



Stockwell Good Neighbours 14

Dear Friends

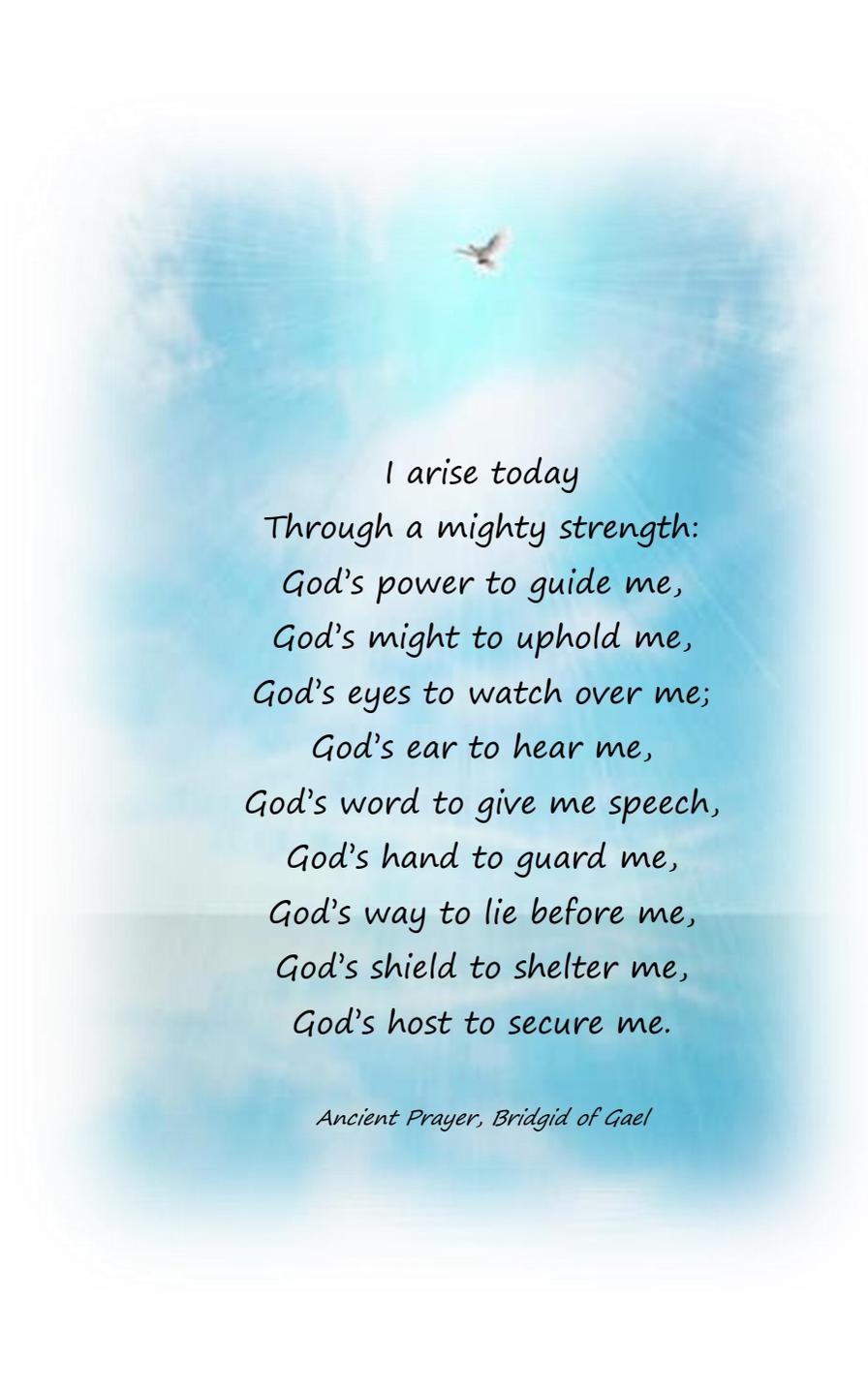
I hope you're all well and coping with the changes of life. Some people I understand are now having their hair done or going to a restaurant, and someone I know went to the cinema over the weekend. All experiences are very different with social distancing and face coverings expected, but none the less I'm sure very enjoyable - but not advisable for the vulnerable and those of you shielding I'm afraid. From the 1st August the government says you will no longer have to shield.

Perhaps more importantly for most of you, some had the chance to attend church again - 100 days or 15 Sundays since most churches were last open for a service. Some are still planning the logistics of reopening, as safety is paramount, but it won't be long in coming. I heard from Ruby that it was a great joy to be able to return to church at St John the Divine, and Anne said that despite having to sign in it was lovely.

