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**Verse for the Year: 'Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes' - Isaiah 54:2**

**News Sheet - 4.4.2021 - Easter Sunday - Start 10.00a.m.**

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We welcome you to our Easter celebration this morning which is held on zoom. Paul is leading our worship today which will include communion.

Log in meeting ID - 87015605160

Passcode - 606355

**Services during April:-**

April 11<sup>th</sup> - Paul Smith - Joshua 24 v 14-15

April 18<sup>th</sup> - Paul Smith - Genesis 2 v 18-25 - AGM at 12.30p.m.

April 25<sup>th</sup> - Paul Smith - Deuteronomy 6 v 1-9, Timothy 3 v 14-17

**Bring a Brew:-**

Our next Bring a Brew will be held on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30p.m. - 3.30p.m.** Make a cuppa and come and share an informal time together.

Zoom Log in details - Meeting ID - 821 0340 9922

Passcode - brew

**If you would like to make a direct payment/donation/standing order to the church, the church account details are:-**

**Sort code: 30-99-08 A/c No: 22019560. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, this would add 25% to your giving at no extra cost to you, please contact the Treasurer or the Church Office ([office@wymondhambaptist.org](mailto:office@wymondhambaptist.org)).**

**Please remember in your prayers, thoughts and actions:-**



Jane and David, Dave and Ann and family, Jenni and family, Gill, Alan and Rose, Lara and family, Jack and Kevin Cooper. Please continue to remember in your prayers the Youth Alpha course and the young people attending.

Remember the fellowship at Cranham Baptist Church on the London/Essex border and their minister, Rev. Claire Blatchford, particularly as restrictions are eased and they seek to balance online with in-person meetings.



## SPECIAL REPORT

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

### MISSION NEWS:-

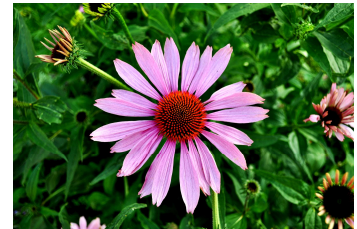


Click on the link and read this Special Report from Samaritan's Purse:-

[https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/2020-special-report-uk/?utm\\_source=O21EC7&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Operation%20Christmas%20Child&utm\\_content=View%20Your%20Special%20Report%20MSO%20Button](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/2020-special-report-uk/?utm_source=O21EC7&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Operation%20Christmas%20Child&utm_content=View%20Your%20Special%20Report%20MSO%20Button)

### BISHOPS HOUSE OPEN GARDEN DAY –

The Matthew Project Charity are hosting a garden open day with the kind permission from Bishop Graham and Rachel Usher on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021. If you would like to make a visits, tickets are £5 per adult. Follow the link to 'newsletters' on the Matthew Project website – [www.matthewproject.org](http://www.matthewproject.org)



### Bring a Brew: A FEW NEW DATES

A reminder that next week, we will meet as usual on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30 – 3.30pm** After the Easter break, Nicki will be back in the bookshop on Tuesdays so we will be moving Bring a Brew to **Thursday afternoons from 2.30 – 3.30pm. This will start on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April.** We do hope that you will still be able to join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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### **Wanted**

Digital video camera to lend to Doug to test our capabilities as we start to prepare to return to the church building.

The plan is to enable people to "join" our services if they're not able or ready to come to the building.

Camera needs to have HDMI output.

Please contact Doug if you have one you're willing to lend for a few weeks.

### **Celebration Bunting.**

*With the possibility of meeting with family or friends in the garden from next week, why not add to the sense of occasion and fun by decorating your shed, garden wall or fence with some cheerful bunting?*

*Each bit of bunting is 3m long. There is no set price but please make a donation which will go to Roots funds.*

*Available from Shirley's porch or by ringing/emailing Nicki*



**Answers to last week's question for our Youth Church:-**

**How old was Jesus when he died?      33**

**How many times did Peter say he didn't know who Jesus was?      3**

**This week's question –**

- **How many times did God call out to the young Samuel in the night as he was lying down in the house of the Lord?**
- **What is the last book of the Old Testament – Samuel, Matthew, Zephaniah or Malachi?**



*Brian , a young man of eighteen, was getting ready to attend his first choice university. He had saved enough money from his part-time job and also had excellent prospects on a new job. He had established some great goals, and everything was coming exactly on schedule.*

