



NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2020

SENDING OUR WARMEST GREETINGS TO YOU TODAY!

For the Praise of God & Joy of the Whole Earth!

How do we, as a church family in Haughton Green, play our part in making disciples of Jesus from all nations? This a core part of our ministry to *'Know Jesus and make Him Known'* and so is the question the PCC (church council) have asked ourselves as we sought to decide how we can best support 'Mission Beyond' our parish.

I am delighted to say that at our PCC meeting in September, we decided that the best way we can play our part in making disciples of all nations is to send and support missionaries to go and make disciples of Jesus from all nations. Individuals whom we have or can build deep relationships with, whom we learn to trust and who share our biblical priorities so that we can commit to partnering with them over the long term. Individuals from our own church family or whom we 'adopt' as a church family.

It is no easy thing to uproot your life to go to make disciples of Jesus in another part of the world, with a completely different culture, so we want to build relationships with the people we support that are deep, serious and lasting. So that the missionaries we partner with 'glow when they speak of us: a church family who get to know them, respect them and serve them wholeheartedly!'

For this to happen, we are committed to considering carefully whom we send and to preparing them well so that we send them out knowing that we love them and are committed to supporting them in the long term. It may be right to also support an organisation(s) too, but our focus is now on seeking to support a small number of missionaries well, whom we can get to know, love and serve together, rather than spreading our support too thin.

We are now seeking members of our church family who long to see people of other nations become disciples of Jesus and who share our vision of how to do so, to form part of a new 'Mission Beyond' team. If you are interested in being part of the team, please do let me know. I'd love to discuss it more with you!

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let them say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns!'
(1 Chronicles 16:31)*

With much love,
Mark

Praying for our Church Family

If you have to self-isolate due to quarantining or being ill and would like us to pray or need help with shopping, please let us know.

Hebrews 4:16 *“Let us then approach God’s throne with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

Please pray for Rachel King, Chrissy (Barbara Camm’s friend), and anyone who is ill or facing times of struggle currently.

A call to prayer for the nation: Week 2 (16th – 22nd November)

On Wednesday 4 November, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Bishop of London called the Church of England to prayer for the nation throughout the month of November. We will provide the prayer for the week in the Notice Sheet, we encourage you to pray this each day of the week.

Loving Father God,

Be with us in our distress; be with our families, friends, and neighbours, our country and our world. Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to mourners. Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers, insight to our Government, and patience to us all. Overcome disease with the power of your new life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Zoom Meetups this week!

Weekly Coffee and Chat – We invite you to join us on Zoom on Sunday Mornings at 11:45am for a coffee and chat.

Meeting ID: 819 1715 5988 **Password:** 421417

Raising Kids for Christ: St Mary’s Parents meet-up – We invite the parents to join us on Zoom for our annual ‘Parent Meet-up’. Tonight from 8-9pm.

Meeting ID: 879 1794 5941 **Password:** 665803

Weekly Prayer Meeting – Tuesday morning at 10:15am.

Meeting ID: 825 4701 0145 **Password:** 719380

This Weeks Notices

Christmas Cards for Hope House

Julie is once again making Christmas cards to sell in aid of Hope House. They are £2.50 for a pack of 6. If anyone would like to buy any, please get in touch with Julie on 07817652213.

Caring for each other over the phone

As we start this second lockdown, we want to make sure that no one feels alone or forgotten. We have several church members who have volunteered to make phone calls to those who wish to receive them. These can be on a regular/ weekly basis or once a month, as often as you need. If you would like to receive a phone call from a member of the church family, please let Sally know by contacting the office.

If anyone would like to help in making phone call's and isn't already, please also contact the office.

Food Bank Needs for the Week (15.11.20):

Due to the fantastic generosity of the local community and thanks to Manor Green, Corrie, Russell Scott and Linden Road school's collection during harvest, the foodbank is very well stocked for currently required items.

We are however, starting to collect Christmas items, in preparation for December.

This week we are still collecting advent calendars.

Thank you!

Reading for Sunday 22nd November:

For anyone who would like to read ahead, reflect on, or know where to find our bible reading for next week, we will be reading from; **1 John 2: 28 – 3: 24**. We will be hearing how we can have '**Confident Joy... through continuing in Christ**.'

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