My friend, a vicar in Chiswick, welcomed home his parishioners on Sunday, as the church bells rang out and Jesus in the eucharist was revealed in simplicity, without singing, papers, and other distractions. A simpler service, but a very welcome one. During his homily he used the analogy of the Wizard of Oz, a film I have seen so many times - a group of pilgrims on a journey seeking something. One was seeking intellect and clarity of thinking; another courage as he was disabled by fear; another the ability to feel, have empathy and compassion; and the heroine was seeking home and a place she knew and loved. I am wondering if you've experienced some of these longings through the pandemic, and maybe you still are? So, let's put our trust in God to be with us through our own journey.

Of course, attending a church for those of you shielding is not possible yet, but you are a huge part of the church community; so by joining in with the on line services, U tube reflections or through prayer you remain at the heart of church.

Please keep Rose Rosemarie in your prayers as she remains in hospital; and Enid Harrison whose funeral is yet to come.



*I arise today
Through a mighty strength:
God's power to guide me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's eyes to watch over me;
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to give me speech,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to shelter me,
God's host to secure me.*

Ancient Prayer, Bridgid of Gael

I urge you all to be extra careful if out shopping or going about as there are more people around and some are ignoring social distancing or the advice for face coverings to protect others.

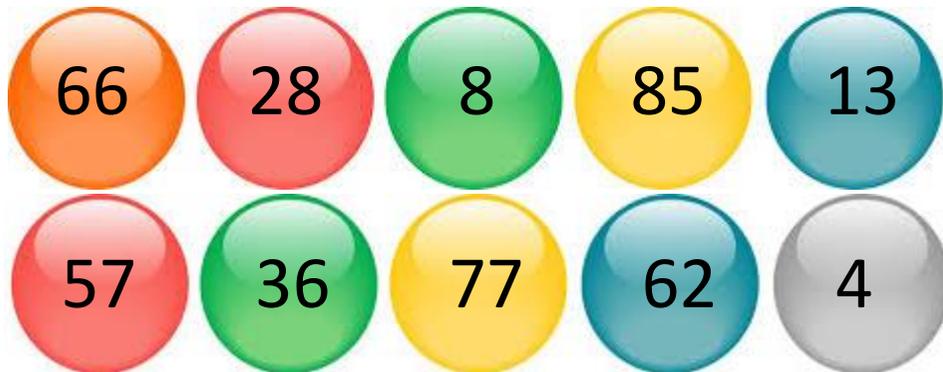
I have heard that many of you are rediscovering Brixton and have seen some of our members out and about and had a catch up with people.

You may recall that this time last year we were at the Lake District, we had great fun didn't we on the boat on Lake Windemere, the little steam train, visiting Blackpool and of course Gretna Green where we witnessed the wedding of our famous Hermine and coach driver Mick. We enjoyed some great evenings of entertainment and bingo and it was lovely to be together.

Much Love, Lesley



Your Bingo Numbers this week are:



London Quiz

1. Who became Mayor of London in May 2016?
2. Opened in 1987, what does the acronym DLR stand for?
3. Opened in 1979, which is the newest line on the London Underground network?
4. Which Second World War museum ship is permanently moored on the River Thames?
5. Which road links Buckingham Palace to Trafalgar Square via Admiralty Arch?
6. London Bridge was the only bridge across the River Thames until which date: (a)1639, (b)1739, or (c)1839?
7. At 309.6m, what is the tallest building in London?
8. What was first designed by Harry Beck in 1931?
9. Which area of London is believed to derive its name from a former hunting cry?
10. What colour is the Bakerloo line on the Tube map?
11. Which London park is famous for its Speakers' Corner?
12. The Tower of London lies within which London Borough?
13. St Paul's Cathedral sits at the top of which hill, the highest point in the City of London?
14. Who wrote, 'when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life'?
15. What took place in Hyde Park from 1 May to 11 October 1851?

1. Sadique Khan 2. Docklands Light Railway 3. The Jubilee line 4. HMS Belfast 5. The Mall 6. (b)1739 7. The Shard 8. The London Underground Map 9. Soho 10. Brown 11. Hyde Park 12. Tower Hamlets 13. Ludgate Hill 14. Samuel Johnson 15. The Great Exhibition



Vera has been sending daily ideas for positivity to people from a mental health drop-in group during lockdown, and is pleased to share them with you

Good Morning All,

What Lingers

We're always hurrying.
But this march of time -
it's of little worth among
whatever abides.

All that hastens
will soon be gone,
for what lingers
beyond initiates us.

Children, don't waste
your courage on speed
or squander it in flight.

All is at rest:
Darkness and bright,
blossom and book.

Rainer Maria Rilke

A good reminder to us on having a mindset based on the heavenly promise that won't be squandered or gone. Jesus said "**Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures [and leads] to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you; for God the Father has authorised Him and put His seal on Him**" (John 6:27)

When we bear in mind that everything God does for us is for the ultimate reward of living in eternity with Him then it is difficult to be disappointed when our own personal desires and prayers don't happen as we hoped.

Abraham died before seeing the full promise from God come to pass, nonetheless he still died in faith. Just because we don't see the good results does not mean there was no answer/faith - God's results are there. At the end of it all the purpose of God over-rules.

