

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

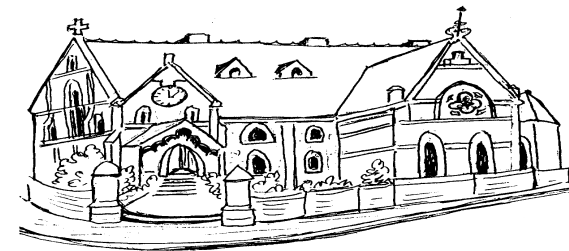
- SUNDAY - MWA - Meeting 3rd Sunday after service.
- WEDNESDAY - 7.30 pm - Bible Studies, on Zoom.
- THURSDAY - Men's Fellowship Meeting at 1pm -
(Normally on 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom / Hall)
- FRIDAY - Intercessory Prayers - 1:30 p.m. on Zoom
- SATURDAY- 7.30—8:30 p.m. Monthly Prayer Meeting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

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“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible”. [Hebrews 11:1-3 NRSV, 1989].

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

I trust that this message finds you and your family well, as you journey through life. Remember that in life there will be bumps, hiccups and diversion; yet keep hold of God and His Son Jesus.

It is with extreme sadness that we note the murder of three young girls who were attending a holiday club dance workshop, in Southport on Monday 29th July. This occurred during the dance session (in broad daylight), by a 17 year old who took the life of Elsie Stancombe 7 , Alice Augiar 9 and Bebe King 6. Others were also injured. We sometimes feel helpless, not knowing what we can do. If possible we can attend the vigils that are held. Remember, we can all pray for peace and strength.

'Fake' messages on social media also caused confusion and anger, that the murderer was an asylum seeker. This is incorrect. The 17 year old was born in Wales. A series of riots followed around the United Kingdom (UK), as the 'far right jobs' rioted and targeted immigration hotels, police and others. They were also trying to galvanize support and frighten many communities that they call immigrants (this is wrong). As Christians we must ensure that the truth is told, justice is done and we report those who are stirring up trouble, violence and division.

September is a time of new beginnings! For some it will be starting at a new university, college, school or nursery.

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8. But of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of Your kingdom.

9. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

10. And, "In the beginning, LORD, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands;

11. they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like clothing;

12. like a cloak You will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But You are the same, and your years will never end."

13. But to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for Your feet"?

14. Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?"

[Hebrews 1:1-14 New Revised Standard Version, 1989].

God has Spoken by His Son

1. Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
2. but in these last days He has spoken to us by a Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also created the worlds.
3. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and He sustains all things His powerful word. When He had made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4. having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Son is Superior to Angels

5. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be His Father, and He will be My Son"?
6. And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "Let all God's angels worship Him."
7. Of the angels He says, "He makes His angels winds, and His servants flames of fire."

For some, it could be starting a new job or leaving home. Whatever it is, your beginning, pray and ask God to help you embrace the challenge.

Throughout the month of August, at Harlesden we will be taking a special collection for those affected by Hurricane Beryl in Jamaica (appeal from the High Commissioner's office). If you are aware of other appeals please let me know.

During these times of difficulties and darkness please try to meditate on the hymn verse below:

My faith, it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean!
My faith, it is a trusty sword, May falsehood find it keen!
Thy Spirit, Lord, to me impart, O make me what Thou ever art,
Of patient and courageous heart, As all true saints have been

Old Moravian Hymn book 641 T.T Lynch 1855

Rev. Edwin.

Ephesians 3:20-21 [NRSV 989]

20. Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,
21. to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Ephesians:3:14-15 [NRSV 1989].

“For this reason, I bow my knees before. The Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name”

Hymn CMP 730—Jesus Saves. Priscilla Jane Owens (1829-1907)

We have heard a joyful sound: Jesus saves!

Spread the gladness all around: Jesus saves!

Bear the news to every land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves; Onward! ‘tis our Lord’s command: Jesus saves!

Ephesians 3:16– 17 [NRSV 1989].

“16. I pray that, according to the riches of His glory, He may grant that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through His Spirit, 17. and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love’.

Ephesians 3:18- [NRSV 1989].

“18. I pray that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19. and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God”.

Hymn CMP 730 Priscilla Jane Owens (1829-1907)

Give the winds a mighty voice: Jesus saves!

Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves!

