

Prayer Board



Please remember to pray for our elderly folk and for those who can no longer attend the Sunday Service: June Moulden, and Ethel Sumner. Ethel has been moved to Chiltern Court Care Home in Henley until she is fit enough to go home.

A number of our members are in need of prayers for healing, comfort, strength and peace of mind at this time including Jill, John and Haulwen Lane, Mark Overton's Mother, Tony Harding, and Patrick.

Please pray for all those who are struggling with any kind of issues at this time, personally or health wise.

David Page went to be with His Lord on April 2nd David and Joyce have been such a large part of Tyndale for many years and though we are sad, we should also rejoice that his race is run and he is in the presence of joy unspeakable. Please pray for Joyce and family for strength and that sense of perfect peace and rest only God can give through these coming days.

We also have had to say goodbye to Melvin and remember his family at this sad time. Melvin has worshipped with us for a number of years and his presence will be missed.

Should you be aware of any other pastoral needs please let Gwen Davis or any member of the Pastoral Care team know.

The pastoral team is :-

Gwen, Heather, Bosede, Jackie and Ann.

Thoughts from Pastor Sam



"This is the mystery of the riches of divine grace for sinners; for by a wonderful exchange our sins are now not ours but Christ's, and Christ's righteousness is not Christ's but ours." — Martin Luther

The maître d' wouldn't change his mind. He didn't care that this couple were on honeymoon. It didn't matter that the evening at the classy country club restaurant was a wedding gift. He couldn't have cared less that the couple were from another country and had never been here before. All of this was immaterial in comparison to the looming problem.

The man wasn't wearing a jacket.

He didn't know he needed one. He 'd thought a sport shirt was sufficient. It was clean and tucked in. But Mr. Black-Tie with the French accent was unimpressed. He seated everyone else. Mr. and Mrs. Debonair were given a table. Mr. and Mrs. Classier-Than-You were seated. But Mr. and Mrs. Didn't-Wear-a-Jacket? No, he won't even usher them in.

If they had another option, they wouldn't have begged. But they didn't. The hour was late. Other restaurants were closed or booked, and they were hungry. "There's got to be something you can do," the man pleaded. The waiter looked at the man, then at the lady, and let out a long sigh that puffed his cheeks. "All right, let me see."

He disappeared into the cloakroom and emerged with a jacket. "Put this on." The man did. The sleeves were too short. The shoulders were too tight. And the colour was lime green. But he didn't complain. He had a jacket, and they were taken to a table. For all the inconvenience of the evening, they ended up with a great dinner and an even greater parable.

The man needed a jacket, but all he had was a prayer. The fellow was too kind to turn him away but too loyal to lower the standard.

Isn't this what happened at the cross? Seats at God's table are not available to the sloppy. But who among us is anything but? Unkempt morality. Untidy with truth. Careless with people. Our moral clothing is in disarray. Yes, the standard for sitting at God's table is high, but the love of God for His children is higher. So He offers us a gift. A jacket through the blood of His son. Fit for royalty. A seamless robe. Not a garment pulled out of a cloakroom but a robe worn by His Son, Jesus.

This Lenten season do something to make somebody's life more comfortable.

Hospitals. The Gideons now provide wipe-able covered and heat sealed copies of the Bible for areas where cross-infection is a concern. Some hospitals accept Scriptures. Please pray for entry to those who do not. Services. Special edition New Testaments are offered to the police, fire, ambulance and armed Services.

Waiting Rooms, etc . The local Branch continues to seek area where Bibles might be usefully placed. 700 were distributed at the Reading Festival, and 300 at Reading Christmas Markets, and special outreach exists through the Boys and Girls Brigades and other youth organisations.

The Branch needs –

- 1. Prayer - without it their task is worthless!!**
- 2. People with energy and vision – is God calling you?**
- 3. Funding – especially for overseas where the need for Scriptures is great.**

What is God saying to you?

KidzChurch – where does the time go?

When we look back at almost three months it is amazing how the time has flown by. We have certainly had some fun and learnt some more about the stories in the Bible, about being a team and about being part of church. We've wrapped flowers, learned songs, played games, and done crafts and soon it will be Easter. I have already been asked if there is an Easter egg hunt – what do you think?!

We have been able to call on the help of a great team; Prisca, Glen, Jill, Martha, Katherine, Yunia and Ryan and all have played an important role. We will need more help going forwards as Sara and I and Glen all move away in the coming months. This is a great place to help our kids learn about Jesus and God and you do not have to be a teacher to help. Just get down to their level and learn and enjoy together.

Steve and Sara

A report – by Norman New.

8.00am on Thursday 9th March found me at Bill's Restaurant in Chain Street for a breakfast with a difference. Pastor Sam was unable to make a morning breakfast meeting run by the local group from Gideons International, and had asked me to go instead of him. The purpose of the event was to thank the Pastors of the Reading area for their support, to acknowledge the fact that new members are still required, and to inform them of the present situation.

