

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 11.00 am - Morning Service and Junior Church
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month.
- 4.00 pm - Afternoon Service on Special Occasions.
- 4 - 6.00 pm - Higher Kingdom Church International in the
Hall—(Pastor Sam)

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - MWA - Meeting 3rd Sunday after service.
- WEDNESDAY - 7.30 pm - Bible Studies, on Zoom.
- THURSDAY - Men's Fellowship Meeting at 1pm -
(Normally on 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom / Hall)
- FRIDAY - Intercessory Prayers - 1:30 p.m. on Zoom
- SATURDAY- 7.30—8:30 p.m. Monthly Prayer Meeting –
(Before Communion Sunday—Meeting on Zoom)
- Choir Practice. (To be confirmed).

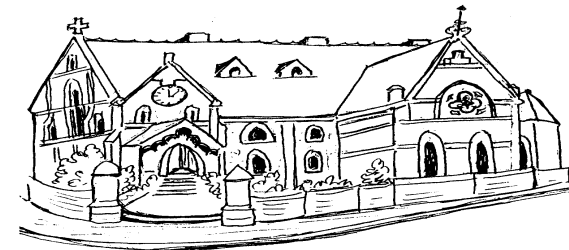
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“For a Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”. [Isaiah 9:6 NRSV, 1989].

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MINISTER'S LETTER

INTENTIONAL KEEP OUR LORD JESUS IN ALL THAT YOU DO EACH DAY!

Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As you receive this message, in the United Kingdom we are moving towards the season of winter. The colours of the autumnal days are beautiful if we just take the time to view them. The changing colours of leaves, giving a backdrop for amazing pictures. Let us remember those who have lost their sight and are no longer able to see, or born without sight.

This time of the year, we expect the weather to be cold, possibly freezing with frost and chilly winds. We therefore dress accordingly to keep warm with heavy coats and hats. We aim to get back into the warm where we can warm-up and feel comfortable. We need to remember that a number of people in this country will be homeless and seeking refuge in doorways. Some will be unable to heat their homes.

The need to keep warm and healthy will be paramount in our lives. At Church recently, we have discovered that our hall entrance had become a temporary haven or refuge during the summer, yet it is not ideal for the colder months. It reminds us that when Jesus was born the only place that had space, was outside in a cattle shed, and his bed a feeding trough used by the animals.

Tuesday 5th Nov 2024—**The Forces for You**

Today's Scripture: After Herod arrested Peter, he put him in jail and handed him over to be guarded by sixteen soldiers. Herod planned to bring Peter before the people for trial after the Passover Feast. Acts 12:4, NCV

TODAY'S WORD: King Herod was against the early church, having already killed the apostle James and now imprisoning Peter. Herod had assigned sixteen soldiers to guard Peter, chaining him between two guards and setting two guard stations and a huge iron gate at the prison entrance to make sure that he didn't escape. As Herod assigned soldiers to hold Peter back, there will always be people and circumstances that try to keep you behind closed doors. There are forces assigned to try to stop your purpose. The good news is that the forces for you are greater than the forces against you.

You may have times when you're behind closed doors, when you feel like you're outnumbered, when the odds are against you, but God will do as He did for Peter and open doors that no person can shut. The enemy may have put you behind a door of sickness, trouble, or addiction. You feel chained. There's no way out. But your time is coming. God wouldn't have let that door close if He didn't have a way to open it.

Prayer For Today: "Father, thank You that You reign over kings and nations, and You reign over all the situations in my life as well. Thank You that people and circumstances do not have the final say over me. I declare that You are greater than anything that comes against me and that I am standing in faith for my door to open. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Via Revd. S. A. Nyampong.

Monday 4th Nov 2024— **Right on the Verge:**

Today's Scripture - When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." John 2:3-4, NIV

TODAY'S WORD: When Jesus was at the wedding in Galilee, He'd never done a miracle, never healed a person, never walked on water, never multiplied food. When His mother told Him that the wine for the festivities had run out, she understood His response that His time had not yet come. But she must have sensed that He was on the verge of His right time when He would step into His ministry, when a new level of favor, power, and miracles was released. Just a short time later, His hour came, and He performed His first miracle and went on to impact the world.

Your time may not have come yet for your healing or your promotion, but it's closer than you think. There's about to be a shift from struggling to ease, from barely making it to abundance, from fighting an addiction to freedom, from dealing with a sickness to health and wholeness, from nothing working out to things falling into place, with the right people, the contracts, the resources. You're on the verge of stepping into a new season of favour.

