

Post Easter Meditation

Listen to the words of the risen Christ:

Peace be with you.

Come and see his hands and the wound in his side:

Peace be with you.

With the eyes of faith are you ready to see?

Peace be with you.

Come with all your doubts for it's time to believe:

Peace be with you, Peace be with you.

Let the breath of God now fill me;
wholeness, fullness, life within me.

Full forgiveness given freely,
I receive as Jesus sends me.

Prayer Requests/News Updates

Vic has kept you up to date with the 'adventures' of Jean Hopkins in the Prayer Chain News, and she is now back home after four days in hospital having suffered a seizure following the stroke of eight weeks ago. There are no effects of that thankfully, and we continue with the rehabilitation programme! Thanks for your support!

Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

Secretary: June McCaughren

Treasurer: Laura Ivey

Leadership Team: Adam Stacey. John McCaughren. John Hadley.

Discover the Holy Spirit in your small group

It'll soon be Pentecost, the time of year when the whole Church is giving its attention to the Holy Spirit. Do you need something for your small group or for personal study? The Holy Spirit paperback in our Refocus series tracks the Spirit's activity through the Old and New Testaments.

[Discover the Holy Spirit.](#)

Available from Bible Society £3.99

Andover Foodbank

Needs this week include:

Tinned fish.

Tinned fruit.

Tinned meat.

L.L. Fruit Juice.

L.L. Milk

Saucepans. Frying pans. Deodorant.

Due to higher demand for items, Foodbank has needed to buy extra food using its own financial resources

If you prefer to make a financial contribution, we would be incredibly grateful and it would be very useful! Details are on the website www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk or text FOODBBOX to 70460 followed by the amount. eg to donate £10 text FOODBBOX 10 to 70460

Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday May 1st 2022



No 1 in a new series on Acts

'Paul's Conversion'

Led by Jack Walker

We celebrate Communion

What's on this week:-

Wednesday 4th Mid week study group

Sunday 8th Guest speaker with shared lunch at Church.

Mon: 9th Leadership Meeting 8pm

Wed 11th 8pm Special Church Meeting

Future Dates to note.

Sunday 15th 'The Gospel breaks out'

No 3 Acts 10 v 23-48

Sunday June 5th. United Service for the Queen's Platinum Celebration.

Millennium Field. 10.30am.

Date to Book!

June 25th 7pm

Treorchy Male Voice Choir

Longmeadow Arena.

Whitchurch Football Club Tickets £14

Bibles and aid taken to cities under bombardment

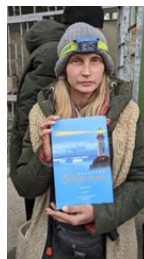
Bible Society staff have been able to take humanitarian aid and Bibles to cities that have been under Russian attack recently, including Kharkiv and Bucha.

Kharkiv lies just 20 miles south of the Russia/Ukraine border. It is in an area which is now under increased fire from Russian forces. Natalia, living under bombardment in Kharkiv, described her new Bible as 'a true blessing'.

Nevertheless, our Bible Society colleagues were able to visit recently, taking food and Bibles. Their aim was to provide 'hope amidst fear'. They worked with the local church to take food, medicines and Bibles to people's homes and to bomb shelters. They also visited a local school that now serves as a local shelter for many people whose homes have been destroyed.

Natalia, the former school secretary, runs the shelter. She was among those who received a Bible. She said, 'Thank you very much for the Bible, because the one that I have had small print and it is very difficult to read it. When I was younger, it was fine, but now, especially when it is dark, it gets really hard. But this one is a true blessing.

'Psalm 91 is our salvation,' she added, 'we read it day and night, night and day. And it surely helps!' The team also met Larysa, who said, 'Huge thanks to the church and to you for helping us! I am especially grateful for Psalm 91! I've opened it because we all need these words very much. And special thanks for the large print because there is often not enough light. You do a great thing. Huge thanks and may God bless you!'



My Bible—My story

'The verse from the Bible that ministers a lot to me is Lamentations 3.22. Jeremiah has been talking about what he's gone through and then he says, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." I have a twin brother. In 2008 our sons were both about a year old. His son was taken seriously ill and eventually died. It was a terrible time. The moment his boy died, my son got sick. We drove between hospitals in the night. The hospitals did everything they could. He lived. It wasn't because of anything that people had done. It was just God. It was the mercy of God. It was a really terrible time for our family. I had never seen my mum weep, but she wept. 'God saw us through that. We have been able to come back from it. Even at the time, I knew that God was there. My friends were phoning to encourage me the whole time. But I was at my lowest ebb. I saw myself in these verses in Lamentations. [cont]

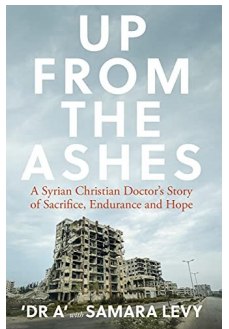


'It is easy to focus on what you don't have and what God hasn't done, but you have to look back and see what he has done. If God had not showed up, what would have happened? We would have lost my son.'

Follow up on last week's article

Following the article in last weeks

News sheet about Syria etc a book '**Up from the Ashes**' by Dr A with Samara Levy has been highly recommended telling their story of a Syrian Doctor's sacrifice, endurance and hope.



[Vic recommended the read— speak to him about it!]

Have you any unwanted kitchen equipment?

Increasing the frequency of the number of lunches at WBC are being planned and there is a need for more equipment.

Lge saucepans.

Small glass dishes [for trifles etc]

Glass jugs.

Glasses.

Serving dishes.

Lge Pyrex casserole dishes. etc.

Please contact June or Jayne with any item[s] you may have.