

SPEAKERS

1st March:

AM: Julia Pascoe (Jews for Jesus)

PM: Dave - Sharing Prayer

8th March

AM: Parade - Tim & Guiding groups

PM: Steve (Holy Spirit)

15th March

AM: Bob Sullivan

PM: Steve

22nd March (Mother's Day)

AM: Colin

PM: Heather

29th March

AM: Open Service - Steve

Luke 2:25-35

PM: Messy Church (Easter)

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

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday

10am Morning Service

6.30pm Evening Service

Last Sunday

10am Open Service and Communion

4pm Messy Church

Monday 10am Coffee Pot

Tuesday 7.45pm Bible Study

Wednesday 1.45pm Cameo

Thursday 8pm Xplore

2nd Saturday 3pm DCF

Services at local residential homes: 3pm

1st Sunday of the Month - Ghyll Grove

3rd Tuesday of the Month - Evelyn May

GET IN TOUCH

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MARCH 2020

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

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 £66574.

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Rotas

The new cleaning and flower rotas are up in the foyer for you to sign up to help with.

Parade Service - Collection

During the parade service this month we will have a collection of items for Changing Pathways (Formerly Basildon Women's Aid).

CTB World Day of Prayer

6th March at Manor Mission from 10am.

Laindon Archives

28th March at the Mission

Maintenance Days

26th May - General Maintenance Day

27th or 28th (TBC) - Floor varnishing

BEING A DISCIPLE - COLIN

What does being a disciple (follower, student) of Jesus mean? We talk about "committing our lives to Jesus" but I wonder if we often stop to think what that really means? Another way of putting it is that we acknowledge Jesus as Lord in our lives. In the ancient Roman world (in which the early disciples lived) calling Jesus "Lord" was a pretty radical thing to do.

The problem was that the Roman Emperor (or Caesar) claimed to be "Lord" or "God". He didn't take at all kindly to rivals; in fact, if you publicly acknowledged Jesus as Lord, that was pretty much signing your death warrant - because you were in effect saying that the Emperor wasn't Lord! In our country, declaring ourselves to be a follower of Jesus is not likely to lead to a death warrant but in many countries, such as Iran, it still is.

I'm not a poker player or a gambler, but there is a bet called "all in" when you stake all of your remaining chips (money) on the outcome of that hand. If you lose, you've lost all of your money and you're out of the game. I think this is a helpful way to think of being a disciple; we are to be "all in" for Jesus. In other words, everything that we are and have and hope to be has to be committed to Jesus. Being His follower has no room for half-heartedness; we cannot be a 10% Christian or a 50% Christian. We voluntarily signed up for 100% - everything!

So in practice that means that all of our time, our money and possessions and our abilities need to be placed at His disposal. This is what we call stewardship. I am now a steward of all the things that God has given me and I need to use them wisely for Him and in consultation with Him. Much of the time God will want me to use these things to look after my family. But He will expect me to contribute a portion of them to the church and to others.

So let's just pick up on our time and our abilities; how might God want me to use them in the church? Well we've said many times that things don't just magically get done in the church; someone has to do them. So you could help out with the cleaning or the welcoming or the teas and coffees. And maybe you have musical gifts or other talents you might be able to use in the music group.

Perhaps over the next day or two you could think about how "all in" you are for Jesus - how well are you using your time, gifts and abilities to serve Him? Ask God to help you do that and be prepared to act on what He might show you!

If you'd like to know more about volunteering to help out in some way, speak to one of the Trustees and we would be happy to talk you through what is involved. And we will be delighted that you've spoken to us!!