PRAYER FOR TODAY: "Father, thank You that You are enthroned forever and You have set the time for when my hour comes to step into new levels of Your favor and power. Thank You that You will shift things and help me to do what I couldn't do. I believe that I am on the verge of stepping into a new season of blessing. In Jesus' Name, Amen." *Via Revd. S. A. Nyampong.*

During the first week of November, the results of the United States of America elections will be known. Who will lead the USA? Will it be Kamala Harris or Donald Trump? The whole world will be looking.

This time of the year our attention will also be turned toward 'Advent, that points our attention towards 'Christmas.' As we prepare for Christmas, let us remember that this year many will be financially embarrassed. Some will be lonely and some without a home for the night.

As we move into Advent and the later celebrate Christmas, please consider the question:, 'What can I do differently to make this world a better place'? What has God nudging you to do? Ask God to reveal this plan for you.

Let me leave you with this verse from the carol.
'O little town of Bethlehem'.

O holy Child of Bethlehem; Descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in;

Be born to us today. We hear the Christmas angels.

The great glad tidings tell O come to us, abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel.

Revd. Edwin.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Isaiah 9:1 [NRSV 1989].

“But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations”

Isaiah 9:6- [NRSV 1989].

“For a Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Hymn CMP 211 1& 3 Charles Wesley (1707-88) & others.

Hark the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; with
angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark the herald Angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King"

Hark! the herald angels-sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

Hail the heaven born Prince of peace! Hail, the Sun of
righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with
healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that
man no more may die; born to raise the sons of earth, born to
give them second birth.

Hark the herald Angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: GREETINGS FROM THE EDITORS AND MINISTERS TO THE CONGREGATION AND READERS.

WISHING YOU ALL A BLESSED
CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY NEW
YEAR.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ON 14TH DEC.
2024 AT ST. MARGARET'S AND ST.
GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL, NICOLL
ROAD, NW10 9AX

TIME: 2-5 P.M.

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THANK YOU.

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URC Envisioning – Being disciples in the places where we go and or work. Bible study and service held on the topic.

8. Sharing with Amersham Amersham Amersham members came and shared with us yesterday at the BBQ. We will receive an invitation to their Bible training day in October.

9. Special services –Church Anniversary

The preacher at our Harvest service will be Sr Ola Lawal . The preacher for the Church Anniversary service in November is being confirmed.

10 Correspondence:

Following discussion, it was agreed for the Church to collect money for the Jamaican Hurricane Beryl appeal; sent from the Jamaican High Commissioners office, during August 2024. We will be also consider other appeals if they are received.

11. A.O.B Br DE asked that we consider the removal of the cellophane barrier from the area by the microphone. This was noted and will be reviewed as there was a summer Covid rise at present.

12 **Date of next meeting:** --Quarterly - Sunday 27thOctober 2024

13. Dates for Diaries – Nothing to add

14. Closing Prayer: Everyone was thanked for attending. The Church service returned to intercessory prayer followed by the sing of O Lord hears my prayer, and then the grace was said together.

LIFE

All my life my LORD, You have been so good, so I will sing of the goodness of our God. Soon and very Soon , we are going to see the KING --- Alleluia .

For unto to Us a child is born in a manger, in Bethlehem and all the Governments shall be upon His shoulders, and His beautiful Name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE. Scriptures to read Isaiah 9:6 & St. Luke 1 & 2

Sending special Christmas blessings to ALL and the PEACE of God rest upon each of us.

Blessings from Sr. Precious

CMP 345 – 1 & 2- Edward Hamilton Sears (1810-76) © in this version Jubilate Hymns.

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold; “Peace on the earth, good will to men, from Heav’n’s all-gracious King”! The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2. With sorrow brought by of sin and strife the world has suffered long, and since the angels have passed two thousand years of wrong; for man, at war with man, hears not the love-song which they bring; Oh, hush the noise, you men of strife, and hear the angels sing.



News of the Fellowship

We continue to remember with love and prayers our members and friends who have been absent from worship due to illness or are housebound; as we lift the to the LORD in prayers.

Anyone who is aware of members or friends, who might be away due to illness, or for any other reason, please advise the Minister in order that pastoral visitations may be arranged.

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It is our custom to welcome all visitors to our services. We trust that they enjoyed fellowship with us. Refreshments are usually served after the service in the hall. Please join us, if possible.

Congratulations, prayers and blessings to all those who have celebrated a birthday or an anniversary since our last Focus. We continue to ask for prayers for members and friends.

Condolences are extended to the recently bereaved families. We remember before God all those who mourn the loss of loved family members, friends and colleagues.

