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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 Genesis 2 V 18-25. We hope that you will all join us after the service at 12.30p.m. for our Annual General Church Meeting.

Log in meeting ID - 87015605160

Passcode - 606355

Services during April:-

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, 29th 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:-



Alan and Megan are on the move! Here's a brief update. They moved on Monday 12th April

Belated Easter greeting to you all – the greeting may be late, but we live in the reality of Easter every day don't we!

We are deep into the process of packing up our flat in Pokhara in preparation for the move to Kathmandu. You should have seen from our latest prayer letter that things have moved quickly in a different direction to what we were expecting a few weeks ago. We thank God that we are able to take up our new role with BMS but now based in Kathmandu.

We move on Monday. We would appreciate your prayers for the whole process. As with many things in Nepal there is a level of uncertainty about this, which adds to the 'normal' stress levels of a house move. There are no removal companies in Nepal, so we have booked a truck to be at our place at 6am on Monday morning. We are relying on friends to turn up and help shift our furniture and stuff and load it into the truck. Pray that they don't oversleep! J Our flat isn't near the road and so everything needs to be carried 30-40 metres to the truck!

The journey to Kathmandu normally takes a good 6 hours – we will be following on in a smaller vehicle and so are hoping to arrive in Kathmandu before the truck. Unfortunately, large vehicles are not allowed inside the Kathmandu ring road and our new place is just inside the ring road. So, we have to hope the truck arrives in good time to be able to unload its contents into a smaller vehicle and get it to our new flat. Road conditions here in Nepal mean that travel time is very unpredictable, so we might even be unloading during the night or next day!

Once we're finally in the flat we have 10 days to sort out before we fly to the UK once again.

Blessings to you all and thank you for your prayers.

With our love

Alan and Megan

Bring a Brew: WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK AS NICKI IS ON HOLIDAY

But we will meet again next week, on **Thursday 29th April from 2.30 – 3.30pm**

Zoom Log In – Meeting ID 821 0340 9922 Password brew

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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. Remember the fellowship at King Street Baptist Church in Thetford and their pastor Rev. Sally Sago. Remember their work with the Kintsugi Hope mental health charity and their vision to open a wellbeing space from the church building.

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

- How many apostles did Jesus have? 12
- Which book tells about the visit of the wise men to baby Jesus
Matthew



This week's questions:-

- What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
- What was Matthew's job?



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.

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.....

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



MEMORIES OF PRINCE PHILIP

What will your memories be of Prince Philip? For many I expect he will be remembered for the formation of the Duke of Edinburgh award Scheme which has benefitted so many young people from all walks of life. For others there will be memories of the things that he said that perhaps it was felt he shouldn't have said. I think for most of us we will remember him for his constant presence and support of his wife the Queen, and for his love, care and support of his family. Over recent days we have heard from many who had met him that he treated everyone the same, enjoyed a laugh and was always there for his family, loving, supporting and encouraging them. His long marriage to the Queen is indeed an example to us all. A marriage rooted in Jesus Christ. Do you, like me, wonder how he felt about family quarrels and disputes. It is encouraging to know that all families are the same whether they are royal or not. What is the saying – you can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family.

This led me to think that Jesus was part of a family and in the books of Matthew and Mark there is reference to his brothers and sisters. I wonder whether they quarrelled when they were children together. My guess is that possibly they did, but as they grew up, did they realise that Jesus was different? I get the impression from some passages in the Bible that some of them actually joined the crowd that followed Jesus and spent time listening to him.

As we thank God for the life, love and faithfulness of Prince Philip to his wife, his family and to the country, let us remember these words in 1 Peter 4 verse 8 "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." As the family of Wymondham Baptist Church, let us love one another and let that love overcome any differences between us, so that we can show God's love to those around 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

News from The Norwich Foodbank

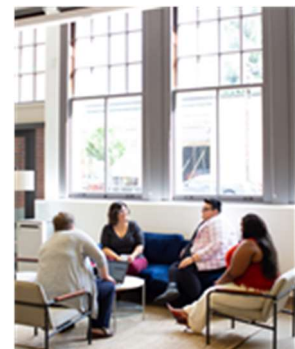
Food bank news this week from the foodbank manager, Hannah:

'Ironic timing, but last week we received a huge donation from a dental care social enterprise, of children and adult toothbrushes and toothpaste packs. These were given out alongside Easter Eggs last week 😊

And, thinking about our wonderful volunteers, I received a really lovely email from one of our newer volunteers who began helping during the first lockdown, and is now back to work full time: *'I cannot believe it's a year ago that I first came across the Food Bank and joined the team during the 1st lockdown. For myself you were all great and very welcoming. Coming to the Food Bank made a huge difference to me mentally and emotionally. I am forever grateful for my time with you all I am still working which I am also grateful for but would love to come back and do some shifts at some time in the future.'*

It's lovely to hear from those we serve about the difference what we do and give can make, but also great to hear from our team about their time with us - as I always say but always mean, thank you ALL for what you do and being part of the foodbank family.'

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.



Tools With A Mission

For some years we have held a collection of used tools etc. which we have passed on to TWAM. Unfortunately, we were unable to do this last year due to Covid, but we are arranging a collection this year on Saturday, July 3rd. If you are having a sort out and have any tools that you no longer use, or perhaps a sewing machine, knitting machine, desktop or laptop computer you don't use, please put them aside and bring them along to the church on Saturday, July 3rd. Or perhaps you would like to make up a children's scholar pack. All tools are expertly refurbished and sorted into trade kits and sent to other countries where the people cannot afford such equipment. Don't throw it away, see if it can be renovated and used in support of those less fortunate than ourselves. More information to follow.