunt’s hymn ‘We pray for peace’ :

We pray for peace, but not the easy peace built on compliancy and not the truth of God.

We pray for real peace, the peace God’s love alone can seal.

We pray for peace, but not the cruel peace leaving God’s poor bereft and dying in distress.

We pray for real peace, enriching all the human race.

We pray for peace, and not the evil peace defending unjust laws and nursing prejudice;

But for the real peace of justice, mercy, truth and love.

We pray for peace, holy communion with Christ our risen Lord and every living thing;

God’s will fulfilled on earth and all creation reconciled.

We pray for peace, and, for the sake of peace, look to the risen Christ who gives the grace we need to serve the cause of peace and make our own self-sacrifice.

God give us peace, if you withdraw your love there is no peace for us, nor any hope of it.

With you to lead us on, through death or tumult, peace will come. *Amen*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father ……

**Today’s Reading from the Old Testament:**

**Micah 4 v 1 – 4**

In days to come
  the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be

 established as the highest of the mountains,
   and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
  and many nations shall come and say:
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
   to the house of the God of Jacob;
 that he may teach us his ways
   and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
   and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples, and shall

 arbitrate between strong nations far away;
 they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
  and their spears into pruning-hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
   neither shall they learn war any more;
 but they shall all sit under their own vines and

 under their own fig trees,
   and no one shall make them afraid;
   for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

**Today’s Gospel Reading: John 15 v 9 – 17**

 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

 ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Time to Reflect**

It is important for us as human beings to have moments in our busy lives when we look back at the history which has moulded our individual and collective story. Today we look back at the story of the conflicts that have been, and remain part of, our human experience. We remember particularly the wars that engulfed the world in the 20th Century as we reflect on how these and further conflicts have shaped our world today. History tells us something of the background to the emerging conflicts of the 20th and 21st Centuries.

 We have the opportunity to respond to that story by seeking not to repeat the conflicts of the past and to join in the hoped-for peace which was sought by those who were involved in the conflicts which ended in 1918 and 1945/6. Micah’s vision of ‘beating swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks’ has still to be realised, but that doesn’t mean it is lost, for the vision remains and as Christians we recognise that God continues to challenge us to seek God’s justice and peace for all within the world.

 We live in a fast-changing world in which many conflicts remain, which means that the ways of peace and justice remain fragile. That fragility is seen in the story of many individuals who lost their lives in the conflicts of the 20th century and in our time. We remember them all as individuals and remind ourselves year by year of the challenges which bring about conflicts within and between nations and remain mindful of how we can work for peace today. The causes of conflict are many, but the causes of peace are many too, in a world divided by inequality and injustice, where those with the least are usually the most affected by the conflicts going on around them.

 As Christians we seek that way of justice and peace which Jesus shares with us and with our world. ‘Greater love has no one than this but to lay down their life for their friends’, he says. There have been, and continue to be, many acts of self giving in time of conflict. There are those who have refused to stand by when others are persecuted, peacemakers have died in the cause that they were so passionate about, individuals have taken the place of those who are about to die, lives have been changed for the better as a consequence of some having given up their lives so that others might live.

 We see that in our reading today. Jesus was caught up in the politics and practice of his day. He too was brought into the conflicts of his day and was taken from a place of peace to the violence of the cross. To lay down his life though was not just for his friends around him at the time but for all of us, for all time, for ever. Perhaps it is in Jesus’ act of self-giving love that the rumour of war is subsumed into the deep rumour of peace, echoing through the centuries, coming to us in the midst of the clamour and disorientation of the conflicts in today’s world. We are remembering today a complex area of human experience which has shaped people and nations and which continues to do so today.

 Perhaps we can reflect further today on Micah’s vision where ‘nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid’. We’re not there yet but today we remember the sacrifice of many in the past who brought peace to their world in their time, as we work for peace in our lives, the life of our community and the life of the world today. May we always hold close and share that rumour of peace which comes from God who upholds those we remember today. God’s love casts out all fear - that place of peace is worth working for and sharing with our world today, which is a fitting way to remember all those who gave their lives in the service of others.