*And then in the spring of 2020 the global health crisis changed everything.*

*'My school let me know that my last term would probably be online, and my job prospects dried up when the business closed.'*

*Despairing at the thought, my friend quoted words from a well known professional boxer.*

*"Yeah, everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth ".*

*What disappointment changed your plans for the future?*

*What can you do to seek God's guidance today?*

*Let us know your thoughts – how has God led you through the difficult times.*

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Easter Sunday



### The Weathervane

The other morning when we had very high winds I was looking at the weathervane in the garden. It's normally very consistent and stable but on this day it was constantly spinning and randomly rotating in every direction as it was being buffeted by the wind.

This instantly linked me back to those times in my life when I had felt similarly buffeted about by the pressures all around me and finding it difficult to get a fix on the way to go. It's so reassuring when we can see a direction and a way forward.

Like many of you, over the last few days, we have been reading again the Easter story. In spite of what was to happen to him and all that was happening around him Jesus firmly fixed his eyes on his mission and the way ahead and suffered the agony, humiliation, separation and rejection and the ultimate agony of his death. He did it all for our sake, so that we may have a clear way forward, our sins forgiven and the ultimate promise and gift of eternal life. At the exact time of Jesus' death we read in Matthew 27 verse 57

'At that moment the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom and the earth shook and the rock split. Many people will reflect on the Easter message in different ways, to me this is one of the most powerful verses symbolising the heart of the Easter message, there is no more darkness and separation and from the moment of Jesus' death we have the reality and the gift of a direct way into the presence and a personal relationship with our heavenly father.

Thank you Jesus for doing this all for me and making a way ahead for us.

## MISSION FOCUS - APRIL - FOODBANK

### Prayer for April

*'For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink;  
I was a stranger and you took me in. Matthew 25:35*

God of faithfulness, Your generous love supplies us with all that we need.

We know that all we have is yours.

We celebrate the work that you have done in Norwich and Norfolk through foodbank by means of the generous support

Accept our offering of worship and service.

May your Spirit empower us to be your hands and feet in our community as we continue to serve those in crisis.

We pray that you bless all those who give and receive.

Increase the capacity of foodbank; help the food to get to those who need it most.

Amen

## Update from The Norwich Foodbank

Up until March 2020, WBC along with other Wymondham churches and the Rotary Club were able to help in the collection and distribution of food parcels on behalf on the Norwich Foodbank.

However, since the first lockdown, the foodbank has had to reorganise its operations and now works out of the main warehouse in Norwich with all food and other goods being delivered by volunteers.

We heard last week that the Foodbank has delivered more than 15,000 parcels over the last year which is an increase of 22% on the year before.

Hannah Worsley is the manager of the foodbank and is delighted that we are going to be keeping the foodbank in our prayers for April. She has sent us the Spring Newsletter (see link on the website) together with the most recent prayer letter from February with joys and concerns, both of which are attached.

In addition, Hannah has sent some Easter prayer requests which are below.

So this month, there is not a set prayer but lots of prayer requests from the Foodbank for us to use throughout April.

### **Easter:**

- *For the hope of Easter to permeate our communities and our lives at this time when it does feel cautiously hopeful*
- *For those we give Easter eggs to to have a glimmer at least of what the real message of Easter actually is*
- *For those of us who did specific reflections and fasting during Lent (some of us lived on £1 for all food costs for 5 ish days) to remember the empathy we felt for those we serve each day and to not lose that connection*  
[\(https://norwichfoodbank.blog/\)](https://norwichfoodbank.blog/)

### **General:**

- *We have another new Trustee - Katie - so we welcome her to the team*
- *Our Project Officer has started - Iain - so again we welcome him and pray for him and Katie as they find their feet / role within the charity*
- *Wisdom for us - staff and Trustees - as well as foodbanks / charities / companies etc across the city and country as we look to open up further, but not too soon and in a safe and managed way. For understanding in the middle period from those we work with and for our plans to be clear and safe at every step.*

*Also please do pray for those we serve - some who have been coming to us on and off for a long time, others we see once and never again. For the issues they face to be 'sorted' and for them to find strength to face each day when sometimes it will feel like the situation just won't end or improve.*

Read the latest newsletter on the WBC website.