Kindly keep them in your prayers, as well as those who have been absent from church services for a very long period.

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5: Property: Update

a) Church and Hall The repair of the external Church windows is due this year. The kitchen tap was replaced. The lino by the hall door was secured. The crazing paving repairs (Church garden) is complete. The spot lights in the hall (high level) will require new lamps to be fitted as some are now not working.

b) Manse - Estate Agents Brent Council has undertaken their audit and have identified some remedial work. All work was completed.

c) Nursery - Br EQ and Sr TA had to cancel the meeting with Debbie as her family member was ill. The aim is to re-start the nursery this September. Sr AK asked what is the Church responsible for in the nursery area and what was the rent? Br EQ advised the main structure was the Church and is cover by the lease agreement (along with the monthly rent). The day to day maintenance is the nursery.

d) Flat 65B, Craven Park Road
The recent two year extension of the tenancy agreement are being reviewed with the estate agent.

6: Youth and Children:

The Junior Church report was read and accepted by the meeting. They are planning to do a poster, open on a Saturday and display items on the notice board.

7. Evangelism -

Moravian: Holy Habits has been used during services and Bible studies. We are now looking at making more disciples. The Natural Church Development questionnaires result for the Church continues to be reviewed. Hard copies are available. Our strength was passionate Spirituality and our weakness was Small groups. A suggestion box is available for ideas.

Cont.. Philippians 4

18. What do you make of verse 19?

Read Philippians Ch 4 vv 21- 23

19. What do verses 21 – 23 encourage us as the Church to do?

20. What can we take on board today (our commitment)?

ST. MARGARET'S & ST. GEORGE'S UNITED REFORMED AND MORAVIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY MEETING – HELD ON SUNDAY 28th JULY 2024 (As part of Service)

Rev. Edwin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: - Congregation

1: : **Apologies for absence:** Srs: GI Ad, CJ, VW, Vi W, PL, ML, DA, TA,HB, PL, VO'y SB, and Br JW

2: **Acceptance of minutes:** The last minutes were printed in the Focus (May – June 2024). The minutes were taken as read. It was noted that the meeting next in October, will be held after the service.

3: **Matters arising:** nothing to add.

4: **Finance Report:** Br EQ for Sr. TA - Treasurer

Br EQ gave the apology from Sr TA due to caring responsibilities. The summary that was presented to the July Management meeting was read to the meeting. The income from the offertory has remained the same as last year. Payment for the Moravian assessment are on target.

Church Services in November 2024

3rd - 11 a.m. - Church Anniversary —Brs. Sanniez / Quildan.

10th - 11 a.m.- Remembrance Sunday — Revd. D. Elliott.

17th - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship— Revd. E. Quildan

24th - 11 a.m. - Moravian Pulpit Interchange – Sr. S. Q-Foreman

Church Services in December 2024

1st - 11 a.m.—Morning Worship - Revd. E. Quildan

8th - 11 a.m.—Morning Worship — Sr. G. Adjei.

15th - 11 a.m.— 9 Lessons and Carols — Sr. Valerie.

22nd - 11 a.m.— Christingle Service — Junior Church

25th - 11 a.m.—Christmas Day Service— Revd. E. Quildan

29th - 11 a.m.—Morning Worship— Revd. E. Quildan

31st—11:15 p.m.—Watchnight Service—Revd. E. Quildan.

Stewards' Rota – November 2024

3rd Sr. Pat F. Sr. V. Nembhard

10th Sr. Margaret L. Sr. Heather B.

17th Sr. Ethney Sr. Theresa

24th Br. Paul Br. Tony.



Stewards' Rota – December 2024

1st Sr. Beverley Sr. Mollie.

8th Sr. Avis Sr. Betty.

15th Sr. Bernadette Sr. Grace.

22nd Br. Cecil Sr. Akua.

25th Sr. Pauline Sr. Denise

29th Sr. Geneva Sr. Heather A.





IN APPRECIATION

Flower Donations - September 2024

1st— Br. Edwin and family for his wife Sr. Wendy and son Benjamin’s respective birthdays, By Sr. Wendy for her husband Br. Edwin’s birthday; Sr. Norma Dixon for her birthday and Srs. Bernadette, Emma and Br. Kingsley and the McKenzie family in memory of Sr. Sylvia Liddie.

8th—Sr. Pauline and family for their Mum Sr. Jean’s birthday and remembering their late Dad Roy Morrison.

15th —Sr. Flora Khan for her son Br. Mahmood’s and Niylah’s Wedding Anniversary and from the flower fund. birthday

22nd — Sr. Pauline and family in memory of her late brother Anthony.