Shout salvation full and free to every strand that ocean laves -
This our song of victory: Jesus saves.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, And make this house Thy
home; Descend with all Thy gracious powers, O come, Great
Spirit, come! **Andrew Reed—1787-1862**

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Moving forward for the Church Survey June 2024, Brother Edwin would like ideas from the Junior Church.

> 1. Make posters to brighten the Church.

> 2. Drum Performances.

> 3. Once a month a Saturday Morning Creativity session, where they can bring a friend.

> A massive thank you to our Grandparents and their Grandchildren for their superb Junior Church performance on the 21st July, the guest visitors were hugely impressed.

Also Thank you to the St. Kitts and Nevis Organisation for inviting the children to their Barbecue on the 27th July.

> Luke-Chapter 18-Verse 15-17:

Jesus called the children to him and said ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them. For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

> Best Wishes,

Sr. Audrey.
Junior Church Coordinator.

Cont.. Church Meeting:

12. **Date of next meeting:** -Quarterly - Sunday 27th
October 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.

**Junior Church Report
Church Meeting-28th July 2024**

> We have a regular group of children that attend, the estimated amount is around Eight.

> Their input has been interesting and rewarding.

> Our group of children have shown through their drawings and story writing that Jesus is part of their Lives as we teach them in Junior Church.

> We had two young people as Guest Speakers, reinforcing the morals of how to be kind compassionate and loving. One of the Guest Speakers is studying to be a Doctor and the other is a Local Secondary Teacher, teaching French. Both live in the local Community.

> Their talk opened up a discussion which led to living together in harmony whatever our differences.

Give Thanks.

How GOOD it is to give thanks unto our GOD, and to sing in Your honour. To proclaim Your constant love every morning. And Your deeds O LORD, makes us very GLAD. LORD, we lift Your Name on high, we love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You came to save us. We thank You.

Scriptures to read, 1 Peter 4 and Psalm 92.

Sr. Precious.

The Friendship Book of Francis Gay, 1999 - Wed. 1st Sept.

When Elsie decided to move into a ground-floor flat, she was very happy with everything except for the fact that her kitchen window looked out onto a dull brick wall. "I shall have to do something about that," she said to herself. "I need something to bright to look at when I'm doing the washing up."

So she had the wall painted white and against it she put tubs which she had planted with the most colourful flowers she could think of — marigolds, geraniums, petunias and nasturtiums — and then she settled down to enjoy the transformation.

It isn't possible for us all to live in a delightful country cottage with roses round the door, but we can all do something to improve our situation. It's what we do with what we have that's important.

In memory of the late Sylvia Liddie.

She would quote some poetry and others from the Book.

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.

Church Services in September 2024

- 1st - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship / H. Communion—Rev. E. Quildan
- 8th - 11 a.m.- Morning Worship — Sr. H. Anderson.
- 15th - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship— Sr. V. Williams
- 22nd - 11 a.m. - Harvest Service – Sr. O. Lawal.
- 29th - 11 a.m.— Morning Worship— Sr. S. Bailey

Church Services in October 2024

- 6th - 11 a.m.—Morning Worship / H. Communion - Rev. E. Quildan
- 13th - 11 a.m.—Morning Worship — Bible Study Group.
- 20th - 11 a.m.— Morning Worship — Men’s Fellowship Service
- 27th - 11 a.m.— Morning Worship — Rev. E. Quildan / Lovefeast.

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Stewards’ Rota – September 2024

1st	Sr. Margaret L.	Sr. Heather B.
8th	Sr. Ethney	Sr. Theresa
15th	Br. Tony	Br. Paul
22nd	Sr. Beverley	Sr. Mollie.
29th	Sr. Avis	Sr. Betty.

Stewards’ Rota – October 2024

6th	Sr. Bernadette	Sr. Grace.
13th	Br. Cecil	Sr. Akua..
20th	Sr. Pauline	Sr. Denise
27th	Sr. Geneva	Sr. Heather A.

IN APPRECIATION



Flower Donations - July 2024

7th— Br. Carley Peynado for his birthday and from the flower fund.

14th—Sr. Vinnette for her birthday and from Revd. And Sr. Elliott for their Wedding Anniversary.

21st —Sr. Margaret L for hers and her son Noble’s respective birthdays.

