



Roby's Regular Readers.

March 2012.

Rotas

Duty elder	Junior church	Teas	Communion
Margaret	Pauline	Margaret	Carol



Flowers.

This month flowers have been provided by Angelica and Rene and Levine Pare.

Dates for your diary.

Sun 4th David Jenkins
 Sun 11th Bob Day – communion service.
 Sun 18th Worship Group
 Sun 25th Bob Day – Church AGM

We enjoyed having Shou-Hui and the Mandarin Choir leading our service in February and the shared lunch together afterwards.

20 20 vision.

We spent a busy morning discussing the 20 20 vision idea in the URC and made a start on thinking what we want the church to be and gathering some ideas. We will be meeting again to look at how we can carry these ideas forward.

Bible Study: Will be at the home of Rene and Angelica on Monday 26th March at 7.30 pm. We will be exploring the Be-attitudes in Matthew Ch 5. All are welcome.

Bible Study

Our monthly evening bible-study took place at Rene and Angelica's and appropriately the subject was hospitality. We recognised the need to graciously accept hospitality as well as give it. And we were reminded that the things we do or don't do for people in need are also things we do or don't do in response to God's need. Sometimes we might be called upon to be generous in big ways but mostly these day to day kindnesses are simply a gracious response which we need to become second-nature. Our next bible-study is planned for Monday 26th March; you'll be made very welcome.

Spring watch or watch springs?

March is late this year (being a leap year) but spring seems early. We seem to have had flowers in the garden since January. And Lent seems early too. As the word Lent is just an old name for spring, referring to the way the days lengthen, maybe that shouldn't be a surprise. If you are following the daily readings and reflections in the IMMN Lenten booklet, marking the relentless passage of time, I trust the passages aren't too relentless. Thanks to Rene and Angelica, Margaret and Sam for their contributions this time.

Each spring day the sun rises a little earlier and sets a little later. It's not just giving up chocolate that makes the days seem longer. But our modern lives are governed by clocks rather than the sun. Later in March the clocks will spring forward as we move into summer-time, although it's still really spring, enabling people to make better use of lighter evenings. Is there something useful we can be doing with those extra daylight hours?

I remember someone telling me that £5 worth of steel is worth £10 if you make it into horse-shoes, but £25,000 if you make it into watch-springs. It's not the raw materials but what you do with it that adds the value. Maybe time itself is our raw material, what can we do to turn it into watch-springs?