29th—Sr. Clarice for her daughter sr. Joan’s birthday and by Br. Steve for his birthday.



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- 3. What is a yokefellow and what terms would we use today?
- 4. What does ‘whose names are written in the book of life’ mean?

Read Philippians Ch 4 vv 4 - 7

- 5. What does rejoice in the Lord mean?
- 6. How do we ensure or gentleness is evident to all?
- 7. Why should we pray and present our request to the Lord?
- 8. How can we become more passionate in prayer?

Read Philippians Ch 4 vv 8 - 9

- 9. What are the Philippians being urged to think about in vv 8?
- 10. How does vv 8 speak to us today?
- 11. What are the Philippians to put into practice?

Read Philippians Ch 4 vv 10-13

- 12. What are verses 10 – 11 saying?
- 13. What is verse 12 saying about Paul?
- 14. What is Paul saying in verse 13?

Read Philippians Ch 4 vv 14 - 20

- 15. What is happening in vv 14 - 15?
- 16. What happens in verse 16?
- 17. What is verse 17 about?

Cont.. Philippians 3

But we are citizens of Heaven; our outlook goes beyond this world to the hopeful expectation of the saviour who will come from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will re-make these wretched bodies of ours to resemble his own glorious body, by that power of his which makes him the master of everything that is.

What do you make of this translation in comparison with the version you use?

A. Who is offered as the example of 'genuine Christians'?

B. Who are 'the enemies of the cross of Christ'. What are they like?

C. Who are 'citizens of Heaven'. What will they be like? Why the future tense?

Bible Study Notes - Philippians chapter 4 Wednesday 30 October 2024

Please receive the following Bible Study notes for Wednesday 30 October 2024. Our study this week will be on Philippians chapter 4.

Read Philippians Ch 4 vv 1 - 3

1. What does the term 'stand firm in the Lord' mean? (see Ph Ch 3 vv 20 – 21)

2. What is verse 2 telling us ?



Flower Donations— October 2024

6th — Br. and Sr. Wendy for their daughter Sr. Rianne's belated birthday and from the flower fund.

13th—Sr. Beverley for her birthday and by Sr. Caroline in memory of her late husband Percy Broadbelt and from the flower fund.

20th — Sr. Shirley Sinclair for her birthday and from the flower fund.

27th — Sr. Geneva and family in memory of her late son Capone and from the flower fund.

In Appreciation: Thanks are extended to all who have anonymously donated towards the flower fund. May our God continue to refill your storehouses, as you remain faithful towards His ministry.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

1. Can you spot the mistakes below in this section?

Sunday 100 November 2024 is Remembrance Monday. It is a time for the nation to reflect on the effects of war and those who have lost their lives during the conflicts. There are local as well as national memorials in one area only. At 11pm a two minute silence is held to remember those who have died. Our thoughts are also turned to the need for peace around the world.

Can you complete the first line of the carols

1. The holy and the ivy when _____

2. O come all you _____ joyful _____

3. Joy to the world _____

4. While shepherds watched their _____

5. Silent night _____
6. See Him lying _____



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Read verses 8-11

Where does he find and place his confidence now?
What might be another word for 'confidence', do you think?
What is rubbish or garbage according to Paul?

Read verses 12-14

What is Paul's goal?
How is he trying to get there?
What might be our own life's goal or ambition?

Read verses 15-21 (version by J B Philips)

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ All of us who are spiritually adult should set ourselves this sort of ambition, and if at present you cannot see this, yet you will find that this is the attitude God is leading you to adopt. It is important that we go forward in the light of such truth as we have ourselves attained to

¹⁷⁻²¹ Let me be your example here, my sisters and brothers: let my example be the standard by which you can tell who are the genuine Christians among those about you. For there are many, of whom I have told you before and tell you again now, even with tears, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ. These people are heading for utter destruction—their god is their own appetite, their pride is in what they should be ashamed of, and this world is the limit of their horizon.

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11) Paul is sending for someone soon to Philippi. Who and Why? Ph.2:19.

12) What does Paul say about Timothy? Ph.2:20-22.

13) How does Paul describe Epaphroditus the Philippian messenger. Ph.2:25.

14) Why was it necessary for Epaphroditus to be sent back to his people? Ph.2:26.

15) Upon his return why will the people receive him favourably?

16) How does Philippians 1 and 2 impact on you?

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR 23rd OCTOBER – Letter to the Philippians, chapter 3 – Revd. Donald

Read verses 1-4

Verse 1 What is implied by Paul's reference to 'a safe-guard'?

Verse 2 'Watch out for those dogs'. To whom is Paul referring?

