

SPEAKERS

Sunday Services

4th - Easter Sunrise (On Zoom) 6.15am
with Heather

4th - Easter Service (Online/app) at 10am
11th - Heather

18th - Dan Hull (Leprosy Mission)
25th - Colin

Bible Study

6th - Dave

13th - Steve

20th - Heather

27th - Ronke

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**KNOWING GOD, SHOWING GOD,
MAKING GOD KNOWN.**

ONLINE SERVICES

To watch from home use these links and
to watch afterwards visit our online hub.

Online

Sunday 10am Service (recorded)

Stream on our website/apps -
www.manormissionchurch.org.uk/media

Monday 10am-12 Coffee Pot

<https://zoom.us/j/466823239>

Tuesday 8pm Bible Study (recorded)

<https://zoom.us/j/374335724>

Thursday 8pm Prayer Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/645605703>

We also have Android and Apple Apps
where you can watch the services and
the recordings of the Bible Study and
Steve's Thoughts.



April 2021

GOD IS OUR SAFE PLACE AND
OUR STRENGTH.
PSALM 46:1 NLV

BUILDING FUND

Thanks to everyone's donations we're now up to £82349.

We've requested a pre-application meeting and will consult once we've heard from the council.



NOTICES

Reopening

In line with continued relaxation of restrictions, we are planning on restarting some meetings in person as follows:

4th May - Xplore

16th May - Sunday Services

As such prayer meetings will switch back to Sunday at 8pm from the 9th May.

Giving

Remember that it is possible if you wish to donate to us via the website.

Rough Justice - Colin

Even from a very young age, all of us have a sense of what is fair and what is not. It seems to be completely built in to our make-up! What parent has not heard: "that's not fair!" from their children on many occasions!

As we celebrate Easter at the start of this month, I want to reflect on why Easter had to happen. It certainly doesn't seem fair that an innocent man should have to suffer the cruelty of crucifixion, even less so when it is God's son who is hanging there! How could a God of love have allowed such an awful thing to happen?

To begin to answer the puzzle, we first need to understand that God cannot stand sin – all the wrong things that we know we do. Only perfection is good enough for God and yet not one of us is capable of attaining it!

The second thing that we need to understand is that God is not just a God of love; he is also a God of justice. As we mentioned at the beginning, he has built this sense of justice or fairness into each of us. God has to deliver justice; he cannot do anything else – it is built into his nature. This is bad news for us! We've noted that we are not capable of being perfect and therefore God must judge us for that failure! End of! Or is it?

Let us not forget that God is also a God of love; that is built into his nature too. His justice condemns us, but what will his love do? Love sends a rescue mission, in the form of his own son. Unlike us, Jesus was perfect. He did not need to be condemned. But the Bible tells us that Jesus suffered and died in our place for our sins. And because he has done that, if we trust in what he has done for us, God does not need to condemn us any longer. Wow!

In the cross, we find deep justice and love coming together. Neither one was sufficient on its own nor could satisfy God's dual nature. His perfect solution is Easter! Jesus may have appeared to suffer "rough justice"; the deeper truth is that it was "loving justice". Let us rejoice in the Easter story! Oh, and don't forget – Easter Sunday reminds us that the cross was not the end!

