



16 JULY 2023

Welcome

Welcome to church this morning,
we hope you enjoy being with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week 16 July, 2023

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Next week 23 July, 2023

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will meet on
Tuesday at 3pm in the chapel. They
are looking at Study 7 - 'The Focus
of Faith' - Hebrews 12:1-11.

Thank you

June and John would like to thank
everyone for their flowers and kind
wishes for their 50th wedding
anniversary last week, your love and
support is greatly appreciated.

Rev Gail's Message

Last Sunday I spoke briefly about Dietrich Bonhoeffer's time spent in prison during the last two years of WWII. Bonhoeffer wrote prolifically while in prison right up until he was executed on 9th April 1945. Below is one of his prayers. This prayer from the heart resonates with Psalm 23 because just like the Psalmist, Bonhoeffer it does not shrink away from calling out and naming the dark valley of all humanity's "troubles", common human emotions such as loneliness, despair, and bitterness. God's word in the Bible guides us as a lamp for our feet and light on our path but we are also blessed to have the words of contemporary prophets and great men and women of faith, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Thanks be to God.

'In me there is darkness,
But with You there is light;
I am lonely, but You do not leave me;
I am feeble in heart, but with You there is
help;
I am restless, but with You there is peace.
In me there is bitterness, but with You there
is patience;
I do not understand Your ways, But You
know the way for me.
Lord Jesus Christ, You were poor
And in distress, a captive and forsaken as I
am.
You know all man's troubles;
You abide with me When all men fail me;
It is Your will that I should know You And
turn to You.
Lord, I hear Your call and follow;
Help me.'

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)