Verse 3 For it is we who are the circumcision'. To whom is Paul referring now?

Verse 4 Who does he start talking about from here on?

Read verses 4-7

Where did Paul find and place his confidence in the past?

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Word search – Find the words below

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Jesus Lord Mediator Between God
 And Man Give Your Life
 For Our Saviour Born That
 Mankind Will Live Christmas



Noticeboard

Prayer Meetings on zoom —Every 1st Saturday before Holy Communion on the Sunday of each month. Kindly contact Revd. Edwin if you are interested. Thank you. For all meetings on Zoom kindly contact Revd. Edwin for the ID (Identification).

Calendar November - 2024.

Saturday 2nd Nov—7:30- 8:30 p.m.—Church Prayer Meeting.

Sunday 10th Nov—Remembrance Service at 3 p.m. (In Association with SKANLA).

Church Bazaar : Venue—St. Margaret's Church Hall, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX. Day, Date and Time: Saturday 16th November. 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

Saturday 30th Nov—Church Prayer Meeting—7:30-8:30 p. m.

Calendar December 2024

Saturday 14th Dec—Carol Singing in the Community
Time: 1 p.m.—2 p.m.



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To be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. To the glory and praise of God.

Read Philippians 2.

Questions:

1. Discuss being ‘...united with Christ’. Ph. 2: 1.
2. What is Fellowship? Ph. 2:2.
3. What is the humility of Jesus? Ph. 2: 3-4.
4. What are the mindset and nature of Jesus Christ? Ph.2:5-8.
5. Why did God exalt Jesus’ name above every name? Ph.2: 9 -11.
6. As a result of the above what action and therefore acknowledgement shall take place in heaven, on earth and under the earth?
7. What did Paul mean that you should work out your salvation with fear and trembling? Ph.2: 12- 13.
8. It is said that you should do the best you can and ‘good’ will follow you. Can this old adage have its roots in this Bible passage Ph.2:14-15 ?
9. Does holding onto the Word of Life allow Paul to boast on the day of Christ in that all he did was not in vain? Ph.2:15-16
10. Paul likens himself as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from the faith of which people? Ph. 17-19.



Cont... Philippians 1-

13. What are vv 20 - 21 saying to you?

14. What is the message of vv 22 - 24?

Read Philippians Ch 1 vv 27 - 30

15. What is a life worthy of the Gospel?

16. What is verse 28 telling us?

17. What is vv 29 saying to us?

18. What struggles do Christians face today?

19. We have a theme of 'making more disciples; how does this chapter speak to the theme?

20. What can you do to make more disciples?

Bible Studies - Wednesday 16th October '24. Br. Les.

Summary of Philippians 1.

We see that Paul's letters to the Philippians are full of love for them. The bond between the people and gospel is remembered each time he prays. This is always present, and Paul is sure the work he has started will continue until the day of Jesus Christ. His love for the people is not dependent on his personal situation regarding the defending of the gospel. He wants all to grow and then be able to discern.

Noticeboard

Gift Aid: Are you a taxpayer? The one way that taxpayers can give more to the Church, without it costing them anything, is to Gift Aid their contributions, this is money that can be claimed back from the Inland Revenue and can make a difference to a congregations' income.

Therefore, if you are not already doing so, I would urge you to contact the treasurer and **complete a Gift Aid Form.**

The coronavirus Protocols

The coronavirus is still around. As a church we believe in looking after each other. The wearing of mask is optional. However, hand sanitizers are to be used frequently.

Thank you for maintaining the coronavirus protocols.

Children's Activity: We are thinking about running some children's activity during the year. If you have any ideas of the things we can do (either on-line or physical) please let the Church Committee members know or the minister.



Noticeboard

The late Reverend Donald MacArthur a former Minister of our congregation, died on 14th August 2024, aged 92 years.

He was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church of England in 1963 and inducted into the congregation of St Margaret's Church, Harlesden, until 1969.

He then embarked on a life of service in local authority housing in Croydon and Camden. He also was involved with a Free Church Housing Association development in Kensal Rise.

Meanwhile, he continued to lead worship and preach in congregations around London. From 1987 to 2017, he served as a minister with Frognal United Reformed Church.

He and his wife Pat have been close friends of Sr. Odette and Rev. Donald Elliott.

50 years and counting: the union between St. Margaret's and St. George's is celebrating their 50ieth year.



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Bible Study Notes for Wednesday 9 October 2024, on the Book of Philippians. Our study this week will be on chapter 1.