There were about twenty five of us and as far as I could see I was the only “stand in” present. I sat with the Ministers from St. John's Anglican Church, Park URC Church, and Caversham Evangelical Church and two Gideon Members. We all enjoyed a splendid breakfast as well as one another's company. After breakfast two Gideon Members, a lady and a businessman, and the Project Manager of REInspired spoke of how the Gideon Bibles, either in a hotel or school, had impacted their lives and been instrumental to bringing them to Christ and then to Christian service. However the Membership of the Reading Branch is getting older. Is God challenging you to apply to join their group? (Their oldest active Member is 94!)

A brief summary of their Work of Bible distribution is as follows- Schools. All Gideons taking part in this work take advice and training from the “National Association of Teachers of Religious Education”. They have at present entry to 26 local Schools and are praying for entry into the remaining 10. 2,500 New Testaments with Psalms were distributed to students last year.

Universities. 1,250 Testaments were distributed at Fresher's Fairs.

Hotels. This is an increasingly difficult area and they are asking that where Christians “stop over” and find a Gideon Bible that they make a point to thank the Hotel Management. If there isn't a bible in the room, do ask for one (even if you have your own Bible with you!). And if there is a Bible why not leave it open at a suitable verse such as Acts 4:12 for the cleaning staff to read?

With the dreaded Brexit now very much a reality in 2 years time, things are bound to get tighter. People are bound to get angrier at the least provocation. It behoves us as Christians not only to turn the other cheek but to go out of our way to make the strangers , foreigners, aliens – particularly those who have been in this country for over 30 years or even more – feel a bit more comfortable and restless in our company.

When was the last time you sent some clothes to charity ? Yours may be the jacket or dress that gives somebody else a place or permission to be at a dinner table. To you it may be tattered but to somebody else it may be the very reason they are not at a dinner table. We could never repay the Lord Jesus for His death on the cross for us but let us not let his death be in vain! Let's make it count !


Blessings from Pastor Sam, Heather , Andrew & Joshua



2017 so far – Jan and Feb

Offerings for Jan and Feb totalled £10,325 which is a bit below our budget of £5,250 per month. However expenses for the two months amounted to £11,541 so the difference wasn't too bad. The picture changed somewhat in March when a whole raft of expenditure rolled up. In the one month (so far!) we have paid electricity, gas (£1310), phone and a 5 year electrical check and subsequent defects being fixed that was well over £1000. We also have to pay another £600 for the annual portable appliance electrical test. It is fair to say we will probably be over budget expenditure wise by the end of March.

This is not though a cause for undue panic but reminds us of the importance of both a regular offering commitment, preferably via standing order like many of our regular bills, and a need for taxpayers to sign a Gift Aid declaration form. If you sign the form and make identifiable regular or other gifts to the church we can claim the tax you have already paid on those donations. So in most cases if you pay 20% tax we can claim back that tax on your gifts. So for someone giving £100 per month as well as their initial gift of £1200 at the end of 12 months we could claim back an additional £300, merely by asking the tax man for it.



THE FOLLOWER

"When Jesus of Nazareth came to town, he was a celebrity. He met with crowds of screaming fans who shouted his name. In less than a week... he'd be dead."

Sun 9th April 10:30am
FREE ADMISSION

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Celebrate Easter at Tyndale

Thursday 6th April to Tuesday 11th April

Baptist Mission Week - See flyers.

Sunday 9th April 10.30am PALM SUNDAY
Mission Week - THE FOLLOWER

Thursday 13th April 6.00pm Maundy Thursday
Supper & Service

Friday 14th April 10.00 GOOD FRIDAY service

Easter Sunday 16th April 8.00am. Forbury Gardens,
Reading. Celebrate Christ's resurrection in a garden!

EASTER SUNDAY 16th April 10.30am Family Service

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES
Each Sunday at 10.30am including KIDZ Church

EASTER 2017

SUNDAY SERVICES

*All services led by Revd Sam Owoo unless otherwise indicated
Indicated*

April 2nd	10.30 am	Worship Service
April 9th	10.30 am	'The Follower' <i>An Easter performance by Wycliffe Baptist Church</i>
April 16th	10.30 am	Easter Sunday Baptismal Service
April 23rd	10.30 am	Communion Service <i>Barrister David O. Yianoma Preaching.</i>
April 30th	10.30 am	Family Service.
May 7th	10.30 am	Worship Service. <i>The Promise Genesis 12:1-9.</i>
May 14th	10.30 am	Worship Service. <i>Deal or no deal. Genesis 13.</i>
May 21st	10.30 am	Communion Service.
May 28th	10.30 am	Family Service with Jill and the Puppets.



Tuesday Fellowship 2.15 pm. All are welcome



April	4th	Members
April	25th	Members
May	2nd	Members
May	9th	94th Anniversary with Cream Tea. All are Welcome.
May	16th	Rachel Churchard. <i>Mobility in Whitley</i>
May	23rd	Averil Dudgeon.
May	30th	Members.
June	6th	Eddie Roach.

AGM & Church meeting Thursday 27th April 7.30pm

It is important that Church members attend these meetings



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**