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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

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We welcome you to our service this morning which is held on zoom. Paul is leading our worship today. We will be looking at Joshua 24 v 14-15

Log in meeting ID - 87015605160

Passcode - 606355

Services during April:-

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

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

Bring a Brew:-

Our next Bring a Brew will be held on **Thursday, 15th 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).

Our Vision is to be 'An authentic church with a place for everyone'

MISSION NEWS:-



March Update from Alan and Meghan Barker

- Meghan and Alan officially finished our time with INF on Sunday 14th March (as per Megan's work permit) and are now on tourist visas until April 23rd when we will fly back to the UK.
- Their new role will be a wider one of supporting partner organisations of BMS across Asia.
- They are now in serious discussions with a BMS partner in Katmandhu who is prepared to give them flexibility to reach out in the wider role of partner support.

Prayer requests:

In these days, we are thankful:

- For the lovely farewells we have had so far.
- For our potential new home and that the timing of it being empty and ready for us is perfect.
- Flights to UK are booked and we can see Carl and family again soon and hopefully be there when their third child enters the world in July.

But we value prayer:

- For emotional strength with ongoing farewells, especially saying goodbye to the family downstairs here in Pokhara (our landlord, wife and 2 sons).
- For wisdom as we pack and that we can get everything ready in timely manner
- That the covid-related lockdown that is being spoken about here in Nepal will not affect our ability to move and settle.
- That the situation in UK will allow us to meet more people during this coming stay.
- That we will be able to visit our daughter and son-in-law in South Korea on our way back to Nepal in August and meet their new son (due August 1)
- That we will somehow be able to meet up with our other son and family in Vietnam sometime soon.

Thank you as always for your love and support. With our love and prayers for all of you too in these strange times of separation and uncertainty.

Bring a Brew: A NEW DAY

A reminder that from next week, we will meet on **Thursday 15th April from 2.30 – 3.30pm**

Zoom Log In – Meeting ID 821 0340 9922 Password brew

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j82103409922?pwd=NGMwWmdBZ2FxMHpJU31zW1piN24zUT09>



Recipe for a Prayer Biscuit

Ingredients:

250g the richness of God's Kingdom (butter softened)

140g the sweetness of knowing Jesus' love (caster sugar)

1 binding together of the Holy Spirit (egg yolk)

2 tsp regular prayer (vanilla extract or other flavour that will enhance your life)

300g solid faith (plain flour)

Method

Mix 250g softened butter and 140g caster sugar in a large bowl with a wooden spoon, then add 1 egg yolk and 2 tsp vanilla extract and briefly beat to combine.

Sift over 300g plain flour and stir until the mixture is well combined - you might need to get your hands in at the end to give everything a really good mix and press the dough together. After all that's what God asks us to do in our lives. When each of the ingredients is combined with patience and hard work they produce a delicious blessing which is so much more than the separate ingredients. Bake about 15 mins at 180 degrees.

While mixing:

Measure your words carefully

Add a heaped tablespoon of understanding

Use generous amounts of time and patience

Add a dash of humour and a good dose of humility

Season to taste with a zest for life in God's good world

Nibble your prayer biscuit and enjoy a quiet time just sitting with our Father who loves us beyond all measure.



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

- 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? - 3 times
- What is the last book of the Old Testament – Samuel, Matthew, Zephaniah or Malachi? - Malachi



This week's questions:-

How many apostles did Jesus have?

Which book tells about the visit of the wise men to baby Jesus?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Don't fence me in!

The other day I was carrying out some repairs to my front fencing and I got thinking, why do we need fences? Well, of course, it's to mark boundaries and maybe to keep pets in the restriction of a garden. My mind went further to fencing and walls to keep prisoners in prison and to stop them escaping. You see, so often these things are there to stop freedom, whether pets or people.

Now, I'm sure that at some time, we have all heard people say that the Christian faith stops our freedom to do what we want - it's a set of rules saying, "we can't do this, or we can't do that". But here comes a paradox, 'we are free to serve'! Surely serving isn't freedom, is it? Well, when we are allowed to open, just go and work at Roots Café for a couple of sessions, and you will find that we have freedom to serve and to share Jesus with others. Not only that, but you will find that there is a joy in serving, just see Philippians chapter 2.

So, our faith, rather than being restrictive, gives us freedom to enjoy abundant life - we can talk with the Lord at any time, day or night, no restrictions there.

Easter has just passed, but the message is clear, through His death on the cross and His victory over death, we have been given freedom to live for Him every day and because of Easter day we will live with Him forever. Hallelujah!

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.

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, Ramona and her parents, Jeanette and Brian, Maddie Cooper and many others in the fellowship facing difficult times.

Other churches in Wymondham, that we will work together to bring God's love to the people of Wymondham

Are you part of a Home Group? Would you like to be part of a Home Group? What is a Home Group? Perhaps you have asked these questions and wonder where you can find the answers. One aspect of our vision is that everyone in the fellowship is a member of a Home Group where we can learn together, read God's word and share what God is saying to each of us in a small group. Where we can ask questions, delve deeper into God's word and support one another as we learn together. More information is available from Gill Price - 07796274037 - gillprice@hotmail.com. Don't miss out on this opportunity.



As you know, we are hoping to be able to re-open our church for services on Sunday, 23rd May and for Roots Community Café on May 17th. We will give you further details in due course. Before we can re-open we need to give the premises a good clean and re-organise some areas. With this in mind we are planning a **BIG CHURCH CLEAN DAY** on **SATURDAY, MAY 8th**. Please put this date in your diary and if you are able to give an hour or two please let Cathy know in the Office (office@wymondhambaptist.org – 01953 606520) We will have to be aware of social distancing etc. so when we know who is available and when, we will issue a schedule. Please help us with this and share in this service to glorify God.

WBC ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020 will be issued this coming week together with an agenda for our Annual General Church Meeting to be held next Sunday, 18th April at 12.30p.m. If you don't receive a copy of the reports and would like one, please let Cathy know and she will ensure that one is sent to you. Everyone is invited to join us for the Church Meeting and to share in what God has done during 2020 and look forward to how he will take us forward in 2021.

We want to know what YOU think – about everything. Any comments on the Vision documents, any comments on the new initiatives that Nicki has put in place with regard to Mission (regular updates, monthly focus etc.), the News Sheet – is it of any use, can it be improved? Your feedback is important to know what is helpful and what is a distraction.

Is there anything you would like to share in the News Sheet – please let Cathy have any contributions by Thursday of each week.

Look forward to receiving your feedback.....