

# SPEAKERS

## Sunday Services

2nd - Tim (Communion)

9th - John

16th - Steve (Communion)

23rd - Dave

30th - Colin

## Bible Study

4th - Dave

11th - Colin

18th - Steve

25th - John

# GET IN TOUCH

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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)

This will still be streamed once we reopen from the 16th May

Stream on our website/apps -  
[www.manormissionchurch.org.uk/media](http://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>

**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.



**May  
2021**

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

## BUILDING FUND

Thanks to everyone's donations we're now up to £82449.

We've requested a pre-application meeting and will consult once we've heard from the council.



## NOTICES

### Reopening

In line with continued relaxation of restrictions, some meetings will be restarting.

4th May - Xplore

16th May - Sunday Services

As such prayer meetings will switch back to Sunday at 8pm from the 9th May.

### Giving

Remember that it is possible if you wish to donate to us via the website.

## The pause button – New hope - Ronke

Hard to believe, but here we are at the first anniversary of first lockdown, Friday March 20th, 2020, when many of us logged out at work, like any other Friday, sat on the train clutching our laptops and last minute toilet rolls (wondering, if they get mugged, which would they let go of) and then entered a kind of suspended animation, where the unthinkable became routine. And I had thought 20/20 had such a nice ring to it but now not so much.

As we look back over the last year, we have many thanks to God

How he has sustained us and given us peace despite the terrible news all over the globe. Kept us in sound mind

Our carbon footprint reduced, so more oxygen and better air for all of God's creatures and plants. and we noticed more. I now appreciate nature much more.

Noticing the browns disappear and the greens appearing. Our lives can be a bit like this, we also go through seasons. Spring is about renewal

We are more grateful for what we have, especially compared to other countries. The need for less stuff, I have survived the year basically only wearing about 6 different outfits compared to all the clothes I have in my wardrobe.

We need to learn from the past but also look forward to the future. The Bible has a

lot of examples of failures in the past becoming Good News stories later. Our Tuesday night Bible Study has looked at a few of these examples.

Rahab was a woman of the street in the streets of Jericho but was later used in such a mighty way that God listed her among the members of his ancestry. There's more. Eli and Samuel were both poor examples as fathers but proved to be strong men in God's hand regardless. Jonah ran away from hardship like a coward but became so valuable for God's work later. Peter openly denied the Lord, only to return and become God's choicest spokesman among the early years of the infant church. And Paul (oh how well we know Paul) was so hard and vicious in his early life that the disciples refused to believe he'd actually become a Christian . . . but you and I know how greatly God used him. I could go on and on. The files of heaven are filled with stories of redeemed rebels.

How magnificent is grace! How sweet are the promises of our Lord! How unpleasant is Covid! How precious is God's love! How refreshing is the Lord in bring good out of chaos and bad news.

I pray our future will be full of new hope, new attitudes. new feelings and new directions in Christ. Amen