

SPEAKERS

Sunday Services

7th - Colin (Communion)

14th - Steve

21st - Dave (Communion)

28th - Alianore Smith from
International Justice Mission

Bible Study

2nd - Steve

9th - Heather

16th - Colin

23rd - Dave

30th - John

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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.



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

BUILDING FUND

Thanks to everyone's donations we're now up to £81248.

We've just received a partial concept from the architect which we'll consult on shortly.



NOTICES

Fun Walk

If you'd like to take part in a 5km (2km for children/disabled) sponsored walk to raise money for the building fund in September, please speak to Tim.

International Justice Mission

At the end of the month we have Alianore from IJM speaking as part of our Sunday Service. IJM are a charity that work to end slavery around the world focussing on freeing the slaves, prosecuting the traffickers and then lobbying to improve the legal systems in those countries. To find out more visit www.ijmuk.org

Upside down children - Dave

Jesus said "If you do this, you will be children who are truly like your Father in Heaven. He lets the sun rise for all people, whether they are good or bad" Matthew 5:45 ERV.

If you do what? What has Jesus just said? Interestingly he has just told them that although society talks about loving your neighbour and hating your enemy – the 'what' he has just mentioned is, 'Pray for those who treat you badly.' v.44. Jesus often turns 'normal' thinking upside down and says the opposite of what we might think. This section comes from the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus gives many more examples of living as children of God. I am very blessed with two wonderful grandchildren who have given me a powerful insight into how God may see me at times. Children's reactions to new things are very genuine because they are still learning how others react to situations and not worked out what is considered to be appropriate by a majority in society. Does society always get it right? What is their basis for determining what is right? Often, as we see here, Jesus' view of what is right may be an upside-down view to society in general. That is why following Jesus can be difficult - just like Jesus said it would be. In lockdown I love having facetime conversations with my children and

grandchildren, but especially my grandchildren. However, when we facetime, they sometimes are reluctant to talk, don't want to listen, and may not be as excited about a gift as you had anticipated. Other times they are wonderfully enthusiastic and don't want to leave the conversation. As they are taught by words and actions what is 'good' or 'bad' they still don't always do what you would like them to do which may lead to consequences, e.g., a trip to the naughty step. Children get this – one of my grandsons put his toy monkey on the naughty step for not doing what they had expected. Whether good or bad I continue loving them more than you can think possible.

Are you seeing the similarities between my relationship with my grandchildren and our relationship with Jesus and our Heavenly Father? Have some facetime with Jesus – read through the Sermon on the Mount (Matt:5-7) – what will your reaction be as a child of God, a follower of Jesus – How are you going to respond to those who treat you badly?

Remember Jesus loves them and died for them as well – a starting point is definitely prayer. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus also said, "Wonderful news for the peacemakers! You'll be called God's children." Mt 5:9 TW