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Thought

WHAT MAKES THIS
COFFEE SO GOOD?

RONKE



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

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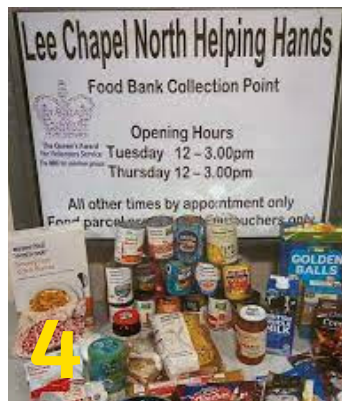
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WHAT MAKES THIS COFFEE SO GOOD?

Ronke takes a look at how we judge what makes things 'Good'



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HARVEST COLLECTION

Find out when we'll be collecting for our local food bank.

REGULAR MEETINGS

- SUN 10AM - MORNING SERVICE**
*1st Sunday - Open Service
 Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.*
- SUN 8PM - PRAYER MEETING (ZOOM)**
 Zoom ID:
<https://zoom.us/j/645605703>
- SUN 4PM - MESSY CHURCH**
Last Sunday of the month - Messy fun for all ages with food!
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- TUE 8PM - BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)**
A chance to informally study together online.
 Zoom ID:
<https://zoom.us/j/374335724>
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- MON 10AM-12 - COFFEE POT**
A chance to have a chat and a cuppa at the church.
- WED 2PM - CAMEO (TERM TIME)**
Come and Meet Everyone - a time of fellowship and fun. No two weeks are the same!
- THU 8PM - XPLORE (TERM TIME)**
Our Youth Group for those in Year 5 and upwards.
- SAT 3PM - DCF (2ND SATURDAY)**
Disabled Christians Fellowship. An opportunity for all to meet together.

Trustee's Thoughts

What makes this coffee so good?

Ronke

God at times permits heartbreaks. He allows us to suffer. He lets the ground grow dry and stalks to grow bare. He allows Satan to unleash turmoil. But he doesn't allow Satan to triumph. Isn't this the promise of Romans 8:28 (my favourite verse in the Bible): "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (NIV)? God promises to render beauty and good out of "all things," not "each thing." The isolated events may be unpleasant, but the ultimate result is good.

We see small examples of this in our own lives. When you sip on a cup of coffee and say, "This is good," what are you saying? The mug that contains the coffee is good? The coffee granules by themselves are good? Hot water is good? The coffee filter is good? No, none of these. Good happens when all the ingredients work together: the bag or tin is opened, the coffee is added to your cup, the water heated to the right temperature. And if you take sugar and milk, the right amounts of each are added. It is the collective collaboration of all the elements that creates good.

Nothing in the Bible would cause us to say a famine is good or a heart attack is good or needing a liver transplant is good. These are terrible catastrophes, born out of a fallen earth. Yet every message in the Bible, especially the story of Joseph, makes us to believe that God will mix them with other ingredients and bring good out of them.

But we must let God define 'good.' Our definition includes health, comfort, and acknowledgement. His definition? In the case of his Son, Jesus Christ, the good life consisted of struggles, storms, and death. But God worked it all together for the greatest of all good: his glory and our salvation.

Some days you honestly wonder why you ever crawled out from under the duvet that morning. But whatever you are going through this month, remember Isaiah 41:10
Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Above all:

1. Let us not lose heart. Don't quit, whatever you do.
2. Let us do good (Scream. Pout. Get irritated. But do good!)
3. Let grace be with your spirit. Allow the full impact of grace to flow through your thoughts, your attitudes, your responses and your words.



What's on this month?

Sunday Mornings

Date	Speaker
2nd	Tim (Open)
9th	Dave with Charlotte from STM
16th	Steve
23rd	Colin
30th	John

Bible Study

Date	Speaker
4th	Steve (Samson)
11th	Steve (Samson)
18th	Steve (Samson)
25th	Colin

Prayer Meeting

Date	Speaker
2nd	Heather
9th	Colin
16th	John
23rd	Steve
30th	Ronke

Notices

The Building Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the Building Fund. It now stands at £122,831. We will receive an amazing just over £3000 top up from the Fun Walk so thank you again to everyone who contributed.

Pudding and Quiz night

On the 7th October from 7-10pm the Laindon District Girl Guides are organising a Pudding and Quiz night to help to raise money towards the Annabel School in Uganda (and their need for a water pump at £4000) and the Building Fund. The cost for your tea, coffee, pudding and quiz is £8. If you'd like to attend please email samanthackeeper@hotmail.com or phone 07835 192820.

Harvest Giving Service

On the 9th October we will have our Harvest Parade Service where we will be having a collection of items and/or money for the Helping Hands Foodbank. Any long life items will be gratefully received.

Update

Sunday School

In September we restarted a Sunday School aimed at the children who are going to infant school. We have had two sessions and had 4 children at the first one and 8 visited the second.

There has been some brilliant listening to the events at Easter and also Jonah. We then do some simple colouring afterwards.

At the end a star of the week is chosen to see who has listened the best and tried their hardest.

We will be trying (where we can) to fit the Sunday School to what is in the service, but please do talk to the children about what story it is that they've had that week when they come back in.

We're planning to be running it on the services other than the 1st and 2nd of the month.