

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

This year we are looking at different aspects of what we believe. We started by looking at the Bible as God’s Word. This month we are continuing to look at what we believe about God Himself, as revealed to us in God’s Word.

Jesus introduces us to God as Father. But what type of “father” is God?

For more on this, turn to page 2.

SUPPORTING MISSION

If God is a loving, good, caring God, and if we are to be like Him, then we should become people who are loving, good to others, caring of those around us, and most of all, we will seek to tell others about this loving, good, caring God so they can experience and know Him for themselves.

This is why we do what we do: to tell others about this great God, and to encourage others to follow Him. We join with God in His mission to reach a lost and hurting world with His love.

Part of this mission is our support for Jedidah in her work as Manager at the Mercy Rescue Centre in Kitale, Kenya—“a baby rescue centre for abandoned babies . . . focusing on reuniting families or finding forever families where possible.” We are committed to providing £300 per month to help support this amazing ministry of love and care for some of the most vulnerable children.

More about this on Sunday 21 April, 10.30am.

If you continue
in my word, you
really are my
disciples

John 8:31



2024

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SUPPORTING MERCY RESCUE TRUST

God is a Father who cares for His children. This is why there is such an emphasis in the Bible in caring for orphans, protecting vulnerable children: it is a reflection of *His heart*.

Children can be very vulnerable in this world. Especially babies.

Mercy Rescue Trust seeks to take in and care for babies who have been abandoned. The baby rescue centre is

based in Kitale, Kenya, and the current Manager is Jedidah Mvula. Here babies are rescued, provided the love and care they need, all with the aim of reuniting them with family, or finding them a long term forever family.

To learn more about this amazing work, join us on Sunday 21 April, 10.30am.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.” (see Matthew 18:10)

GOD THE FATHER

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

A W Tozer

The Knowledge of the Holy, (Authentic Media: 1994), p1-2

“If God is holy, then He can’t sin. If God can’t sin, then He can’t sin against me. If He can’t sin against me, shouldn’t that make Him the most trustworthy being there is?”

Jackie Hill Perry

Holier than Thou, (B&H Publishing Group: 2021), p2

The statement “God is good” is so much more than a catchy Christian slogan. It’s more than a theological statement, The love of God, the nature of God, and the character of God are all completely and entirely good. He can’t be anything else.

Robert Morris

God is Good, (Destiny Image: 2016)

p25

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GOD IS . . . FATHER

To know God is only possible because God has chosen to reveal Himself to us. We struggle to describe Him, because He is “other”, different, not like us. So we use words that help us get a “sense” of what God is like.

When we say, “God the Father”, what do we mean? What are we trying to say?

The danger is that we start from our experience, our own relationships with our parents (bad and good), and then see God through that experience.

Jesus is the one who encourages us to see God as Father: it is who God is to Him. Jesus invites us to know God as He knows Him, to see God as our Father as He is Jesus’ Father.

So, first of all, it is a description of relationship. Jesus came to invite us into a relationship with God as Father, “he gave them the right to be children of God” (John 1:12).

As we enter into this relationship so we start to discover what kind of Father God is:

- A Father who gives good things (Matthew 7:11)
- A Father who is love (1 John 4:16 and 1 John 3:1)
- A Father who is holy (Matthew 5:48)

What type of relationship do you have with God? Is it like the one Jesus invites us to experience?



BIBLE READING PLAN

April

1	Acts 2
2	Acts 3
3	Acts 4
4	Acts 5
5	Acts 6
6	Acts 7
7	Acts 8
8	Acts 9
9	Acts 10
10	Acts 11
11	Acts 12
12	Acts 13
13	Acts 14
14	Acts 15
15	Acts 16
16	Acts 17
17	Acts 18
18	Acts 19
19	Acts 20
20	Acts 21
21	Acts 22
22	Acts 23
23	Acts 24
24	Acts 25
25	Acts 26
26	Acts 27
27	Acts 28
28	Romans 1
29	Romans 2
30	Romans 3

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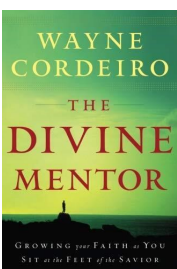
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WILL YOU READ WITH US?

So far this year we have read all four gospels. If you have been reading along with us, well done!

Now we are starting to read Acts, which tells us all about the days after Jesus as the good news started to spread. We will be reading about the joys and struggles of the disciples as they lived their lives for Jesus.

Remember, God the Holy Spirit is with us as we read. The One who inspired the words to be written down is the One who is with us to help us understand the meaning and message. Ask God to help you, give you the wisdom you need, and trust Him to show you something today.



Book Recommendation: a great book to encourage and help you with daily Bible reading is “The Divine Mentor” by Wayne Cordeiro.





The Chapel is open every Thursday morning from 10am to 1pm with hot drinks available. You are welcome to call in and say hello.

