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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 - 25.4.2021

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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 1 Thessalonians 2 v 7-13

Log in meeting ID - 87015605160

Passcode - 606355

#### Services during May:-

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rachel Spencer - Deuteronomy 6 v 1-9

and Timothy 3 v 14-17

May 9<sup>th</sup> - Paul Smith - Hebrews 12 v 5-11

#### Bring a Brew:-

Our next Bring a Brew will be held on **Thursday, 29<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)).

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

## MISSION NEWS:-



Further update from Alan and Megan

Dear All

Just a quick note to thank you for your prayers. We thank God that we are now safely and happily in our flat in Kathmandu. The move yesterday went relatively smoothly and there were plenty of willing helpers both ends of the journey, which made fetching and carrying so much easier for us. Everything was completed within the same day and we are now working out where everything fits and gradually unpacking. We also give thanks for our new landlady, who is really kind and helpful and has been helping to sort things out for us like internet connection and gas deliveries.

Blessings to you all.

Alan and Megan

### Bring a Brew:

Come and join us with your cuppa on Thursday **29<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30 – 3.30pm**



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82103409922?pwd=NGMwWmdBZ2FxMHpJU31zW1piN24zUT09>

### **WINDMILL HOUSE, WYMONDHAM**

Jan Hodges writes – ‘I have been exchanging emails with Fran Annis, the well-being lead at Windmill House re holding a service with them on zoom. We have settled on 4<sup>th</sup> May at 3p.m. and now have final confirmation from Fran. Doug and I will host it, and Vic and Mary will take part. We would value prayer for our preparation and presentation and for it to be a blessing to the residents and any staff who join them. A number of familiar faces will sadly be missing since our last visit but it will be good to renew this ministry.’



*If you would like some bunting to decorate your garden for the summer, when hopefully we will be able to share time together outside – talk to Nicki and she will make some for you.*

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 also the fellowship at Earls Hall Baptist Church in Westcliff, (part of Southend-On-Sea) and their building project. Pray that the fellowship will have open ears to hear what God is saying and a willingness to follow God's lead. Pray that they will have effective engagement with the community and the Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups

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

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



This week's questions:-

- With what did Jesus feed 5,000 people?
- Who in the Bible was blinded by a bright light?

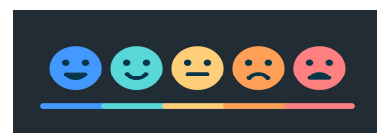


As you know, we are hoping to be able to re-open our church for services on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May and for Roots Community Café on May 17th. We will give you further details in due course. Before we can re-open we need to give the premises a good clean and re-organise some areas. With this in mind we are planning a **BIG CHURCH CLEAN DAY** on **SATURDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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.

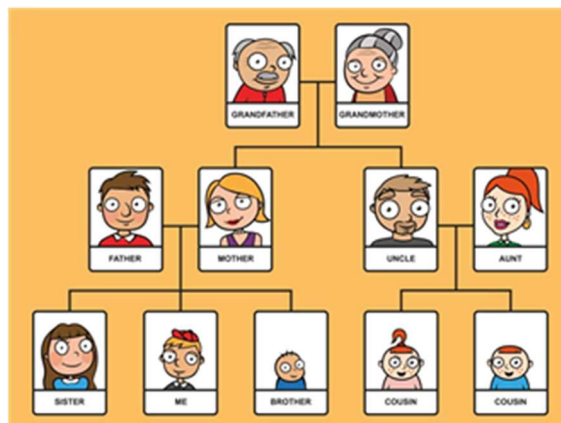
***We want to know what YOU think – about everything. Any comments on the Vision documents, any comments on the new initiatives that Nicki has put in place with regard to Mission (regular updates, monthly focus etc.), the News Sheet – is it of any use, can it be improved? Your feedback is important to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



### What's in a name?

Everyone has a family name, and as we get older many people investigate their family tree to see what happened and 'who was who in the past. I'm sure we have heard stories where an individual has maybe given the family a bad name. expressions like, "Old Uncle Jim was a bit of a naughty boy". Or, "the less said about Great Aunt Clara the better!" To be fair, I'm sure many families also have greatly loved and respected members from the past.

But what about us? Well, I was reading the other day a Bible passage from Isaiah 43 and it struck me how important I am in God's family. In verse 1 we read "..... I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name, you are mine". So there it is, God knows **MY** name and has called **ME**.

But this passage goes on to say that we are all witnesses and as we bear the name 'Christian' we are all in the same family.

He who named each of the stars in the cosmos, has got **YOUR** name written on His heart. So, let's go out each day bearing the 'family name' and make our Heavenly Father pleased with 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

## MONEY MATTERS

Following the church AGM on Sunday, we felt it might be helpful just to confirm the financial position of the church, at this time.

We set a financial budget at the beginning of the year, which predicted a £9,000 shortfall over the year. After three months, we can see from our financial forecast that our original budget was not far off i.e. we are still predicting a £9,000 shortfall, over the year.

The church does have some savings and reserves which would cover the shortfall however, it would leave us with very little in the bank to take forward to 2022, when we would possibly face a similar deficit with no savings to bail us out.

I believe God can do the **impossible**, if we ask Him, but we have to play our part and do the **possible**. So, what can we do? I would ask that you:

- Pray for the situation and seek God's guidance.
- The Leadership Team will follow up on the suggestions made during the AGM.
- Please let us know if you think of any other opportunities to either generate income or reduce expenditure.
- Review your giving but please don't feel pressured to give more, ask God.
- If you spend 'church money', spend it with care and caution.



*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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