Read Philippians Ch 1 vv 1 -2

1. What do you understand by the term Servant of Christ?

2. Who is the message sent to?

Read Philippians Ch 1 vv 3 - 11

3. Why do you think Paul is thanking God in vv 3 -5?

4. What is being said in vv 6?

5. Why is Paul in chains in vv 7?

6. What is being said in vv 9 - 11?

7. What are the fruits of righteousness?

Read Philippians Ch 1 vv 12 -26

8. What is vv 12 saying?

9. What do you understand by term 'in chains for Christ and are there any modern day examples?

10. What is the key in vv 14?

11. What is the key in vv 18?

12. What is Paul saying in verse 19?

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C. Read Ephesians ch 6 vv 1 - 9

15. What is being said to the children in vv 1 – 3?
16. What is being said to Fathers and Mothers in vv 4?
17. What is being said to slaves in vv 5 – 8
18. What is your view about slaves, does it apply today?
19. What is being said to masters in vv 9?

D. Read Ephesians ch 6 vv 10 - 24

20. What are the devil's schemes?
21. Name the armour of God and what is being protected?
22. What does the term spiritual warfare mean?
23. What do you understand by vv 19?
24. Why does Paul say I am an Ambassador in Chains in vv 20?

E. Concluding thoughts?

- a) Has anything challenged you today?
- b) What can we learn from Paul as we journey with Christ??

Closing Prayer

Noticeboard

St Margaret's and St George's
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Nicoll Road, Harlesden, London NW10 9AX

Children's Morning of Fun



We welcome you to join us on Saturday 30th
November 2024, from 10am – 12 pm

Monthly

Stimulating Activities for Children from 5 years old

Future Date: 14th December 2024.



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Provincial Announcement

Sunday 13th October 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from the Provincial Board!

From Monday 21st October, Br Edwin Quildan will be called to serve the Fetter Lane congregation, in addition to his existing call to serve the Harlesden congregation, working jointly with Br Michael Newman, who continues to also serve the Hornsey congregation.

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A. Read Ephesians 5: 1 - 21

1. What is vv 1 saying to us?
2. What is vv 2 saying to us?
3. Why is Paul pointing out the things to avoid (please name some)?
4. What is Paul saying to us in vv 5?
5. As Christians why should we control what we say?
6. Who should we not partner with and why?
7. What is meant by vv 8 ?
8. What are the fruits of light in vv 9?
9. What is meant by vv 12 and 13?
10. What is meant by vv 15 and 16?
11. What do you understand by vv 17 – 20?

B. Read Ephesians 5: 22 - 33

12. How much emphasise do you place on vv 22 – 24?
13. What do we learn from vv 25 – 29?
14. What is the profound mystery?

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17. Explain this statement, *"instead, speaking the truth in love; we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ."* (Ephesians 4:15).

18. Discuss anger in Ephesians 4:26, KJV: *"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:"*

19. How does the gospel of God's grace help you to deal with anger?

20. Is there anger and provocation in your own heart now? What practical steps would you need to deal with your anger?

21. How do you deal with bitterness in your life, Eph 4:31)?

BIBLE Study: Wednesday 25 Sept 2024 Ephesians chapter 5 and 6

The letter to the Ephesians was written to strengthen and encourage the Churches and others in the area. The book of Ephesians is written by Paul around AD 60 during his imprisonment in Rome. The letter was given to Tychicus to take to the Ephesians.

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Br David Howarth will no longer serve Fetter Lane, but will provide preaching support within the Eastern District, in addition to his full-time responsibilities on the Provincial Board.

The Provincial Board are grateful for the ministry that Brs. Howarth, Newman and Quildan have already provided at Fetter Lane, and we keep the congregation in prayer as they go through this period of transition.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Roberta Hoey

On behalf of the Provincial Board

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BIBLE STUDY Wednesday 11th SEPTEMBER 2024.

Ephesians 1 and 2 – Br. James and Sr. Valerie.

Ephesians is one of the four epistles (letters) commonly known as the Prison Epistles. The others are Philipians, Colossians and Philemon. Paul wrote the letter to the Ephesians sometime in AD 60-61. The letter was delivered to Ephesus by Tychicus, one of Paul's disciples, because Paul was in Rome suffering his first imprisonment.

The letter to the EPHESIANS was written more than a decade after his first letters (like the letter to the Galatians); at a time when Paul, after suffering in Christ's service and being perfected in his spiritual life by the ministry of the Holy Spirit; has grown into a more patient and spiritual apostle of His Lord. The first chapter describes the blessings Christians have been given as a result of our Salvation through Christ.