Sr. Pauline for her grand niece India’s 13th birthday

28th— Sr. Victoria in memory of her late brother Edward Baafour Akoto Akwah and Sr. Precious for her birthday and in memory of her late Mother Pearl.

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 are faithful towards His ministry.



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

Revd. Edwin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: - Congregation

1: Apologies for absence: Srs: Gl 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.

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Theme: Holy Habit Making More Disciples – Study 2

D. Bible passage 1 Corinthians Ch 10:3 to Ch 11 vv 1

1. What is the passage telling us, what speaks to you?
2. Whose example should we follow?
3. Is there anything new?

E. Bible passage Mark Ch 16 vv 14–16

1. What is the passage telling us, what speaks to you?

Questions

What can we do to make more disciple in August ?
How can we encourage the young into our Church?

Leaders guide - Reflection on page 15 of HH book parr 6.

How can we spread Gods message on our Front-line?

What can we do make more disciples over the next six month?

**Prayers Holy Habits – Making more disciples
page 20**



Flower Donations— August 2024

4th — Sr. Victoria for her granddaughter Channell’s birthday and from the flower fund.

11th—Sr. Clarice for her great granddaughter Leah’s birthday; Sr. Pauline for her granddaughter Rubi’s birthday and from Sr. Margaret L, for her granddaughter Maya’s birthday.

18th — The flower fund.

25th — Sr. Venus and family for her son Mahmood’s, daughter Alishbha's and her husband Kyle’s respective birthdays;

Sr. Geneva and family for their Mum and Grandma Sr. Gladys’ birthday;

Br. James; Sr. Valerie and Br. Jamal for Sr. Vivienne’s birthday.

Sr. Susan James in memory of her late husband Hubert James;

Sr. Vinnette D’Oyley in memory of her late husband Cedric;

Sr. Pauline and family in memory of their late brother Norman.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Quiz

Word-search – Things found in Church

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C	H	A	I	R	S	Q	E	O	X	S
H	Y	M	N	B	O	O	K	S	K	Z
C	H	R	I	S	T	I	A	N	S	L

Bible, Bread, Carpet, Chalice, Chairs, Christians, Cross, Font, Hymnbooks, Lights, Microphone, Notices, Organ, Pews.

Bible Study Quiz Hosea Chapter 1 (NIV)

1. What was the name of Hosea's father?
2. Who did Hosea marry?
3. What was the name of Hosea's daughter?
4. What was the name of Hosea's first son?

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Theme: Holy Habit Making More Disciples – Study 2

Song: Will you come and follow me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-Bq1YtpQL8>

The Fellowship of the Believers Acts Ch 2 vv 42 - 47

47. praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

A. Re-cap on last week's.

What were our learning points last week?

What challenged you?

Leaders guide - Reflection on page 7 of HH book.

B. Bible Passage Acts Ch 10 vv 9 - 35

1. What does the passage say to us about discipleship?
2. What was the vision?

Who was Cornelius, what happened?

C. Bible Passage Acts Ch 17 vv 16 - 34

1. What is the passage telling us, what speaks to you?
2. What happens in vv 22 - 24?
3. What happened in vv 32 and 34?

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E. Bible passage Matthew Ch 28 vv 16 – 20

1. What is the passage telling us, what speaks to you?
2. Whose example should we follow?
3. Is there anything new?

F. Short video YouTu.be/oJWkQ9UP_m8

1. What is the video telling us, what speaks to you?

Questions

What can we do to make more disciples in August ?

How can we encourage the young into our Church?

What can we do make more disciples over the next six months?

Followed with Prayers:

Bible Study for Wednesday 7 August 2024

Theme: Holy Habit Making More Disciples – Study 2

Song: Will you come and follow me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-Bq1YtpQL8>

The Fellowship of the Believers Acts Ch 2 vv 42 - 47

42. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44. All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

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5. What was the name of Hosea's second son?

6. In verse 7, who will God show love to?

7. In verse 10, it is said that the Israelites will be like _____ on the seashore?

8. In verse 10 the Israelites are also called _____ of the living God?

9. In verse 10 who could not be measured?

10. Who are re-united in verse 11?

Hosea Chapter 1 quiz answers

1. See vv 1 Beerli

2. See vv 3 Gomer

3. Lo Ruhamah

4. See v 4 Jezreel

5. Lo Ammi

6. See vv 7 Judah

7. Sand

8. Sons

9. The Israelites



10. Israel and Judah.



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 September - October 2024.

