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Bridgemed ia Newsletter July 2023



Boat Trip Passing by Bridgemead

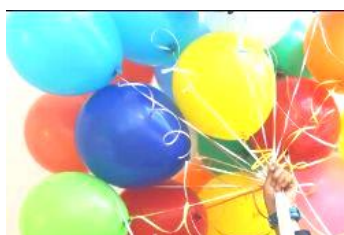
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- PARKS
- SWIMMING
- PAINTING
- COMPUTERS
- HORSEBACK
- BASEBALL
- GAMES
- HIKING
- WALKING
- MUSEUMS
- RIDING
- SHOPPING
- TENNIS
- PETS
- SKIING
- CAMPING
- ANIMALS
- PICNIC
- ARTS
- RUNNING



Sadly we say goodbye to:
Residents: Betty B



Happy Birthday to:
Day Club: Olivia H
& Happy Belated Birthday! to: Morfydd J

Alan Dickson - Chaplain

Who is Jesus? Mark 8 v 27-29

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets .²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

It isn't clear why Jesus was going to Caesarea Phillipi, in verse 27 above, but he chose on that journey to ask his disciples *"Who do people say I am?"*. The disciples gave quite flattering suggestions – apparently some Jews were suggesting that he was a previous Jewish *"great"* like Elijah, John the Baptist and or another prophet, who had returned.

However, Jesus then asked the disciples the same question. *"Who do you say I am?"*. Peter got the answer in first *"You are the Messiah."*

Peter was kind of right - Jesus was the Messiah, but not the kind of Messiah that he thought Jesus was. Jesus explained in the verses that follow (v 31-33), that as Messiah, he would be killed by the Jewish religious leaders but then rise from death three days later. He wasn't going to be a military Messiah, leading Israel from the rule of the Roman empire.

At that time, even the disciples didn't realise who Jesus really was and why he had come. Its noticeable that most people today still don't know who Jesus was and is, and why he came. I wonder if while you read this story if you're sure who Jesus is. At the beginning of this Gospel of Mark, in the very first verse, Mark tells us - Jesus is the Son of God.

I think Jesus chose the road to Caesarea Phillipi to ask this special question of the disciples, because it was a Roman pagan city, where people did not recognise God and would not recognise Him. Jesus wanted to impress on the disciples that he was the Messiah, the Son of God who had come to die and suffer for the sins of the world, so that those who trust in Him can be forgiven and anticipate eternal life with Him in heaven for ever.

We live in a society today in the UK, rather like Caesarea Phillipi, where Jesus is not recognised or even respected. However, Jesus is still the same - the Son of God who can become our Saviour? *Who do you say that Jesus is?*

Chapter 8 of mark's Gospel is available on the link below.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark%208&version=NIV>

If anyone who reads these little pieces of mine in Bridgemediawould like a New Testament or Bible, I would be delighted to give you one as a gift.

NEWS AT BRIDGEMEAD

At the end of May we had a visit from Paragon School in Bath. We had more than 30 children performing songs from a show that they had performed for their parents. Our residents loved it and a big "Thank You" to Sarah Kettley, Director of Music, at Prior Park School along with her colleagues and children, who all performed amazingly. We all look forward to further visits during the year.



David Kniveton, flute player and pianist, performed for us one afternoon in June. As always the residents enjoyed his repertoire and look forward to seeing him again soon.

Trustee Message

It won't come as much of a surprise if I say I am writing this on another hot sunny day – what a summer so far. Though more rain would be great for our gardens and the farmers too. I must say I was very grateful it wasn't raining recently when I was helping to put up the tents for our church youth group weekend away. Have you ever tried putting up a tent in the rain or banging tent pegs into rock-solid ground with the pegs just bedding under the strain – it's very demoralising. Well, the ground was wonderfully dry and surprisingly, soft enough for hammering in the tent pegs with ease. Whew! None of us owned the tents we were putting up and instructions were sparse or non-existent, so we just muddled through. It would have been comical for a bystander to watch. I was a youth group leader years ago and we took our 11-14 years away many times. Happily, we were able to stay in 'proper' accommodation with bunk beds, and hot showers. Happy Days! And happy memories.

