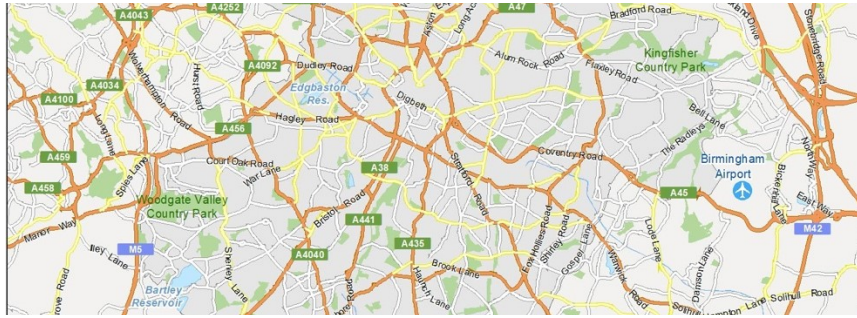


PASTOR'S PATCH



I remember the days of driving when I had a road mapbook on the passenger seat, glancing across at it trying to see where I needed to go at each junction, but then finding when I stopped suddenly the book would sometimes slide off the seat and I'd lose both my place and my direction! Thank the Lord for satnav today!

At least most times I know where I'm headed. Spare a thought for Moses as he led the people in the wilderness with no real idea their destination. At one point he complained to the Lord

'You have been telling me, "Lead these people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favour with me." If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.' The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' (Exodus chapter 33 verse 12-13)

I have a lot of sympathies with poor Moses, and in this current phase of life I can't really know exactly where I or BBC are headed, but I do know the Lord will lead us and promises not to leave us.

So here's a poem by Thomas Merton that I came across recently which spoke to me, and I hope may speak to us all.

*My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think that I am following Your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You.
And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
And I know that if I do this,
You will lead me by the right road although I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust You always, though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death,
I will not fear, for You are ever with me,
and will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

(Taken from Morning Prayer from Northumbria Community's Celtic Daily Prayer published by Collins)

Darrell

JENNY HARRISON MEMORIAL GATHERING

The gathering for Jenny will take place on **Monday 2nd December at 3.00pm in the Front Room** where Jenny gave such sterling service in the coffee shop and regularly attended the weekly prayer meeting. The event will be open to all who knew Jenny. Tracey and Lillian who cared for Jenny so wonderfully right to the end of her earthly life, will be invited. Refreshments will be served. Please come along prepared to share your memories of Jenny and any photos you have of her, and please invite anyone who knew her. Thanks. *Maureen Chivers*

BOXING DAY LUNCH AND NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH

Adline Lewis will be cooking lunch at church on **Boxing Day (Thursday 26th December)**, and Geoff and Julia Andrews will be cooking lunch at church on **New Year's Day (Wednesday 1st January)**. This is to provide a meal and friendship to people or couples who would otherwise be on their own. If you know of people living in Brixham who might like to come, please invite them. Doors will open at 11.00am for coffee, and lunch will be served at 12.30pm. Cost: £7.00 each per meal. Booking forms will be available in the Front Room and Church Hall from Sunday. If you can help with serving or with transporting people, we would appreciate it. Please speak to **Adline** or **Julia**.

CMF : SALINE SOLUTION

On Saturday 7th December 2024 we have a **'Saline Solution'** course in Torquay, a one day training course for healthcare professionals to be 'Salt of the Earth' in the workplace -

https://members.cmf.org.uk/CMF/Events/Event_Display.aspx?eventkey=SSDEVON2&WebsiteKey=3de15490-5e50-42d5-a86e-1c9a358a58ab

We would love you to come if you're free, and do invite any healthcare friends!

God bless,
Lydia (CMF South West Catalyst Team Leader)



The flyer features a green and blue color scheme with a stethoscope background. It includes the CMF logo at the top left, the title 'SALINE SOLUTION' in a blue box, and 'Devon' in a white box. The tagline 'bringing faith into healthcare' is positioned below the title. The event details, including the date 'Saturday 7th December' and the location 'Upton Vale Baptist Church, St Marychurch Rd, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3HY', are listed in a white box. A separate box states 'Open to all Christian healthcare professionals and students'. At the bottom, it says 'impacting your workplace for Christ' and features logos for IHS GLOBAL and CMF.