Sunday 29th—Harvest Service

October:

Sat. 5th—Church Prayer Meeting on zoom 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Sat. 19th EDC Meeting at Fetter Lane —10 a.m.

Sun. 20th—Men's Fellowship Anniversary Service t 11a.m.

Subject: Ordination as Deacon: Sr. Susan Quildan-Foreman

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the Provincial Board, I am delighted to announce that Sr. Susan Quildan - Foreman will be ordained as a deacon on Saturday 21st September at Hornsey at 2.30pm.

Br. Joachim Kreusel will be the presiding Bishop and the preacher will be Br. Michael Newman. All ministers attending are invited to robe from 2pm.

I would appreciate it, if you could announce the date in your congregations and local communities.
Yours in Christ's Service, Roberta.

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The Fellowship of the Believers Acts Ch 2 vv 42 - 47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

A.. General

When you hear the term making more disciples what comes to mind?

How have we made new disciples in the last four years?
What does the term 'Whole-life discipleship' say to you?
What does the song we have a gospel to proclaim say to you?

B. Bible Passage Psalms 67

What does the Psalm 67 say to us about discipleship?

C. Bible passage John Ch 1 vv 35 - 51

1. What is the passage telling us, what speaks to you?
2. Whose example should we follow?

3. Is there anything new?

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10. What answer will you give to a friend or a colleague who has told you that, “they have been praying for years for something, and nothing has happened?” 2 Peter 3:8-10. Isaiah 55:8-9.

11. What is meant by “Declaring Scripture in Prayer?”

Do we check out what God has said in His Word about our requests?

James 5:15–16. - The Prayer of Faith. John 15:7, Isaiah 43:1-3b

12. What is meant by “Prayer of Enquiry?”

1 Samuel 30:8, Proverbs 14:12 and Proverbs 3:5-6

13. What lessons could be learnt from King David’s prayers?

14. How can we practice humility within our congregation?

15. What is meant by prayer of thanksgiving?

Philippians 4:6-7.

Bible Studies Wed. 31st July 2024

Theme: Holy Habit Making More Disciples - Study 1

Hymn: 728 MP We have a gospel to proclaim

The Fellowship of the Believers Acts Ch 2 vv 42 - 47
42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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



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St Margaret's and St George's United Reformed and Moravian Church

Church groups that you can join
We extend a warm welcome to everyone



- Women's Fellowship: Sunday after service once a month.
- Bible Study Group: Wednesdays at 7.30pm on Zoom
Contact Br Edwin for the Zoom details.
- Men's Fellowship: Thursday once a month in person/ on Zoom
- Friday Prayer Meeting: Fridays on Zoom at 1.30pm
Contact Sr Geneva for the Zoom details.

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1. What is the definition of Prayer in your own words?
2. What do we know about prayer or why do we pray?

God our Sovereign bids us, in 2 Chronicles 7:14,

“If my people who are called by my Name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Romans 8:26-27.

3. Should prayer be taught? Luke 11:1-4 NRSV.
4. Why do most people not attach seriousness to prayer?
5. How long should we pray, in terms of minutes or hours? Matthew 26:40.
6. What are the different categories of prayers available to us, as the Body of Christ?
7. How does one become a prayer intercessor or a prayer warrior? Are intercessors the same as warriors?
8. When we pray, is it only to satisfy our material needs? James 4:1-8; 13-17.
9. How could we align ourselves with God when we pray, especially, regarding our requests?

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Q.12. What should we avoid?

Titus 3:12-15 *Housekeeping*

Q.13. What can we do to help the Unity?

Donald Elliott, 10th July 2024

Wed. 17th July 2024– On Prayer. Sr. Geneva

Hymn: Sweet hour of Prayer, Sweet hour of Prayer.

1. Sweet hour of Prayer! Sweet hour of Prayer! That calls me from a world of care and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn, with strong desires for Thy return!

With such I hasten to the place, where God my Saviour shows His face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer!

United Methodist Hymnal, 1989 Author: W. W. Walford (1845)

Tune: [Sweet hour of Prayer, sweet hour of prayer] (Bradbury) Prayer Songs

Published in 1122 hymnals printable scores: PDF, Sibelius Audio files: MIDI

Noticeboard

Saturday Prayer Meeting Saturday on Zoom at 7.30pm, once a month before Communion. Contact Br Edwin for the Zoom details.

