

## SPEAKERS

### Sunday Morning Services

2nd - Dave (Communion)

9th - Colin

16th - Steve (Communion)

23rd - Tim

30th - Ronke

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

## SERVICES

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

### In person and streamed

**Sunday 10am Service** (recorded)

Stream on our website/apps -

[www.manormissionchurch.org.uk/media](http://www.manormissionchurch.org.uk/media)

### In person

**Monday 10am-12 Coffee Pot**

**Thursday 8-9pm Xplore**

### On Zoom

**Tuesday 8pm Bible Study** (recorded)

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

**Sunday 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.

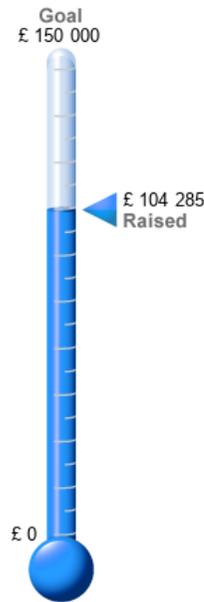


**January  
2022**

GOD SAYS...  
"I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU  
AND HELP YOU"...  
ISAIAH 41:10 (NIV)

## BUILDING FUND

Thank you to everyone who has helped us to now get to £104,285 in the Building Fund. We received the cheque from the Fun Walk Trust for £1055 which will shortly be paid into the account and will be reflected in the next magazine.



## NOTICES

**Cleaning / flowers:** If you are able to help please see the list in the foyer.

### **40 days of Worship:**

In Lent we are hoping to put together a booklet with 40 days reflections on different hymns/worship songs. If you want more information look on the website under the magazines and songs tab or speak to Tim.

## Happy New Year - John

Happy New Year! Did you have a good Christmas? I do hope so. Jackie and I had a lovely Christmas with the family.

It's a funny time of the year, January. Christmas is behind us, and a new year is before us. The last two years have been challenging for sure, although 2021 certainly seems to have improved on 2020.

The world is dark in January, and I know this is a struggle for many. Certainly in 2022 we will be hoping for better times around the corner. It's also a time when many people make new year resolutions.

So there are some themes to think about: darkness, hope for the future, new times ahead, and resolutions to do things better in the coming year.

God's word gives us a perspective on all of these.

In the **darkness** we need to remember that Jesus told us he is the **light** of the world. John (8:12) tells us "When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, 'I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life.'"

Here Jesus is talking about spiritual darkness. However, physical darkness, especially when combined with the cold of winter, can make us feel spiritually dark too. What's the remedy? Jesus.

**Hope for the future:** We could look at Psalm 43:5 "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.". We should be ready

to cast all our concerns on God when we wonder where our hope is.

And at Lamentations 3:22-24 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him.'"

**New times ahead:** In his letter to the Philippians 3:13-14 Paul writes: "One thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus." Paul didn't mean that the past – what has already gone – counts for nothing, but he did mean that our attention should be more on the future and how we should live it. So that brings us finally to ...

### **Resolutions to do things better in the future:**

I was always making new year resolutions when I was younger. I didn't keep them, but I did make them. As we think about what we might like to change in the coming year, Paul's words to the Galatians (2:20) might help us: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Perhaps we should all remember Paul's words to the Ephesians (4:1): "...I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

What better new year's resolution could there be?

I wish you all a happy and very blessed 2022.