PASTORAL CARE

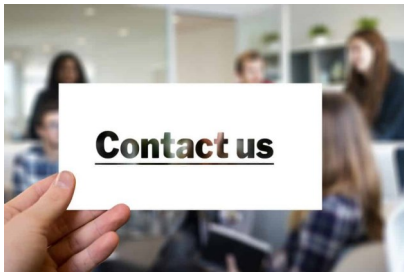
The Bible teaches us to look out for one-another (there are a whole load of Bible verses about “one-another” : love one another, honour one another, build up one another, etc.) These are practical things: listening over a coffee, helping with practical needs, being a friend.

Our small groups meet every week and are places where we can build friendships, support each other, be a support to others, and encourage each other. These are places where we can share our struggles, our joys, where we can learn how to care for each other—practically, in ways that make a difference.

God has put us together, like a family, to learn how to live together, to laugh together, to cry together, to “do life” together.

Take a moment, is there someone you need to invite round for a coffee and chat?

Remember, if you are struggling, you can always invite someone to meet you for a coffee—if you are not sure who to ask, give me a call (Geoff Thompson).



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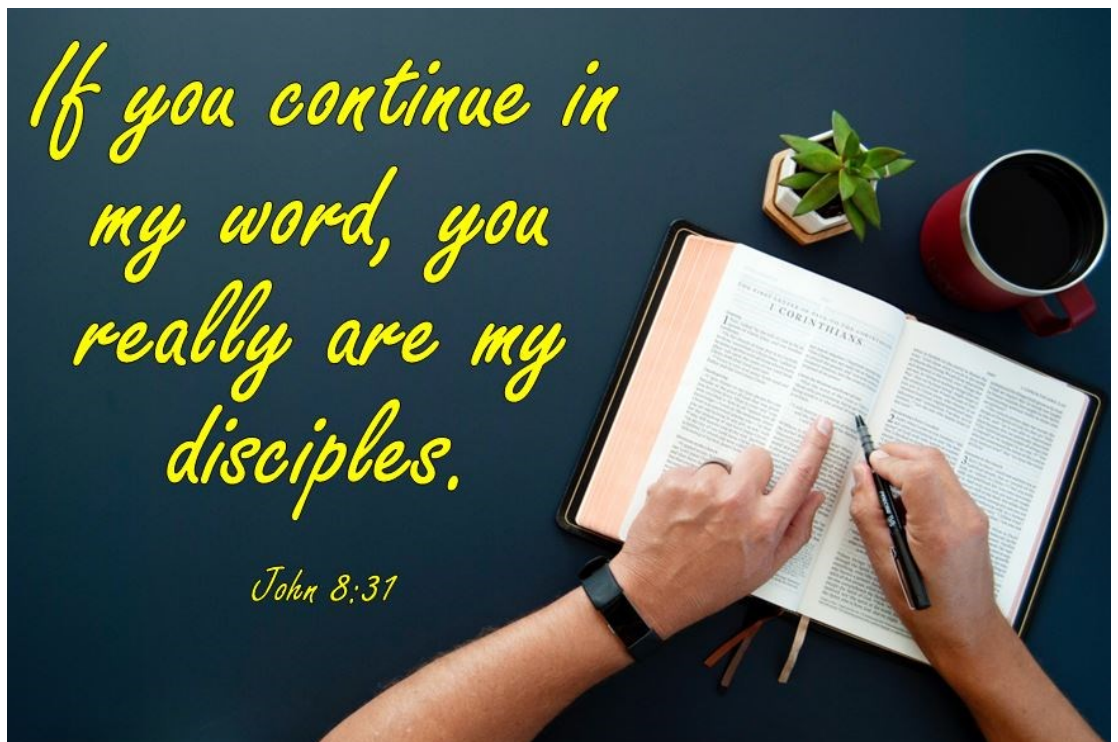
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>1</p> <p>11am Pastoral Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Small Group (with Tristan and Pat)</p> <p>8pm Music Team</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Small Group (at Arista Coffee)</p> <p>8pm Small Group (with Geoff)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2pm Small Group (Ladies—with Jenny)</p> <p>Small Group (with Chris)</p> <p>Small Group (with Velko & Nadya)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am—1pm Coffee Morning Small Group (with Pearl)</p> <p>7pm Knit and Natter</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9.30—11.30 Stay & Play</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10.30am Morning Worship</p> <p>6.30pm Prayer & Worship</p>
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Sunday Services in April

All morning services start at 10.30am.

We also have a creche for under 5's plus a Sunday School group.

Sunday 7 April: We believe in God the Father

6.30pm Prayer & Worship

Sunday 14 April: Relationships - single or married? (1 Corinthians 7)

Sunday 21 April: Mission Sunday—supporting Mercy Rescue Trust

Sunday 28 April: Relationships - Freedom and conscience (1 Corinthians 8)

You can also join us via Zoom using the following details:

Meeting ID: 844 5305 5301

Passcode: 102525

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84453055301?pwd=ZEFJbWl4dEJOT1J6Zk1GU0hIWig5UT09>