Children's activity Morning: Once a month in the hall
Contact Sr Audrey for details

High Tea: Saturday once a month in the hall at 2pm

Contact Sr Sonia, Br Tony or Sr Ethney for details.

Prayer Topics for September and October

Please pray for the following during the next two months:

Peace in the World and locally

The Harvest

Local Schools

Our Church

Those affected by Hurricane and Flooding.



Wednesday Bible Studies on Zoom.

HOLY SPIRIT–FILLED LIFE: A Life Without Limits

Wednesday 8th May 2024, 7.30 pm

SESSION 4 – FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(As preparation for this Study Session you could read from the ‘Eat It Up’ pages 26 and 48 of the book by Paul Weston).

Last week, in SESSION 3, we saw that it is possible to prevent ourselves from being filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Peter himself and the Christians in Galatia had begun to stifle or smother the gift of the Spirit by following the ‘Law’ (the Jewish Code of Behaviour and Ritual) or becoming slaves to custom. As a result, they had split Jewish/Gentile fellowship in Christ and lost the freedom to be creative or imaginative in loving neighbours.

What other things do you think might prevent us from being filled with Holy Spirit?

How might we smother the gift of Holy Spirit’s fire and freedom today?

Let us take another look at the Letter of Paul to the Galatians, chapter 5

Galatians 5:1

Questions:

1. What yoke of slavery is Paul referring to here?
2. What kind of freedom?

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2nd Corinthians 2:13; 7:6 & 13-14; 8:6,16-17,23; 12:18;

2nd Timothy 4:10.

Titus 1:5 *Unfinished tasks*

Q-3. What does Paul want Titus to do?

Titus 1:6-9 *Appointing Elders*

Q-4. What is the ideal character profile of an Elder?

Titus 1:10 – 2:1 *Roles*

Look again at Titus 1:7 and 2:1

Q-5. What are the basic roles of an Elder in the locality and congregation?

Titus 2:2-8 *Everyday Christians*

Q-6. What should old men aspire to?

Q-7. What should older women aspire to?

Q-8. What example can young people offer?

Titus 2:9-10 *Unpaid Servants (aka Slaves)*

Q-9. What is the best free service we can each offer?

Titus 2:11-15 *The grace of God*

Q-10. What should Elders teach?

Titus 3:1-11 *From hate to kindness*

Q-11. What gives us rebirth and renewal?

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6. Is every member equal?
7. Does every member have the same responsibility ?
8. What is the implication of vs 15-17?
9. Who decides who goes where and does what in vs. 18?
10. Describe what the results would be if every person in the church tried to do the same thing?
11. What word occurs more than any other in this scripture?
12. What does vs 20 mean?
13. How would you define vs 28?
14. What is the function of vs 29-30
15. What is the function of vs. 31?

STUDYING THE LETTER OF PAUL TO TITUS –

Wednesday 10th July 2024, 7.30 pm—*by Revd. Donald*

Titus 1:1-3

Q-1. How does Paul describe himself and his message to Titus?

Titus 1:4 *Titus in the New Testament.*

Q-2. What can we find out about Titus, ('my true son')?

Review Galatians 2:2-3;

Cont.

Galatians 5:2-6

3. What are the spiritual problems associated with male circumcision?
4. What are the benefits that come from faith in Christ?

Galatians 5:7-10

5. What is going on here?

Galatians 5:11

6. What is Paul preaching? What is he NOT preaching?
7. What does he experience as a result?

Galatians 5:13-14

8. What is the message here?

Galatians 5:15-18

9. What happens if this message is ignored?

Galatians 5:19-21

10. What is 'obvious'?

Galatians 5:22-23

11. Which of these 'fruits of the Spirit' do we find hardest to cultivate?
12. Why?
13. What can we do about them?

Galatians 5:24-26

14. Have we 'crucified our sinful nature'?!?
15. Do we still 'provoke and envy'?!?

The story of the founding of the National Health Service.

Donald Elliott, 3rd May 2024

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BIBLE STUDY JUNE 26TH - *Led by Br. Stephen.*

Continuation of sharing of resources

A . The believers in the early church were encouraged to share resources and possessions. This meant reliving hardship and giving everyone in the new church the opportunity to concentrate on Christ. Everything is about devoting oneself to God's service, therefore, and removing anxiety.