Paul explains these through praise directed to God the father. The second section both commends the Ephesians for their reputation and prays that Christ would bring them into an even fuller and more aware faith. The second chapter was also written to help develop the spirituality and testimonies of those who were already members of the faith and emphasizes the theme of salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.

Generally speaking, there are two main themes to Ephesians. Firstly, that Christ has reconciled all creation to Himself and to God. Secondly Christ has united all people from all nations to himself and to one another in his church.

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- b. A Prophet (Eph. 4:11b)
 - c. An Evangelist (Eph 4:11c)
 - d. A Pastor (Eph. 4:11d)
 - e. A Teacher (4:11e)
9. How could a person have a pastor or teacher's spiritual gift without having an official position in a church?
10. What must a congregation do if their "agent in charge" does not have a pastor's spiritual gift? (not seen as pastor per the definition of a pastor?).
11. Who is the giver these spiritual gifts?
12. Using Eph. 4:11-12, identify the purpose of the five-fold ministry within our church?
13. Considering Ephesians 4:12, discern what is wrong with the old model where the minister or pastor was the Church's primary worker.
14. How can the congregation and the community benefit from the spiritual gifts in verse 11?
15. Which of the spiritual gifts do you desire and why?
16. According to Ephesians 4:13-16, carefully list six descriptions of the healthy, mature Church.

Cont.. Ephesians chapter 4.

C) Would you say you possess the same "calling"?
Explain your answer

2. Discuss the relevance of Ephesians 4:1-3.

A) How has your experience as a believer epitomized Paul's message in Eph 4:1-3?

3. According to verse 2-3, how would you describe the "manner" we should walk?

4. List at least three things that ought to characterize our walk as Christ's disciples.

5. How would you explain the statement, "let us focus on the unity of the Spirit."? In the context of keeping the 'unity of the Spirit,' how would you explain the meaning of the following?

"diligent"

'preserve'.

bond

6. According to Ephesians 4:4-6, what is the foundation of unity in the Church?

7. To what extent is the unity of God's people significant to you? Empirically, how valuable would it cost you to maintain this unity?

8. How would you define the following?

a. An Apostle (Eph. 4:11a)

CROSS REFERENCES_ EPHESIANS 1.

- 1). Ephesians 1:4. CR: 2 Timothy 1 :9, James 2:5.
- 2). Ephesians 1:7. CR: Psalm 130:7.
- 3). Ephesians 1: 13. CR : Galatians 3:14, James 1:18.
- 4). Ephesians 1:17. CR : 2 Cor. 12 :1, 2 Tim 2:25.
- 5). Ephesians 1 : 20-22. CR : Col. 1 :16, Acts 2 :24.

CROSS REFERENCES. EPHESIANS 2.

- 1).Ephesians 2 : 8. CR :Rom 3 : 22-26, John 1: 12-13.
- 2).Ephesians 2: 10. CR : Philippians 2:13, 2 Cor. 9 :8, 2 Cor. 5 :17.
- 3). Ephesians 2 : 11-12. CR : Col 1 :22-23, 1 Peter 2 :10.
- 4). Ephesians 2:12 CR : Gal 4 :18, 1 Thess. 4:13.
- 5). Ephesians 2 : 14 CR : Micah 5:5, Gal. 3 : 8& 28.

QUESTIONS.

- Paul describes the Christians in Ephesus as “saints and faithful”, what does he mean by “saints”?
A. People who have become holy and blameless before God through Jesus Christ. B. excellent people who have died yet perform miracles. C. People whose works are so good they qualify for heaven on their own merit.
- What does the word “grace” mean in verse 2?

Cont... Ephesians 1 & 2

- According to verse 3, to what extent has God offered heavenly blessings to those who trust in Christ Jesus? A. Three blessings of our choice. B. Every spiritual blessing in Christ. C. GOD only gives spiritual blessings at present.
- (vs.4) Paul began his letter to the Ephesians by explaining their unique relationship to God. When did Paul say God first chose them to be in Christ?
- (Vs. 5) According to Paul, what has God's plan always been?
- (vs. 5) What does "predestined" mean?
- (Vs. 11) What great blessing does Paul mention in verse 11?
- (Vs 12) What great blessing is mentioned in verse 12?
- (Vs 13) According to Ephesians 13&14 Paul told the Ephesians that they were being marked by a seal. What was that seal?
- (Vs 18) Why did Paul pray for the "eyes of the heart" of the Ephesians to be opened?