**Take a time to sit quietly**

**An act of Remembrance**

Today is the day when we remember those who died in the First and Second World Wars and in conflicts since. Their memory is treasured by families throughout this nation and across the world. If you would like to join in the traditional words used on this Remembrance Sunday, please do so now.

‘They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

We will remember them.’

**We keep a time of silence**

**Our prayers**

 Jesus, come among us as bringer of hope. We pray for the life of the world, for its diversity of culture and experience and life and faith. We pray for this world, for its leaders, and pray that all may work for justice and peace throughout the world.

 Jesus, come among us as bringer of healing. We pray for those whose lives have been and continue to be affected because of the conflicts of our world. We pray for those who through their skill in medicine bring healing to many people. We pray for all those who work in the conflict zones of the world as they seek to bring medical care in difficult circumstances.

 Jesus come among us as bringer of light. We pray for hope for our world. We give thanks for the many people who bring light and hope into their world. We pray for the Church as we seek to discover more of the hope that God sets before us. We pray that the light of the risen Christ will give hope, as light shining in the darkness.

 Jesus come among us as bringer of peace. In the unresolved questions that this day brings, may we find peace. In bringing the memories of those who have died, may we find peace. In the world in which we live today, may we find peace.

 We bring our prayers in Jesus name. *Amen*

**Hymn: StF 693 ‘Beauty for Brokenness’**

 Beauty for brokenness,

 hope for despair,

 Lord, in your suffering world

 this is our prayer.

 Bread for the children,

 justice, joy, peace,

 sunrise to sunset,

 your kingdom increase!

 Shelter for fragile lives,

 cures for their ills,

 work for all people,

 trade for their skills;

 land for the dispossessed,

 rights for the weak,

 voices to plead the cause

 of those who can't speak.

 *God of the poor,*

 *friend of the weak,*

 *give us compassion we pray:*

 *melt our cold hearts,*

 *let tears fall like rain;*

 *come, change our love*

 *from a spark to a flame.*

 Refuge from cruel wars,

 havens from fear,

 cities for sanctuary,

 freedoms to share.

 Peace to the killing-fields,

 scorched earth to green,

 Christ for the bitterness,

 is cross for the pain.

 Rest for the ravaged earth,

 oceans and streams

 plundered and poisoned --

 our future, our dreams.

 Lord, end our madness,

 carelessness, greed;

 make us content with

 the things that we need.

 *God of the poor* …

 Lighten our darkness,

 breathe on this flame

 until your justice burns

 brightly again;

 until the nations

 learn of your ways,

 seek your salvation

 and bring you their praise.

 *God of the poor* …

*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)*

**A prayer of blessing**

 Creator God, we commit to you the needs of the whole world. Where there is hatred, give love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is distrust, faith; where there is sorrow, hope; where there is darkness, light.

 And may the blessing and peace of God remain with us, with those for whom we have prayed, and all we remember today who are and have been caught up in the conflicts of this world. Amen.

*Original Materials by Philip Wagstaff*

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**Bedtime story on Zoom**

Pre-school and Primary age

7pm till 7.30ish

11th & 23rd November

Come in your Pyjamas and bring a mug of hot chocolate, and join us for

A story from the Bible or a story with a moral

Prayer and reflection time

Short talk from Granddad the puppet

Good Night and God Bless

For more info or the Zoom link please contact

Kathryn-davies@hotmail.co.uk

**Lego Church on Zoom**

Primary aged children

4pm till 5 ish 13th & 27th November

Songs, Bible story in Lego, Lego building

challenge, Prayers

Have your Lego box ready and let your

imagination go wild.

For more information or the zoom link please contact Kathryn-davies@hotmail.co.uk

**WHATS HAPPENING ON NORTH STREET**

**COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP**

Most regrettably we have had to close again, after 3 weeks of life and activity.

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PRAYER

Please pray for Sheila Evans (NMC) who is due to have a hip replacement on Friday 13th. (The date has *no* bearing on Sheila’s need for prayer! – *Pat)*. Also for John Meikle as he recovers from his.

