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Dear friends,

Spoiler alert!

We will soon be celebrating Easter, but to let many know “IT’S MORE THAN JUST A BANK HOLIDAY”, one church member has been organising knitters to knit or crochet, lots of daffodils. These knitted daffodils will be scattered around the local community with an Easter message attached. This said the organiser, is to let people know that the Easter weekend is “IT’S MORE THAN JUST A BANK HOLIDAY”,

This reminded me of people who say that as they age, they are grateful simply to wake up in the morning! Sometimes with tongue in cheek!

This Easter action of scattering knitted daffodils around the area is maybe a prompt to each one of us, to remember the positive. “It’s not just the daily grind”, it’s a brand-new day. Equally it could be said of saying one’s prayers, “It’s not just a simple prayer” for every prayer is far more than the sum of its parts. Each prayer, is an opening up to God enabling so many possibilities, so many prompts to action, change of individuals

You could argue that as the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning, “It was more than just ... the ritual of cleansing Jesus body”. That morning was the start of a Good News message for all. A declaration that death is not the end but a wondrous new beginning. The assurance that the risen Jesus is with us every day come what may. The beginnings and continuing of a worldwide faith and hope.

So often people say “I am just...” In God’s eyes, through Christ’s action of forgiving love, His death and resurrection, we are “not just”. We, you and I are everything to God.

You are God’s beloved child, and that’s not just anything, it is everything.

Happy Easter - when it comes. Hope you spot the daffodils!!

With every good wish,

Janet





ECO WIN!



Join a LIBRARY and try not to buy too many new books!
Always look for the second hand option first!

CIRCUIT PRAYERS

For well over 2 years, a small group from re:Imagine [members of the Transformational Leadership course], have been meeting for prayer on Zoom, [9am every Thursday] to pray for our Circuit, its churches, individuals and the wider world.

Our vision is to engage in prayer with more people across the Circuit.

We hope to do this by doing a Grand Tour of prayer, working our way alphabetically around the Circuit, by “tapping into” regular gatherings, with time to pray either before or after the event.

Our hope is that people will not only join in, at their church event & prayer time, but also come along to other prayer times, coffee mornings, etc. and get to know other folks a little bit better across the Circuit. Having shared in this prayer time it might also encourage you to “log on” and join in the Zoom prayers on the Thursday mornings when we are not doing our/ your Grand Tour.!

Please contact Rev Janet for Zoom details, but also please come along to...

Blaydon Midday Soup Lunch followed by a prayer time

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1pm Monday 7th April

Burnopfield Coffee Morning preceded by a prayer time

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9.15 am Thursday 8th May

Centenary Coffee Morning preceded by a prayer time

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9.45 am Saturday 21st June

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER PRAYER TIMES ON FACEBOOK, CHURCH NOTICES...