



Christian Motorcyclists Association UK.



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

Welcome to the June edition of the
CMA Gloucester newsletter

Words from the Chair!

***Simon Peter answered him,
“ Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.”***

Dear CMA friends; we find ourselves entering another month of this extraordinary and unprecedented season of Coronavirus pandemic. How are you coping with it? For most, it's difficult to find a routine and a focus. Some of you, of course, are working and that *may* give you some sense of routine.

Have you noticed the amount of people online and in the media who are eager to give us advice at this time? Everyone from celebrities, fitness experts, psychologists and even royals! Their voices become a cacophony of noise in the end. To whom should we listen, then?

In John ch 6 many of the people who were following Jesus ran away in the face of difficulty. Jesus asked His disciples if they wanted to go to. Simon Peter, in v 68, ever the outspoken one and, here, insightful, says, "Who else can we go to?" In other words, who else speaks the truth and hope that you do? Who else allows us to see life as God wishes us to live it? In our current difficulty, let's make sure that we're listening to Jesus and following His words of eternal life. It's the only way...

Alan & Liz

Chair & Vice-Chair, Gloucester Branch



Here's what's happening in June

More of the same?!



Sadly, due to the current Coronavirus crisis all gatherings have been banned by the UK Government in their measures to control the spread of the virus and protect the NHS and UK citizens.

Of course, this means that all our usual biking activities are temporarily stopped. This includes all our monthly bike club meets, which are all year round. The main bike 'season' should have been underway for 2020 and the virus measures have had a profound effect on all of the events and activities we would usually be involved with.

The following bike events would usually be part of the CMA UK / Gloucester itinerary this month:

- The Isle of Man TT
- The Carol Nash International Classic Motorcycle Show, Stafford
- The British Superbike Championship
- Prescott Bike Festival, Cheltenham
- Cassington Bike Night, near Oxford
- The Farmacyard Party, Yorkshire
- and many, many others all over the UK

Whilst we will miss attending these events and also commiserate with the organisers who will already have put in a lot of work to prepare, even before lockdown; we must also pray for those bikers who would usually go.

In the meantime:

Let's continue to pray for our biking friends, locally and nationally, many of whom do not know Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Pray that in these dark times they will seek the God of light and hope.

And now that we are able to get out and ride, albeit with socialising 2 metres apart, let's ride with Jesus and remembering the cross we wear, on our backs and in our hearts.



Colin on his trike, taking part in a motorcycle ride in his neighbourhood, marking a few key birthdays in their community.

What to pray:

Words from Colin, our Prayer Co-ordinator



***'My presence shall go with you and
I will give you rest'***

Exodus 33.14

Today begins another mile
On life's full-of-changes road
And memory with the hours beguile
Reviewing goodnesses of God

And such will give thee hope and cheer
His goodnesses ne'er have an end
And as begins a fresh new year
Where but in Him shall heart depend

By J. Danson Smith

As we were having a clear out, the above was on a birthday card that Hazel's granny and grandpa sent me about 30 years ago.

In these uncertain times, with the urge to get on the road and back to normal, I want to bless you with the above.

In Exodus God promises that His presence will go with us and He will also give us rest.

The road of life we are on now is definitely full of changes that we weren't expecting at the beginning of the year, but as we reflect on the goodness of God:

We can have hope where there seems to be no hope.

Where there is fear in the world, we can have peace as our dependence is solely on Him.

Below are a few things to Praise God for:

Brian praises God that all his hard work in his allotment is paying off with the first signs of produce. Also, that his journeying to and from the allotment have been unhindered.

I praise God that I have seen His provision for everyday needs.
I also praise Him that His goodnesses have no end.

Liz praises God for continuing encouragement from interaction with the church craft group she runs, including weekly Zoom meetings. Praise God, too, for conquering the fear of unknown technology to be able to host Zoom meetings!

Alan and Liz praise God for being able to take walks several times a week, including long walks at weekends. It's been amazing and wonderful to discover incredibly beautiful areas within a couple of miles from where they live.

Praise God for positive contact with the South Wales branch of CMA UK and for an encouraging response.

Praise God for how our churches have been using social media etc to keep in touch with people and for sharing encouragement and worship.

Please pray for:

Brian has told me that the new vicar at his church, was supposed to be inducted on May 6th. Pray that may happen soon and that his move to Cheltenham will be safe and a blessing to all involved.

Pray that his daughter will have a safe and healthy delivery of her child in September and that she may realise that God, her heavenly Father, really does care for her.

For friends of Brian: She has the onset of dementia and her son is abroad. Pray that they might find a way of organising things and that they will be kept safe.

I, like many, am struggling with the hotter weather. Pray for my ability to cope with it, that I may be able to complete the tasks I need to.

Pray for healing of my back, knees and neck. Also that I may have release from constant headaches.

Pray for safety at work for Alan, Beth and any other CMA members who are working. Beth is especially concerned about distancing when her store opens soon.

Pray for CMA Glos members Phil & Susanna, currently of Lenchwood Christian Centre, for God's leading, provision and peace.

Thank you for your continued support in praying for the CMA, Locally; Nationally; and Globally.
God bless,

Colin

PRAYER REQUESTS CAN BE SENT TO COLIN AT ANY TIME.

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SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU SMILE!

At this difficult time
make sure that what
you cling to is totally
secure!!

Read Psalm 63 (NIV)
(especially verse 8)



Photo seen recently on
Facebook

We would love to end our newsletter with
something funny!

Email us a bike-related photo & we'll include it.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO INCLUDE,
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