 A number of people in our Mission Areas and around the circuit are ill, awaiting or recovering from surgery or treatment, anxious about loved ones, particularly frustrated not to see and be with family and friends at an especially difficult time, etc. You are able to name and picture some before God. Please support all those in special need in any way you can, without divulging sensitive or confidential information to others!

 The result of the U.S. election will be known by the time you read this. Whatever the outcome, pray for that nation – powerful on the world scene yet so divided and insecure in some respects.

 Pray for our Government and all in positions of authority, that they may discover the policies and balance required to best meet the needs of the people, without ‘fear or favour’ and regardless of personal interest.

We know about the tragic losses incurred in Turkey following an earthquake. We hear less about catastrophic damage caused by two of the strongest typhoons/hurricanes on record striking the Philippines and Central America; or massacres in Nigeria; or other natural disasters or human atrocities. Whichever charity or aid agency you follow will tell you where human need is greatest.

 “God of my salvation, when my soul is a parched land, summon me to drink from your living waters. When the floods rise up to my neck, rescue me from sinking in the mire. When storms rage around me, anchor me to the rock of your enduring love. And at all times, keep before me those brothers and sisters for whom drought and flood and storm are more than a metaphor. Help me to live simply so that others may simply live. Amen.” *(Rachel Parkinson)*

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Dear Friends,

I write on what feels to me like the eve of remembrance tide. I’m not sure if there is such an official season, but it feels like there is unofficially! All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ day are times to remember the faithful who have gone before us and the example they bequeath to us of life in Christ. Then Remembrance Day on 11th to remember lives taken in war. I know myself I start looking towards Christmas at this time of year, and that reminds me of childhood Christmases, grandparents, and soon I’m not just remembering but wallowing in nostalgia!

Isaac Watts wrote: “***Give me the wings of faith to rise within the veil and see***

 ***the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be***.”

Hope is a rugged reality in our Christian faith. Those Saints have yet much to teach to us. especially through the weird times we are living through.

I reflect this last month, as the autumn has set in, how cross everyone is. We are fed up with the coronavirus situation. That anger seems to be coming out in more than the usual ways as people argue about churches opening, not opening, what level of risk assessment is ridiculous, how serious this pandemic is, and so many other viewpoints often just shouted. We need to express our feelings, but also reflect that we need to be kind to one another through the months that still lie ahead, as lockdown may well need to be re-imposed, and families are starting to already be anxious about how much socialising we can do at Christmas.

I was led, I think by the Holy Spirit, to read a book called ‘Resilient Disciples’ by an Anglican Priest, Justine Allain-Chapman. I read it in the new year of 2019. It’s a wonderful book that thoroughly explores what resilience is about, with deeply psychological insights, the experience of a pastor who just knows people, and full Biblical insights into resilience as it can develop on the journey of faith. I did wonder why I was reading it when life was going so well for my family and me. Then we had two cancer diagnoses in the family, and most of 2019 was spent on compassionate leave supporting Ruth and Ned through their awful treatment. I read the end of the book, which was about Easter, as Ned was having his surgery in early April last year.

It was, looking back, a gift of preparation as I often remembered and pondered what Justine had said about resilience on my journey through 2019, and since, through 2020 and the coronavirus pandemic that we have all shared.

Justine asked her readers to reflect on either their own experiences of suffering, change, and challenges faced in life, or to consider voluntarily undertaking an experience of the desert, as Jesus did just before his baptism and public ministry. We remember during lent that time of preparation, and willingly learning resilience.

The key, she said, to developing resilience was a willingness to change through adversity, either imposed by circumstance, or chosen by faith. She alluded to the steeling process of changing metal. To take a metal and heat it, put it under pressure, and bend it constantly into new layers, makes a strong and resilient material. One much better suited to future pressure. I remember sitting by my son’s bedside after his surgery, watching the nurses check him every half hour, coming on shift, going home again, the surgeon’s visit, the long future list of treatment that he would be subject to, and then phoning Ruth to hear down the phone how her own similar treatment was going, supported by friends because I couldn’t be with her. It felt like I was that piece of metal being heated, pressurised and stretched. I had no energy for anything other than spending most of my days drinking coffee and doing sudoku puzzles. I could do very little except sit and wait, watch, and wait. Praying was very difficult, and since that time, as we moved on very slowly, treatment worked, Ruth and I could be together more through her treatment, I began to reflect on what I’d read about resilience.

