

SPEAKERS

7th June - Dave

14th June - John

21st June - Colin

28th June - Steve with communion

There is also a weekly thought from Steve on the website.

In Bible Study, we will be finish studying Ephesians on the 2nd June, before moving onto our new series: "Building on the basics: Being a Bible detective".

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MAKING GOD KNOWN.**

ONLINE SERVICES

To watch live use these links and to watch afterwards visit our online talks page on the website.

Sunday 10am Service (recorded)

<https://zoom.us/j/381226510>

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>

To join from a phone to listen in, dial 0208 080 6591 or 0208 080 6592.

When prompted type in the number for the meeting from the list above followed by #. When asked for a participant ID just hit # and you will join the meeting.

Please check these calls are included in your packages.



JUNE 2020

MY COMMAND IS THIS: LOVE
EACH OTHER AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU.
JOHN 15:12 (NIV)

After Lockdown... Steve Morley

BUILDING FUND

Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the building fund towards the replacement of the back hall.

We're now up to £66918.



PRAYER TOPICS

Thank you to those who completed the survey on reopening - please keep praying for the trustees as we work through the steps needed.

Pray for the young people who are working through being in school or at home.

Pray for those who are having to isolate or shield at home without contact.

Pray for all of us that we'll be kept safe.

So, we're beginning to take the first, baby steps out of lockdown. It does remind us that it won't last forever and so I wondered about how some Bible characters got on when they got out....

- NOAH was locked down in the ark for about a year (Gen. 7-8). Back in the fresh air, the first thing he did was worship God and he received the promise of the rainbow (8:20-2) (good and very topical!), but then he got drunk, exposed himself and split his family (9:20-7) (bad!). A reminder that liberty must never give way to licence.

- JOSEPH got out of jail and saved the economy (Gen. 41)! A reminder to pray for Rishi Sunak (Chancellor of the Exchequer).

- PETER was rescued by an angel and went straight to the prayer meeting (Acts 12) – although it took a while for him to get in because they weren't expecting him! A reminder to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17) – and look out for answers!

- PAUL AND SILAS baptised a whole amily (Acts 16:16ff) – a reminder that evangelism continues. Are you praying and planning for the baptistry to be refilled soon?

- JOHN didn't escape from the prison-isle of Patmos. But while he was there, he was taken to heavenly places and experienced the whole Book of Revelation. Even after lockdown, we'll all have limitations on our lives and some will remain housebound. But in faith we can soar on wings like eagles (Isaiah 40:31). Who knows where God will take us in our spirits and prayers?

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And JESUS, when He rose triumphantly from the tomb on the third day

- comforted His friends (Jn. 20:19ff); then He
- commissioned them to save the world (Matt. 28:16-20); and
- ascended to heaven (Lk. 24:50-3);
- where He now intercedes for us (Rom. 8:34).

Yes - HE intercedes for US!

So, make the most of every opportunity (Eph. 5:16) and do all you can TODAY, because there are many types of lockdown and a prison doesn't necessarily have bars.

Remember, The Spirit of the Lord is on [us]....He has sent [us] to proclaim freedom for the prisoners....(Lk. 4:18).

Please God, grant us patience until we can meet again. Amen.