The youth group went to Boscombe beach in Bournemouth on the Saturday, followed by a fish and chip supper. No doubt some of you have similar memories. I stayed on the South Coast for a couple of days recently and spent a lovely day at the beach in Milford on Sea and managed a quick dip in the sea. It wasn't a quick dip because we were in a hurry it was shivers-inducing cold – what a wimp! But it was so utterly peaceful to sit on the beach and listen to the waves breaking on the pebbles. We had another treat when we joined family at Portishead Outdoor Swimming pool for a 2-hour timed session between 4 and 6pm. I was so looking forward to a refreshing dip after another very hot day. Sadly, our session coincided with the sun going behind a lot of dark threatening clouds. Once more I wimped and waited for the warming sun to emerge again. After about 20 minutes, with the younger members of the family asking why I was still sitting on the side, I gave up and took to the water – which was much, much warmer than the sea and had family fun and a wonderful swim. After all my years in Bath, I realised I had never been to Portishead, but what a lovely spot with its park and lake opposite the shoreline, and footpath walks along the estuary looking across to Wales. We walked to the Portishead marina after the swim, now in full early evening sun, to have, you guessed it - fish and chips! Some of the best I've ever tasted, eaten at the harbour looking out across the boats. Happy Days! And new happy memories. On the walk back to the van a sailor was setting out for an early evening sail in his yacht. The marina is accessed via a very, very deep lock to the Bristol Channel, because the tidal range is huge. I suspect he had been eagerly awaiting the tide to come in and was out to sea as soon as sailing was viable again.

Do you remember a few years ago Bridgemead grew sunflowers which were awarded a prize. I bought some of the seeds, but only used some of them. In early June I was asked if I could grow 70 sunflowers from seed, to give to the children coming to our Holiday Bible Club at church at the end of July. After a quick check I realised it was really a bit late to start sowing sunflowers, but I said I would give it a go. I had seed from various sources; free with a gardening magazine, an extra gift with some flowers sent to me by post etc. I am delighted to report I am on target with germinated seeds going strong in the greenhouse in this lovely warm sunny weather and very happily 10 of those will be 'Bridgemead' prize winning sunflower seeds. Happy Days! And happy memories at Bridgemead.

We all have happy memories to enjoy as often as we like. Some from our younger days seem as if they were yesterday. I have many happy memories from spending time at Bridgemead with our Residents. The Bible sometimes mentions prayers which include asking God to 'remember me'. Our memories sometimes let us down as we get older, but God never forgets us. The only thing he promises, to his children that He will forget is the sins we have confessed and repented, and He has forgiven in Christ. VERY HAPPY DAYS. God bless,
Tilly



FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

As I type this I am listening to the final day of the first test match between England and Australia – the old enemy! I can't bear to watch as I think England are about to lose! I don't think that I'm a bad loser but I do like to win!! I love cricket but waste far too much time watching and listening to all the matches. I have tickets for the England women's test match against Australia at Taunton – just hope we get a fine day!

Your committee met earlier this month and decided on a few fundraising events for the rest of the year.

On Monday 10th July at Bridgemead 7.30pm we have our Annual General Meeting. Please make an effort to attend, you will be very welcome.

On Saturday 22nd July at 2.30pm we are holding our ever popular Strawberry Tea. A delicious strawberry tea will cost just £2.50. There will be a couple of stalls selling cards and a few craft items. This is always a happy afternoon and we would love to see you there!

On Friday 29 September we invite you to a Musicals Quiz with Soup and Puds. This will be held at Bridgemead starting at 7pm. Cost is £10. Please bring your own drinks – glasses will be provided.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their annual subscription of £10. There are still a few outstanding so we would be grateful if you could forward monies to the Treasurer, Judith Roach as soon as possible please.

Thank you,

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ENTERTAINMENT AT BRIDGEMEAD JULY 2023

July 12 th	-	2.00pm	'Now & Then'	-	Singing Group
July 14 th	-	2.00pm	Mike Renton	-	Sing-a-long
July 19 th	-	2.00pm	Shannon Kitchen	-	Singer
July 22 nd	-	2.30pm	Friends of Bridgemead	-	Strawberry Tea
July 26 th	-	2.00pm	Danny Guest	-	Singer



Come and join Bridgemed Day Club 10am – 4pm
Arrive at 10am and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea
along with a chat and if you would like a challenge
how about a group quiz or crossword?
A lovely lunch will be provided.
In the afternoon we have various activities
ranging from Entertainers, Arts and Crafts, Sing-alongs
and much more.
At 3pm the ‘Grand Finale’ - Tea and cake.
“Thank you for a most enjoyable day”
just one of many compliments from
Club Members.
Cost: £31 per visit – payable monthly in arrears

Carers for and friends of Day Club members - please consider contributing to our funding at Bridgemed – in particular we have a major flood risk mitigation building project which urgently needs funding.

Giving

Find out how to give to support different aspects of what we do on <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/volunteer/how-do-i-donat>
We continue to retain a Local Giving page the link for which can be found at the bottom of <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/>
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Find Bridgemed on our home page at <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/>

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All contributions to this newsletter are welcome from residents, relatives, staff and volunteers. If you have something events, short poems or anything relevant would be welcome.

Jobs

We also now have a page for Staff Vacancies on the website.

<https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/about/staff/vacancies/>

<https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/donate/>

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