

SPEAKERS

3rd May - Colin
10th May - Steve
17th May - Tim
24th May - Heather
31st May - John

There is also a weekly thought from Steve that will appear on the website along with a recording of the meetings.

We will be continuing to work through Ephesians in Bible Study.

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

WEEKLY ONLINE SERVICES

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 or 0330 088 5830.

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.



MAY 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 £66796.



PRAYER TOPICS

While we're in these strange times, can we all please remember to be praying for our key workers, both from our church and elsewhere. We also need to pray for our leaders.

Could you all please pray for the Trustees as we continue to work on how to provide 'church' whilst the building is shut and how to make improvements to 'normal' church once we are allowed to reopen the building.

If you would like to join us on a Thursday at 8.05pm on zoom for the prayer meeting you'd be most welcome.

No Ifs, Buts or Maybes - Dave

The phrase as it stands implies that there is only one satisfactory option. But if we separate the words and look at them individually they are easily associated to our current situation with C19 in relation to the known knowns, known unknowns and unknown unknowns we are experiencing. What if? No don't do that! But - what if? Maybe if?

I want to focus on 'IF' – such a small word but so important. 'If' is a famous poem by Rudyard Kipling giving worldly advice on becoming a man and concludes with 'Yours is the earth and everything that's in it, And which is more – you'll be a Man, my Son.'

I am not so sure – I believe the earth and everything that's in it belongs to someone else! (Psalm 24:1)

'If' implies a choice or condition and in the Bible it appears 1,681 times with 572 featuring in the New Testament (NT) – have a look for yourselves. The first mention is in Genesis 2:17 "If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die." Adam and Eve did, and yes, they and everyone who followed will die as a consequence.

Jesus' 'ifs' can be relied on, but to receive the blessing associated with the 'if' the accompanying condition needs to be met. In Luke 14:15-33 Jesus tells a parable about a great banquet. Those who were originally invited chose not to attend and gave ridiculous excuses, so instead anyone who could be found was invited instead. This parable was about an invitation to enter the Kingdom of Heaven;

if the invitation was accepted you entered but if it was refused you did not.

After the parable Jesus went on to explain the cost if you chose to follow him and that it was a decision to be carefully considered. See how many 'ifs' you can find in the passage.

"And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27 is just one of them.

Elsewhere in Romans 10:9 we find 'That if, you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'

And later in the chapter (v.13) Joel 2:32 is quoted - "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved".

To use our original phrase, there are no ifs, buts or maybes really when it comes to responding to the words of Jesus, there is only one satisfactory option, we need to pick up our crosses and follow him. If we do we will have a certain hope of spending eternity with him at the party of all parties.

What if?