

SPEAKERS

Sunday Morning Services

1st - Steve

8th - John

15th - Dave

22nd - Tim

29th - Heather

Bible Study

3rd - John

10th, 17th, 24th - Steve (Series)

31st (Week off)

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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

In person

Monday 10am-12 Coffee Pot

Wednesday 2-3pm - CAMEO

Thursday 8-9pm Xplore

On Zoom

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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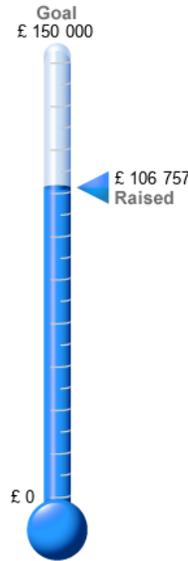
GOD SAYS...
"I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU
AND HELP YOU"...
ISAIAH 41:10 (NIV)

April's Thought - Ronke: Word, Wisdom and Understanding

BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund now stands at £106757.

Please pray for the work that Swan are carrying out, that they'll work out how to progress it and also get back to us on the queries regarding our potential car parking.



NOTICES

15th May - Picnic after church

Meet at Wat Tyler with your lunch after church by the main visitor centre.

5th June - Jubilee Sunday

Please sign up in the foyer if you're intending on coming.

Directory

If your details have changed, or you've not been in the directory before please speak to Dave.

I often meet people who have been misled to thinking that success depends solely upon skill, wealth, smartness, or education. Having a top of the range vehicle or having the right postcode.

And the list doesn't end there. For some it's getting the breaks, pulling the right strings, being in the right place at the right time, knowing the right people or playing their cards right.

You see, it is our natural tendency to focus on the external, to be overly impressed with that which is seen. Wouldn't it be wonderful to develop the ability to look at a heart? (Remember when Samuel went to pick the future king of Israel from Jesse's sons. What did God say?) Wouldn't it be great to be free of the limitations of what's on the outside so that we could read the real character behaviours? Wisdom is the ability to look at life from God's point of view. As we learn more of the Word of God and begin to get a grasp of its practical principles, we also gain the ability to look at life from a heavenly viewpoint.

Wisdom is the ability to see through life from God's perspective. In other words, as we grow in the Word, we gain the ability to penetrate the surface of the external. Understanding is the ability to respond to life's situations from the complete awareness of God's viewpoint.

When I jump to conclusions about a person, I often end up being completely wrong. We tend to listen and believe more the words of men and try to be like other men and women rather than listen and act on His Word. Anyway, I digress, let's get back to the heart. I find that my attitude is as important to God as my activity.

I challenge you to be different, to stand apart from the crowd, with inner courage and strength of character, try not to just look at the outward appearance. Be disciplined and remain consistent, strong, and diligent regardless of the odds or the demands. Study The Word or better still, join our Bible Study Zoom meetings.

What did God say to Samuel?

1 Samuel chapter 16 verse 7

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

May's Thought - Colin: Justice

As I write in early April, the war in Ukraine is in its seventh week. News of possible war crimes has been the subject of much of the news coverage in recent weeks. The death toll continues to rise on both sides but is perhaps felt most keenly in the civilian losses. And then there is the misery of millions forced to flee their homes, leaving practically everything behind. Every fibre of my body cries out for justice! This is only one of the conflicts going on in our world today. Add to that the injustices of poverty, oppression, human trafficking, persecution...

On the eve of war in the Ukraine, my Bible reading notes took me to Revelation chapter 5. We get a sneak peak into the very throne room of God.

In verse 1 we find that He has a scroll in His right hand, sealed with seven seals. A mighty angel asks whether anyone is worthy to open this scroll. But no-one is found in all of heaven and earth who is worthy to unfold the contents of this document. John breaks out in uncontrollable weeping because it looks like the seals cannot be broken.

The writer of my notes continues: "Why this distress? If the scroll remains closed then the world continues unchanged and evil and injustice remain unchallenged. What is right will be determined by military might and the power dominating the nations will have their way without regard to the pain, hunger and suffering of the poor and oppressed."

"John is told to dry his tears because there is someone worthy to break open the seals and bring in a new and alternative history for the world and the nations. This person has the strength of a lion but is worthy to establish the kingdom of God because he has been faithful unto death." Jesus' victory makes possible the implementation of the purpose of God found in the scroll. The rest of the book of Revelation unfolds how God's justice is implemented and how evil is silenced forever.

The Easter story reminds us that the Lamb of God is on the throne and will bring justice to the earth! Let us continue to pray for justice in the light of that confidence.



How to pray for Ukraine (Adapted from Premier Christianity)

1) Pray in Faith

See James 5:16-18 for how Elijah's prayers worked.

2) The big picture may be set, but you can always pray about the details

In Mark 13, Jesus teaches about the destruction of the temple, but commands the disciples to pray 'it won't happen in winter'. We can pray for details without that being a failure!

3) Don't stop praying until it's over

See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

4) Pray with others

See Matthew 18:20

5) Remind yourself who you are praying to

See Psalm 100:4

6) Remind yourself who is actually in charge

See Psalm 2

7) Visit a pile of stones

Joshua 4:1-7 saw Joshua commanded to build a pile of 12 stones to remind him and the Israelites of the miracle they'd received. Make sure that you record (maybe as a pile of stones!) when God does answer your prayers.

Full article -

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/prayer/7-ways-to-pray-more-effectively-for-ukraine/6175.article>