There are three qualities Justine identified as being shared by those saints who had developed resilience.

Firstly those who have coped. To cope is to struggle or deal with a difficulty or challenge with, according to the dictionary, ‘some measure of success’. But it acknowledges how hard it is, a struggle is a challenge, and no-one says it’s easy. The pandemic we are living through is a difficulty for us all in different ways. My daughter, a student, is trying really hard with her friends to keep safe in a city with a high incidence of covid cases; she’s a student struggling with feeling blamed by the media for irresponsibly spreading the virus - this is tough! It’s no less tough to be an elderly or lonely person desperately wishing your church would open when it won’t because you desperately miss your friends, are fed up of not going out, and your mental health is suffering. Employers face real challenges of trying to keep a business going while making hard decisions when the finances just aren’t there. Parents with children - the list goes on. Let us never give up trying! As Churchill used to say during the war - KBO – ‘Keep Buggering On’. And, if it helps, even as a Christian, swearing is allowed! (Best to keep it behind closed doors!)

Secondly, constancy in resisting destruction, or as another colleague of mine, as well as a Minister’s widow I know, says ‘don’t let the buggers get you down’. The point is, that whatever enables you to resist being destroyed and enables you to live is the constancy to be sought, encouraged, developed, and nurtured. Our Christian story has at its heart a death and a resurrection, the resilience of God is shown in this - that even death could not destroy God, and that is the hope that we all carry. Even though it sometimes comes out as anger and frustration, and even blame, we human beings are trying through this pandemic to remain constant in not being destroyed, to keep ourselves alive, bright, resisting, and surviving. Some are even thriving under the stress of it. As we may be looking at another lockdown, and the possibility of a miserable Christmas, let’s remain constant in our resistance. We will be bent, squashed, mis-shaped, but our strength lies in following Jesus through the desert, the persecution and the cross, and not allowing ourselves to be destroyed.

The third quality of those saints who develop resilience, is the one that I think enables us to thrive - it is when we can construct a new sense of who we are, and what our life is about. I once heard someone speak about marriage, and he shocked his audience by saying he had been married to seven different people. He then explained that his (one!) wife had been a student, a worker, a mother, a parent, a daughter, a midwife, a patient, etc. Her resilience was in both the ability to give up a sense of self while also being willing to develop a new sense of self. Our sense of self is deeply rooted in the fact that we are creatures of God. We bear the divine spark and image within, and in Christ we always find a new expression of that fundamental reality. We must nurture the willingness to be re-formed if we are to develop resilience.

So, be prepared to change, try to cope, remain constant in resistance, and be willing to construct a new sense of who you are and what life is about. In Christ we can and will obtain the joy and glory of heaven. But for now it requires a lot of hard work at being His Disciples.

Your Superintendent Minister and Friend,

*Rob Hilton*

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**New Circuit Website – www.cheshiresouth.org.uk**

To help you keep up to date with all the latest goings on in the Circuit we have redesigned the website to make it much easier to navigate and find the information you are looking for. The website still has all the information about individual churches that it had before, along with cloud access for those that use it. It now also features a page dedicated to worship during COVID-19 which features updated information on which churches are open and what other forms of worship are available. We try to keep this information as up to date as possible but if you know of something missing or out of date, please contact Daniel Keen, Circuit Administrator, so he can update it.

**Fundraising**

The Circuit website has been updated to include a Fundraising page. This contains links to All We Can, MHA and Action For Children to enable you to donate to these charities during this time. If you wish to give, all you have to do is visit the fundraising page and click on the link next to the charity you wish to donate to, JustGiving take care of the rest. At this time of year we would normally be holding collections for these charities which we are not now able to do, so please consider making a donation to help those in need both in this country and further afield. Charities are one of the worst hit sectors in the pandemic as they have received no government help. You can donate anonymously or leave your details.

