

SPEAKERS

Sunday Services

July 4th - John (Communion)

July 11th - Colin

July 18th - Steve (Communion)

July 25th - Dave

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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

On Zoom

Monday 10am-12 Coffee Pot

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

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.



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

BUILDING FUND

We've seen a jump of £2000+ this month so thank you everyone for your generosity. We've received the initial pre-application advice and are discussing it with the architect prior to consultation.



NOTICES

Reopening

Further details of when events will restart will follow the government announcement of whether (and how) restrictions will be eased from the 19th July.

Giving

Whilst we are (roughly) covering our costs at the moment, if you would like to contribute to the work of the church either generally or to the building fund please either use the boxes at the back or speak to Ronke or Dave to set up a bank transfer. Alternatively for the building fund you can use our online giving page (under 'useful information' on the website).

TERMINUS DAY – ALL WAYS MEET AT THE KING'S CROSS

The twenty-first of June was Freedom Day....except it wasn't – the Delta variant caused another postponement and kept us under COVID restrictions. So now we've got to wait until 19th July, which the Prime Minister has called Terminus Day. I hope it's not, because a terminus is the end of the line and I would like to think that life's journey will continue on the 20th! But, if all goes to plan, we hope we can tear those pesky masks off and do what we've been starved of – sing God's praises out loud, drink tea and coffee together indoors and EAT CAKE after our services!

Terminus was originally the Roman god of boundaries and, on his feast day, offerings would be poured into a hole where estate boundaries met. Our God is concerned with boundaries, too – Deuteronomy 27:17 says, Cursed is the man who moves his neighbour's boundary stone and that curse is found in a long list of curses for idolatry and other trespasses which I couldn't possibly mention in a family magazine like this! As the redevelopment goes on around us and as our own plans progress, we'll have to make sure that we and our neighbours respect our property boundaries – let's hope there will be mutual blessing and definitely no curses.

God knows we need boundaries because, without them, like children when the teacher leaves the classroom, we'll get into trouble and that's exactly the image Paul uses in Galatians 3:24, where it says (in the old language), the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ. When we do wrong, the Law drags us to Jesus like a teenage delinquent up before the headmaster. But, instead of detention, lines, the dreaded cane or expulsion into the outer darkness, He meets us with grace and teaches us that, though we should try to do right, there is mercy when we fail. Yes, our God is concerned with boundaries, but, remember, His love and power are boundless. Whether or not we're still masked at the end of this month, no-one can stifle the limitless love He pours into our lives. Don't be a terminus – let it pour out from you, refreshing other weary travellers on the way.

I've really mixed my metaphors today, haven't I? Roman gods, boundary stones, school rules, teachers and railway termini. But I hope you've got the message, because, remember – ALL WAYS MEET AT THE KING'S CROSS!

Steve