Hope you have a blessed day,

Vera :)

Dinosaurs

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Your contributions make all the difference... please, please share - a quiz, poem, short piece about what you are doing at home, something about your life now or a memory from the past... unless you write your name in the item it will be anonymous, so please join in! If you have email or whatsapp you can send a picture, too

I arrived in London in 1962 aged 15, and my first job was sewing wedding gowns. I have five children, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I love travelling and holidays and have been to lots of places, including many of the Caribbean islands. This photo is of me in Cuba which I loved, but my favourite holiday was to Ghana - it surpassed my imagination; the people were so friendly and I can't wait to go back there. I love going to SGN, where I have met friends and made a new family. I can't wait for us to get back to normal and get together again on a Monday.



Eustace sends a message to everyone, asking that we:

'Stay strong in the Lord, He is our healer and helper'

Mastermind is back! Thanks to a contributor for this

MASTERMIND

We welcome our next contestant. On her specialist subject on the history of the Threshing Machine she scored maximum mark. Now for General Knowledge:

Q: What happened to the egg in a monastery?

A: It fell out of the frying pan into the Friar

Q: Name the three stages of mens' hair

A: parted, unparted, and departed

Q: What do you call a woman hanging on a clothes line?

A: Peggy

Q: Does an apple a day keep the doctor away?

A: No, it's one of granny's myths

Q: What do you call a Mexican whose car has been stolen?

A: Carloss

Q: What Spice Girl can carry petrol?

A: Gerri Can

Q: What is the one thing that every married man has in common with his wife?

A: They both married on the same day

Q: What team plays football at White Hart Lane?

A: Usually the away team

Q: What do you call a Welshman eating a biscuit?

A: Dai Gestive

Q: What were the most famous Scottish cloakroom attendant and barmaid called?

A: Angus McCoatup and Phil McQuinness

Months of the Year

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JULY
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER

A member sent this round, so it is included for anyone who didn't see it:



Quick Quiz – Sporting Firsts

1. Who was the first British woman to win both 800 m and 1500 m Olympic gold medals, in 2004?
2. In 1930, who - in their own country - became the first team to lift the FIFA World Cup trophy?
3. Who was the first Cricketer to score 100 international centuries in Test and one day internationals combined?
4. In 1954, who became the first person to run an official four-minute mile?
5. Who is the first athlete to win four World Championship titles in the 200 m?

1. Dame Kelly Holmes 2. Uruguay 3. Sachin Tendulkar 4. Roger Bannister 5. Usian Bolt

When one is too old for love,
one finds great comfort in good dinners
Zora Neale Hurston

Monica Grossett has got a song into her head (it's sometimes called an 'earworm', when you just can't stop it), so here's some words – maybe it will get stuck in your head too and everyone will be singing together!

'It's a hard road to travel and a mighty long way to go,
But Jesus the blessed saviour promised to lead the way.
There is many a lonesome valley, and many deep waters flow,
So it's a hard road to travel and a mighty long way to go'

MEDITATIONS ON COURAGE

IT TAKES COURAGE *Anon*

It takes courage
To refrain from gossip
When others delight in it,
To stand up for the absent
person
Who is being abused.
It takes courage
To live honestly
Within your means,
And not dishonestly
On the means of others.
It takes courage
To be a real man or a true
woman,

To hold fast to your ideals
When it causes you
To be looked upon
As strange and peculiar.
It takes courage
To be talked about,
And remain silent;
When a word would
justify you
In the eyes of others,
But which you dare not
speak
Because it would injure
another.

It takes courage
To refuse to do
something
That is wrong
Although everyone else
May be doing it
With attitudes as carefree
As a summer song.
It takes courage
To live according
To your own convictions,
To deny yourself
What you cannot afford.
To love your neighbour
As yourself!

THE WORLD NEEDS COURAGE AND HOPE

The world needs Courage and Hope
It needs voices that believe-
It needs kindness and caring and love
But also the strength of conviction
The world needs so much
My own doubting and questioning voice lacks
What I have to give
Is not what Humanity most needs.
More questions, more self- obsessions
The endless example of the single individual
Striving to create what he may never be able to.
God of Love of Goodness and of Kindness
I am afraid You need a lot stronger servants than I.
Shalom Freedman



Give Me Strength

This is my prayer to thee, my lord—strike,
strike at the root of penury in my heart.
Give me the strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows.
Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in service.
Give me the strength never to disown the poor or bend my knees
before insolent might.
Give me the strength to raise my mind high above daily trifles.
And give me the strength to surrender my strength to thy will with love.

Rabindranath Tagore

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one
has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has
overcome while trying to succeed

Booker T. Washington

The wise man in the storm prays God not for safety from danger
but for deliverance from fear

Ralph Waldo Emerson

There are three friends in this world: courage, sense, and insight

African Proverb

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by
name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not
be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am
the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour
Isaiah 43:1-3