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The Doctrine of the Church:

Church. - Matthew 16:18 - Deacons - 1 Tim 3:8

Church Discipline. - Acts 2:42 Evangelist - Eph. 4:11

Purpose of the Church - Matt. 28:19.— Apostles - Eph. 2:20

Fellowship - Phil. 1:27 - Ordination – Acts 13:3

Baptism - Rom. 6:4 - Tithing - Malachi 3:10

Lord's Super - 1 Cor. 11:20 - Church and State – Matt. 22:21

Foot Washing. - John 13:10 - Bride of Christ – Eph. 5:32

Pastoral Office - 1 Tim 3:1 - Bride of Christ – 1 Cor. 12:27.

New Scofield Study Bible

Ephesians 4. The central idea is on Preserving the Spirit's Unity, Spiritual Gifts, and the Problems of Disunity.

Practical: The church's walk in Christ - 4:1-6:20

Ephesians 4:1-16 - The Unity and growth of the church

4: 17-31 - The conduct and character of the church.

1. According to Eph 4:1, how does Apostle Paul describe himself?

A) In your opinion, tell us why Paul made that statement in verse 1.

B) Analyze verse 1 and identify what Paul meant by "calling?"

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The Seven Dispensations -

The First Dispensation: Innocence – Edenic Covenant –
Genesis. 1:28-30; 2:15-17

The Second Dispensation: Conscience - Adamic Covenant -
Gen. 3:8-22.

The Third Dispensation: Human Government - Noahic Covenant
- Genesis. 8:12.

The Fourth Dispensation: Promise - Abrahamic Covenant -
Gen. 1; Exodus. 19:25

The Fifth Dispensation: The Law - Mosaic Covenant -
Exodus. 19-23.

The Sixth Dispensation: The Church / Grace – Luke 22:20;
Daniel 9:24

Grace - New Covenant - Jer. 31:31

The Seventh Dispensation: Millennial Kingdom of Christ –
Rev 20:11-14; Rev.21

New Scofield Study Bible

1 Cor. 9:17, a dispensation of the gospel is committed.

Eph. 1:10 - the dispensation of the fullness.

Eph. 3:2 - the dispensation of the grace of God.

Col. 1:25, the dispensation of God.

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Statement from the Methodist Worship book 1999

All true worship is God-centred. As we acknowledge the mystery and glory of the eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are moved to offer our praise and confess our sins, confident of God's mercy and forgiveness. God's acts of grace and love in creation and salvation are recounted and celebrated, and we respond with thanksgiving, intercession and the offering of our lives.

Cont.. Ephesians CHAPTER 2.

- (Vs. 1)What spiritual state were the Ephesians in before they became Christians?
- (Vs. 3) In verse 3, what is the “nature” that children of wrath adopt as a way of life?
- (Vs 4) According to Vs. 4, what is God rich in?
- (Vs 7) What will God show in ages to come(when His promises all come true?)
- (vs 11) People of the Jewish religion placed much emphasis on something the men had , but Gentile men generally did not have?
- (vs.13) By what means can a sinner be brought near to God and into His grace?
- (vs. 15-16) What was the barrier that prevented an end to the distinction, division and hostility between Jew and Gentile?

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- . (vs. 21) In verse 21, what characterises the stones in the holy temple of God?(A.) They are falling down. (B). They cannot be moved.(C.) They are precious.(D.)They are fitted together .(E). They are living stones.
- (vs. 22) In verse 22, what is the significance of the words “builded together”
- (vs. 22) How does God dwell in the temple which is the body of believers of whom Christ is the head?
- Which of the following themes does not appear in Ephesians chapter 2? (A) God is rich in mercy.(
- B) By grace you have been saved.
- (C) Brought near by the blood of Christ.
- (D) Obedience to God is of no account.

In closing what is the main theme of Ephesians chapter 2?

Bible Study for Wednesday 18th September 2024 –

Introduction: Ephesians chapter 3:1-13, Reveals the divine mystery about the church, and 3:14-21 -
Is Receiving the divine fullness as the church.

In 3:2, the KJ Study Bible spoke about Dispensations and Covenants, which is not mentioned often.

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We must recognise the relationship between a dispensation and a covenant, if we would understand God’s plan and objective throughout the ages. A dispensation is an administration within a period of time that is based on a conditional test to determine if people would be faithful to God and His conditions.

A covenant is an eternal agreement made by God with humanity, revealing what God will do for people individually or collectively. God made covenants with the human race throughout history that specifically relate to one of these seven dispensations. Each covenant reveals principles in its initial form, by which God would relate to humanity.

Man can choose to reject the covenant or principles of God, and will, to some extent, in every dispensation. When he violates the covenant, man suffers the consequences in the form of a judgment, bringing that dispensation to an abrupt end.