

The renowned Methodist preacher John Wesley wrote the following;

*Do all the good you can, By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can, In all the places you can,
At all the times you can, To all the people you can,
For as long as ever you can.*



What a challenge to all of us!

Sue Chew, Associate Minister

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Roundabout Newsletter

February 2023

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Generous giving, generous living

There is a story told of a young boy gazing longingly at the vast array of shoes on display in a local shop window. His own shoes were scuffed and worn - with the soles separating from the uppers - certainly far from ideal for the coming winter months. Just then a lady came down the street, noticed the boy, in particular his shoes, and invited him to accompany her into the shoe shop. To his amazement the lady said he could choose any pair of shoes he wished. The boy had never experienced such generosity in his life and was completely overwhelmed as the shop assistant handed him the box containing his new shoes. Looking at the lady who had bought him the shoes, all he could manage to say was, "*are you God's wife?*"



The young boy had heard of and understood something of the generous nature of God manifested on earth through the life of Jesus. Perhaps he was also familiar with Jesus' parable of the poor widow who gave the only coins she had as her temple offering. Alongside her the rich were making a great show of their giving which probably would have had little impact on their pockets.



Donna Lynn Hope said "*If you want to call attention to your good deed, it isn't a good deed but a self-serving one. Why? not only have you patted yourself on the back, but you are fishing for others to do the same.*"

In the story we see a lady recognising the need of a poor young boy, acting upon it, and giving generously without drawing attention to herself - just like the poor widow in Jesus' parable.

Communities, and Sadberge is no exception, are enriched by many people who are generous, not only with their money but by their deeds and actions. They quietly go the extra mile for others.

Unlike the famous advert of a few years ago that aimed to convince us that we needed a product *because you are worth it*, generous people are generous because they believe **others** are worth it.

In the ever-increasing pace of life with its demands on our time and energy, one of the most generous and selfless things we can do is to give someone our time and undivided attention, putting aside all thoughts of self and the things we need to complete before the end of our day. A listening ear, taking time to write a note, a cheery phone call - what a difference these things can make to someone living alone or housebound during these cold winter days. Spending quality time with family or friends who can so easily get overlooked in the busyness of the moment can mean so much.

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Christingle 2022

Our Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was a very special occasion - the church was filled with over 90 happy children and their parents.

Thanks to your generosity the magnificent sum of £173 has been sent to further the work of The Children's Society.



Sadberge Out and About People

Happy New Year to all our members, guests and friends!

We hope you are ready to begin planning our next year's events! Join us for a cuppa, light refreshments and a chat to review last year and plan trips and social evenings for 2023, and, of course, our activities for next Christmas!

Put this date in your diary and bring ideas (and diaries) to our Annual Spring Planning Meeting.

FRIDAY 24th February 2.15 - 4.00
Sadberge Village Hall

Subs are now due, but can be paid up to the date of our July trip. Looking forward to another great year together in 2023

Millie, Pauline and all the SOAP Team



Save the Date! The Coronation of King Charles III

Saturday 6th May 2023

Friends of Sadberge Festival, along with the Parish Council and Village Hall CIO, are preparing to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Details of the event, entertainment, times and venues will follow ASAP

BUT SAVE THE DATE NOW !!

Anyone who would like to be involved please email friendsofsadberge@gmail.com



Tree Tots Playgroup

Sadberge Village Hall
Wednesdays 9:30-11:00

£2 includes snack and drink
extra siblings £1 each

Church Services in February

Service	Date	Time
Holy Communion (Sadberge)	Every Sunday	9.15am
Ash Wednesday (Haughton)	February 22nd	6.00pm

Please send items for the March 2023 *Roundabout* to rblood@ntlworld.com before 20th February.