

Recently the American singer Dolly Parton was photographed receiving her coronavirus vaccination. The caption to go with the photo said "Dolly gets a dose of her own medicine." It was true, because she



had donated \$1 million dollars to her local university to help develop a coronavirus vaccine. Now she was receiving a return on her investment!

It can be very rewarding if you invest your money or your time and effort into something and you see the fruit of your endeavours.

If you sow tomato seeds in February or March, propagate them, transplant the seedlings, water and feed them, care for the plants and then eat the harvest in late summer, it can be more enjoyable than simply visiting the supermarket and buying them (and they usually taste better).



What takes this thinking to a whole new level is when you invest in people. The vaccine that Dolly Parton received and helped sponsor, will now impact many lives. When I consider all the people who have invested in my life, from family to friends to teachers, I hope and pray their time and loving concern will bear fruit as I live out my life in society.

Jesus once said

"Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over". John 12:24



Easter reminds us that God has invested his very life for this world. Jesus died on the cross, like a grain of wheat he was buried, but on the third day, new life sprouted from the earth as he rose from the grave. So what return does God desire after investing his very life for you and me? The answer is LOVE. For people to love God with all their hearts and to love their neighbours as themselves.

As we start a new chapter in our nation and as we approach Easter, what are you going to invest your life in?

May God bless you this Easter.

Jeff Porter (Minister)



We extend a very warm welcome to you to join us for Easter Praise

Sunday, 4th April
11.00am

led by our minister
Rev Jeff Porter

and available via YouTube

Click on the link
from the FHBC Website

www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk



The Sunday Message

from FHBC can be viewed from
11.00am each Sunday.

See the church facebook page
for updates on church life

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Looking Ahead... The blessings of telephone, zoom, e-mail, Royal Mail, social media etc have enabled the Church to continue meeting in some form or other, but we look forward to the time when we will be able to meet together again and when the 'normal' activities based at the church can begin.



We are looking at the possibility of holding an open-air **Songs of Praise** during the summer. Look out for information nearer the time.

It has been good to welcome new friends to join us for the weekly **Sunday Message on YouTube** and others may have moved into the village & would like to know more about the Church. We would love to hear from you and can be contacted through the **FHBC website**.



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It has continued to be a very difficult time for many, although the signs of Spring lift our spirits. The strength of local community has been very evident in recent months, but please get in touch if you would appreciate **someone to chat to**; or you might value the opportunity to **ask for prayers** for a particular situation. If you would find this helpful, please contact us via admin@fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk or telephone Jeff on 01905 453190

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This Easter, FHBC is raising money to support the **Worcestershire Young Carers**. Pre-covid, WYC were supporting over 550 young carers across Worcestershire, particularly by providing funding for clubs and other activities/breaks for young carers. The WYC is accountable to the Youth Support Services and it's estimated that there are many more young people who would benefit from accessing their support network, as well as the monthly youth clubs that will be able to offer respite from caring responsibilities once current restrictions are eased.

Any gifts that people may wish to make to help support these young people through the WYC can be forwarded to FHBC, O'Keys Lane, WR3 8RL (Please make any cheques payable to Fernhill Heath Baptist Church.) Thank you.



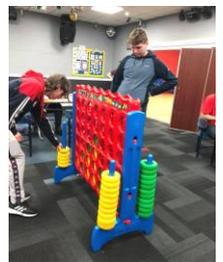
**Cakes, Easter shortbread, apple pies & marmalade:** Orders can be placed with Margaret up until Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - please telephone 01905 457696 if you're interested. Margaret is happy to deliver items to homes within the village. Monies raised will go to support the Easter Appeal.

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A huge thank you to everyone who made gifts at Christmas and helped to raise £570 for **Inclusion**, which is part of Perdisswell Young People's Club.



This is a self-supporting independent charitable organisation aiming to help & support young people in Worcester & the surrounding districts who are in some way disadvantaged through disability, complex health needs or challenging behaviour.



The twice weekly clubs give the young people an opportunity to interact socially with their peers as well as to participate in activities that otherwise wouldn't be available to them.

Unwanted tools to dispose of?

TWAM refurbish these to send overseas. All types of hand tools, sewing machines, laptops, lathes, manual typewriters, motor mechanics, garden spades

Sorry, no glassware or electric garden tools

TWAM can be contacted at www.twam.co.uk



Many thanks for all the used postage stamps

that we have received. These are sent to BMS, who last year raised over £15,500 to support medical work around the world.

If you'd like to help, we're always very grateful to receive British & foreign stamps (preferably un-trimmed) via the church letterbox.