Please also keep giving your collection to your church. Each church has its own different system in place so please contact your church representative to find out how. Even putting aside your collection each week so that you can give it when the church reopens will make a big difference. Even though church buildings are closed the church still has large costs.

*Please forward information to be put into the next Circuit Newsletter to Daniel Keen,* ***1108info.cheshiresouth@gmail.com*** *or phone* ***07598 580541*** *by Wednesday 25th November – Thank you.*

REMINDERS

There are still copies of UCB ‘**Word for Today’** Bible notes, free to anyone who asks me. (Pat)

Please remember the Reverse Advent Calendar project for **Nantwich Foodbank**, if you wish to join in. There will be a ‘Drop-Off & Go’ collection at Brine Leas School on Saturday November 28th. More details later.

The **Salvation Army** are requesting monetary donations this year instead of toys, etc. It helps them if they receive gifts by the end of November. Last week we gave details for paying direct via the bank. Otherwise, ask your Treasurer how to donate.

**Anyone for Apple Pie?** Malcolm Lorimer has discovered another apple tree, this time large Bramley’s – delicious! Available for a donation to Poole Quiet Garden, from 2 Newbold Way, Nantwich, tel. 625278, or he can deliver a bag for you.

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**How much do you know about the natural world?**

**Q**: How can you tell the ocean is friendly?
**A:** *It waves*

**Q**: Why is grass so dangerous?
**A:** *Because it’s full of blades*

**Q**:  Why did the sun [go to school](https://www.scarymommy.com/best-school-jokes/)?
**A**: *To get brighter*

**Q**: What did the trees wear to the pool party?
**A**: *Swimming trunks*

**Q**: What do you get when you cross a cat with a

 lemon tree?
**A:** *A sour puss*

**Q**: What happens when you go to the beach and

 throw your hat in the water?
**A**: *It gets wet!*

**Q**: How do you cut a wave in half?
**A:** *Use a sea saw*

**Q**: How do hurricanes see?
**A**: *With one eye*

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**Q:** What kind of shorts do clouds wear?
**A**: *Thunderwear*

**Q**: What happens when it rains cats and dogs?
**A**: *You have to be careful not to step in a*

 *poodle*

**Q:** What is a tree’s least favourite month?
**A**: *Sep-timber*

**Q**: What did the little tree say to the big tree?
**A**: *Leaf me alone*

**Q**: What did the tree do when the bank closed?
**A**: *It started its own branch*

**Q**: What type of tree fits in your hand?
**A**: *A palm tree*

**Q**: How do you properly identify a dogwood

 tree?
**A**: *By its bark*

**Q**: What did the beaver say to the tree?
**A**: *It’s been nice gnawing you*

**Q**: Where does seaweed look for a job?
**A**: *In the kelp-wanted section*

**Q**: What does seaweed say when it’s stuck at the

 bottom of the sea?
**A**: *“Kelp! Kelp!”*

**Q:** What do you call the seagulls that live by the

 Bay?
**A:** *Bagels*

**Q**: What did the beach say to the surfer?
**A:** *Nothing, it just waved*

**Q**: What do you say when the beach invites you

 to walk on it?
**A:** *If you’re* s*hore*

**Q**: What kind of flowers grow on your face?
**A**: *Tulips*

**Q:** Which [fish](https://www.scarymommy.com/shark-jokes/) is the most famous at the beach?
**A**: *Star fish*

**Q**: What has no fingers, but many rings?
**A:** *A tree*

**Q:** Why was the cucumber mad?
**A**: Because it was in a pickle

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“Lord, you have called me ‘light for the world’. Even in these dark times, let me be always conscious of those you want me to serve: the hungry and the homeless, the sick and destitute, the stranger and the refugee.”

“With God nothing is impossible.”

The very word says, “I’m possible”.

Believe it!

Believe in God’s grace and power

In your life !