

Notices

HYMNS AND BIBLE READING

- MP 708 *To God be the Glory*
NT *Luke 10:38-42*
Called by Jesus to Live as One Body
NT *John 12:1-8*
MP 880 *Lord, I Come to You*
MP 556 *Peace to You*
MP 411 *Let There Be Love Shared Among Us*
MP 796 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

BIBLE QUOTE

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. *John 15:16-17 (NIV)*



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues every Wednesday at 19:00. It is informal and each session is standalone – there is no need to have been before. Speak to *Jonathan Cooper* for more information.

PRAISE EVENING

This month's Praise Evening will now be on Thursday 23rd May instead of the 16th, please note the change of date. All are Welcome to this relaxed evening of prayer and praise to our Lord. The evening begins at 19:00 with refreshments.

Val Cooper

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ELECTION OF ELDERS

The election of Elders this year will take place at the July Church Meeting. Five of the current Elders are due to stand down. Caroline Hibbs*, Mary Redman* and Ryan Thomas have each completed two terms of three years (*plus one extra year due to Covid) and will not be standing for election. Val Cooper and Val Berry have each completed one three-year term and are willing to stand again.

Nomination papers will be available in the Vestibule throughout May. These will be attached to an envelope and will need to be returned to the Vestry or an Elder in the envelope by the last Sunday in May.

Each nomination will need to be signed by a proposer, a seconder and the nominee, and the nominee will need to have been a Church Member for a minimum of one year. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate, and if approached please prayerfully consider your answer. If you have any questions about being an Elder, please do look at the notice board at the back of the Sanctuary or ask any of the Elders.

ONLINE SERVICES

The Vision Desk will be unmanned on Sundays 12th and 26th of May. This means that hymns and readings will not be displayed on the TV screens and only a very basic YouTube stream will be broadcast.

Hymns books will be distributed before each service. If anyone who watches from home would like a copy of Mission Praise so that they may continue to sing along, please contact me or any of the Elders. *Ryan Thomas*

Daily Prayers

SUNDAY: Lord, open your scriptures to us; open our eyes to see your generous, overflowing love for each of your children and may we be so inspired by that love, that we share it and spread it, however we are able.

MONDAY: Give thanks for the wonderful world we live in. Thank you for the flora and fauna which give us so much pleasure.

TUESDAY: Pray for forgiveness for the damage we have done to your creation and we ask you to help us think of ways to save our planet each and every day. Let us remember that we are guardians of your creation.

WEDNESDAY: Lord, when we feel weak and unable to cope, strengthen us and make us aware of your help and your encouragement in our difficulties.

THURSDAY: Pray that when doubts start to creep in and Easter seems to be somewhat distant, may the joyful reality of your resurrection convince us once again, empowering and renewing our faith.

FRIDAY: Lord, we do not always get it right; we do not always follow your way. Help us realise that you are there, arms open wide, ready to forgive and helping us to start again with you beside us and encouraging us.

SATURDAY: Give thanks for Christian Aid and all who support the effort to push back against poverty wherever it leaves people on the brink of disaster.

FAMILY PRAYERS: Through the week we remember in prayer all of those in our Church Family: This week we particularly pray for:

Alison & Alan Westcott, Joan & Munro Wightman,
and Shirley & Roger Wilde

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MAY SERVICES

- Sun 12th Wilfred Rhodes (see p.3)
Sun 19th Wendy Piccinini
(Leprosy Mission)
Thu 23rd Praise Service
Sun 26th Rev Janet Hopewell (see p.3)

COMING SOON...

- Mon 6th 14:00–16:00 Coffee & Cake
Tue 7th 09:30–11:15 Table Tennis
Wed 8th 09:30–11:15 Bible Study
Fri 10th 09:30–11:15 Table Tennis
10:30–12:00 Coffee Morning
Sat 11th 15:00–17:00 Charity Quiz

...AND LATER

- Sun 12th May Church Breakfast
Mon 13th May Coffee & Cake
Tue 14th May Tuesday Fellowship
Wed 15th May Bible Study
Thu 30th May Church Meeting
Sat 2nd Jun Craft Group

BEHIND THE SCENES

- Thu 2nd May Elders Meeting (with
Revd Roger Wood,
Visionary Companion)

CHRISTIAN AID



We are holding two events this week to support Christian Aid. We have a **Coffee Morning** from 10:30–12:00 on Friday 10th and a **Charity Quiz** from 15:00–17:00 on Saturday 11th. Both will be held in the Sanctuary. Please come along and support this wonderful cause. (No need to have team-mates in advance, we'll find you a team!)

Bett Swierk



OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS

Church Breakfast will next be served on Sunday 12th from 9:45 until 10:20. All are welcome. *Outreach Group*

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Grow closer to God

Support and encourage each other

Share the love of Jesus.

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