

SPEAKERS

4th - Dave (Communion)

11th - Colin

18th - Steve (Communion)

25th - John

There is also a weekly thought from Steve on the website/app.

Bible Study will remain on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

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

ONLINE SERVICES

To watch live use these links and to watch afterwards visit our online hub.

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.

Apple - <https://bit.ly/ManorMission>

Android -

<http://bit.ly/ManorMissionApp>



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

BUILDING FUND

Thanks to everyone's donations we're now up to £75100 with more money to be paid in shortly (see below).

Please thank God for everyone's generosity.



NOTICES

Harvest Collection

This year we won't be taking a collection ourselves, but are instead asking people to give to the Food Banks through the collection points in the supermarkets.

Sponsored Fun Walk

In the middle of September we were informed about a sponsored 5km walk run by the local MP that tops up any sponsorship you raise. The Trustees have completed their collective 30km and the total so far towards the building fund stands at £674. If you would like to contribute you have till the 5th October to let us know.

There goes Christmas - Dave

This was one of three items I came across recently, the first 'There goes Christmas' with 'Christmas to bring little cheer' were headlines on the BBC news. The second a headline in The Independent 'Virus pushes 150 million more children into poverty' which went onto explain that reports from UNICEF and Save the Children charities calculated that the total number of children living in deprivation in low and middle income countries had soared to approximately 1.2 billion children. The third was a quoted in The Bible in One Year reading for the same day. It was from Adrian Plass, author of The Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass Aged 37 $\frac{3}{4}$, who said 'God is nice and He likes you – this seemingly insubstantial fact revolutionised my life, I became a Christian when I was 16 years old, but it wasn't until I was thirty-seven that I absorbed an essential truth. God is nice and he likes me'.

Perspective is a very important factor when considering any of these 3 'headlines'. At the beginning of lock down public spirit and love for our neighbour really grew but more recently it looks like we have reverted to being more selfish and seeing the world as being all about 'me' instead of all about 'us'.

Christmas celebrates the most important period of history around 2,020 years ago and

the first of a sequence of mind blowing events that will forever impact the world– it isn't something that happens every year, we may celebrate it every year, but it was once and for all, like Good Friday and Easter morning – Jesus' journey to earth, his birth, death, resurrection and ascension (read Philippians 2:5-11). Why? Because as Adrian understates 'God is nice and he likes you' – John 3:16 puts it more adequately as 'For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life'.

We also read in Jeremiah 29:11 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." But we need to put all this in perspective – they are God's plans as a loving Father, we need to reciprocate his love for us with our love for Jesus and obey his commands, the second most important of which is 'love your neighbour as you love yourself' (see Matthew 22:37-40).

So at this troubling time let us live putting the three headlines into God's perspective and see the situation improve – if we chose to ignore God's perspective and love you can guarantee that things will only get worse and it won't just be Christmas celebrations that are ruined!