Readings ACTS 4 .32- 5.16. ROMANS 12.

Read Acts 4-32 to 5.16

Question 1 Verses 32-35

What were the believers in the new church encouraged to focus on?

Question 2

What are believers' views on the sharing of resources?

Question 3

How did the members of the new church react to the concept of sharing of resources?

Question 4

How did Ananias act to confirm the principal of sharing?

Question 5

What was the first problem facing the new church?

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Unity is essential. Just as the human body is one though it has many parts that together form one body, so too is Christ. Our study is based on 1 CORINTHIANS 12 vs. 12- 31.

CROSS REFERENCES.

1. ROMANS 12 ,3-8. MANY GIFTS. One body, many functions.
2. EPHESIANS 4, 2-6. UNITY. Bear with one another; one body, spirit, hope, faith and Lord.
3. COLOSSIANS 3, 11-14.(Because there is no division in the body, bear each other's burdens and love one another; forgive and exercise unity.)
4. PHILLIPIANS 2, 1-2 Talking about the unity believers should have.

QUESTIONS.

1. Define the body.
2. What are members?
3. What other symbols does Paul use to describe the function of the church?
4. Who is a member of the body?
5. What is the role of members?

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C. Let us consider the Bible passages where is Worship?

1. Romans Ch 12

D. Let us consider some Bible passages

Isaiah Ch 1 vv 11 – 18

Isaiah Ch 6 vv 1 – 8

Matthew Ch 6 vv 1 - 21

Revelation Ch 21 vv 1 – 5

E. Questions

How do we prepare for worship?

How can we encourage the young to enjoy worship?

How can we help those with dementia to worship (pg 53)

BIBLE STUDY 3/7/24 – Led by Br. James.

Throughout the whole book of Corinthians, divisions in the church have been a major point Paul has addressed. He has also addressed factions and misplaced loyalties, judging others, people looking down on others and the relationship between poor and rich to name a few.

Now it is some people getting prideful in their gifts or role in the church and looking down on those whose gifts aren't as public or visible. Paul shoots their pride out of the water and tells them how a Christ like church should be run.

Question 6 Verses 3-10

What were Peter's thoughts. and what did he tell Ananias and Sapphira?

Question 7

What punishment was meted out to Ananias and Sapphira?

Read Romans 12.1-21

HOW TO BEHAVE

Moving from theological to the practical, Paul gives guidelines for living as a redeemed people in a fallen world. We are to give ourselves to Christ as living, sacrifices obey the government, love our neighbour, and take special care of those who are weak in the faith. He closes with personal remarks throughout this section, we learn how to live our faith each day.

Question 8 Verses 12-14

How did the Apostles manifest themselves?

Question 9

What was the achievement of the Apostles Action?

Question 10

In Romans 12 there is a heading Personal Responsibility how would you define that term?

Question 11 Verses 1-2

Another term, "A Living Sacrifice is added. Are you happy with the Apostles definition?"

Question 12

Is there anything you would add or takeaway?

Could you give a summary of what you think is contained in these passages?

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Read verses 3-8

Question 13

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

Can you give your definition and various thoughts on what is contained in this passage?

Read verses 9-19

Question 14

Love in action

Can you give your definition and various thoughts on what is contained in this passage?

By Br. S. Wilkie.

Bible Study for Wednesday 29 May 2024

Theme: Holy Habit Worship – Led by Revd. Edwin.

Song: 316 MP I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live

I will sing praise to my God while I have my being

My meditation of him shall be sweet

I will be glad, I will be glad in the Lord

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, Praise ye the Lord

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, Praise ye the Lord

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, Praise ye the Lord

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, Praise ye the Lord

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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.

A. General

What prevents us from worshipping God?

What prevents us from worshipping at home?

What does the term 'Whole-life Worship' say to you?

What are your thoughts on the passage and the statements?

Read Colossians Ch 3 vv 17

Read the book page 42 parr 1

Book page 45 par 2 and 5

Linking the habits together (p8 49)

B. Bible Passage – What does the Psalm say of worship?

(Leaders prompt - Read page 15 parr 5)

1. Read Psalm 51 vv 1 – 2 and 15 – 17

2. Psalm 92 vv 1 - 4

Read Psalms 148