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WHO IS JESUS?

This month we are exploring what it means to believe in Jesus. For us Jesus is God and man, the second person of the Trinity, the Word who was there at the beginning, born of the virgin Mary. He is the coming Judge of all, and the Saviour of all who chose to believe in Him.

You can join us on Sunday 5 May as we explore this further, or catch up with the recording on our website (you will find the recordings under "Blog").

(See more on p2)

SEEK GOD TOGETHER

(See p2 Thy Kingdom Come)

All of us want to become more like Jesus (I hope).

All of us want to see others come to know Jesus as their own personal Lord and Saviour (I hope).

Two simple desires that we know will become reality as God moves by His Spirit, as we pray "Come Holy Spirit".

This month we will be taking some time to pray together two Sunday evenings when we can **Seek God Together**, as well as making some time and space during the week to seek God's presence more intentionally. Can you join us for these Sunday evenings? There is something very special about when we come together as a community to deliberately seek God's presence.

More details about this will be sent our via email to everyone (if you are not on our list and would like to be, please get in touch). If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples

John 8:31



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THY KINGDOM COME 2024

In Acts 1 we read about the time between Jesus' ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This is a period of 10 days. In recent years it has become a period of time when we can seek God, asking for Him to move by His Spirit again, bringing and building His Kingdom here on earth, here in our community.

This year we are inviting everyone to join us as we pray and **Seek God Together** seeking, asking, praying "Come Holy Spirit" and bring transformation in us, that we would be transformed by His renewing of our minds and hearts; and seeking, asking and praying "Come Holy Spirit", move in our community, pierce the hearts of people with the truth about Jesus, that people who do not yet know Jesus would accept Him as their personal Lord and Saviour.

Will you join us as we **Seek God Together**?

There will be two opportunities for us to come together as a whole church to seek God: 6.30pm on Sunday 12 and 6.30pm on Pentecost Sunday 19 May.

Get the date in your diary, and join us as we *Seek God Together*.

he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (see Matthew 16:13)

WHO IS JESUS?

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible. whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authoritiesall things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and by him all things hold together. He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile everything to himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven,

by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

JESUS IS LORD

I wonder how you would answer the question, "Who is Jesus?"

Many people have explored this question. Maybe you have read about this search from CS Lewis, Josh McDowell, Lee Strobel or J Warner Wallace? (Look them up if you want you know more.)

As we read through the New Testament we can find many different ways that Jesus is described. He is described as Christ, as Lord, as Saviour, as Son of God and as Son of Man.

In a conversation with His disciples in Matthew 16, Jesus made the question personal and asked, "who do you say that I am?" This is perhaps the key question: who is Jesus to you? What place does Jesus have in your life?

Jesus calls us to personal response: knowing about Jesus is one thing, our acceptance of who He is for us, in our lives, is what Jesus is interested in.

Today the question is not, "Is Jesus Lord?", but rather, "Is He *your* Lord, *your* Saviour?"

Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. (Acts 2:36)



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John 8:31

WILL YOU READ WITH US?

If you have been reading with us on our journey through the New Testament, then by the end of this month we will have read over half of the New Testament. I hope you are feeling encouraged.

We are now reading through the letters that were written to the early churches. There will be some very familiar verses and sayings in these readings, and they may well remind you of promises from God, and encouragement you have received in the past. As we read through the letters to the churches in Rome and Corinth, may God speak to us in new and fresh ways.

How has God been speaking to you?

As you reflect on what you have read in the New Testament, what has stood out to you? What has the Holy Spirit drawn your attention to, highlighted for you to remember?

Did you make a note? Maybe in a journal?

It can be very helpful to write something down in a journal or notebook so you can look back and see how God has been leading you in your journey so far. Have a go and see how you get on.

BIBLE READING PLAN

May

| 1 | Romans 4 |
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| 2 | Romans 5 |
| 3 | Romans 6 |
| 4 | Romans 7 |
| 5 | Romans 8 |
| 6 | Romans 9 |
| 7 | Romans 10 |
| 8 | Romans 11 |
| 9 | Romans 12 |
| 10 | Romans 13 |
| 11 | Romans 14 |
| 12 | Romans 15 |
| 13 | Romans 16 |
| 14 | 1 Corinthians 1 |
| 15 | 1 Corinthians 2 |
| 16 | 1 Corinthians 3 |
| 17 | 1 Corinthians 4 |
| 18 | 1 Corinthians 5 |
| 19 | 1 Corinthians 6 |
| 20 | 1 Corinthians 7 |
| 21 | 1 Corinthians 8 |
| 22 | 1 Corinthians 9 |
| 23 | 1 Corinthians 10 |
| 24 | 1 Corinthians 11 |
| 25 | 1 Corinthians 12 |
| 26 | 1 Corinthians 13 |
| 27 | 1 Corinthians 14 |
| 28 | 1 Corinthians 15 |
| 29 | 1 Corinthians 16 |
| 30 | 2 Corinthians 1 |
| 31 | 2 Corinthians 2 |
| | |



Give all your worries & cares to God,

for he cares about you. -1 Peter 5:7

Pastoral Support

We are happy to meet up for a coffee, a walk, a chat.

Contact details are below.



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

How do you get to know people, build friendships, and become part of a community? You join in!

We encourage everyone who is part of Kingsway Chapel to be part of a small group—we have a number of groups that meet every week (see the Diary page for a list). Make this a regular part of your week, to spend time with others. It is in these smaller groups that we get to know each other, can share stories of our life and journey with Jesus, celebrate the good times and share the hard times.

It takes time. Getting to know people is a journey. Make the time. Put in the effort. Let God speak into your life through friendships, through discussion, in the questions and struggles.



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May 2024

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | 2pm Small Group (Ladies—with Jenny) | 10am—1pm Coffee Morning Small Group (with Pearl) | 9.30—11.30 Stay & Play 4.30-6pm Kids Club | | 10.30am Morning Worship |
| | | Small Group (with Chris) Small Group (with Velko & Nadya) | 7pm Knit and Natter | | | 6.30pm Prayer & Worship |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 7.30pm Small Group | Small Group (at Aris- ta Coffee) | 2pm Small Group (Ladies—with Jenny) | 10am—1pm Coffee Morning Small Group (with Pearl) | 9.30—11.30 Stay & Play 4.30-6pm Kids Club | | 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion |
| (with Tristan and Pat) | 8pm Small Group (with Geoff) | Small Group (with Chris) Small Group (with Velko & Nadya) | 7.30pm Leadership Team | | | 6.30pm Seeking God Together |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 11am Pastoral Prayer | Small Group (at Aris- ta Coffee) | 2pm Small Group (Ladies—with Jenny) | 10am—1pm Coffee Morning Small Group (with | 9.30—11.30 Stay & Play | | 10.30am Morning Worship (Pentecost Sunday) |
| 7.30pm Small Group (with Tristan and Pat) 8pm Music Team | 8pm Small Group (with Geoff) | Small Group (with Chris) Small Group (with Velko & Nadya) | Pearl) 7pm Knit and Natter | 4.30-6pm Kids Club | | 6.30pm Seeking God Together |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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Sunday Services in May

All morning services start at 10.30am.

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

Sunday 5 May: We believe in God the Son

6.30pm Prayer & Worship

Sunday 12 May: Relationships - Living for God's Purpose (1 Corinthians 9)

6.30pm Seeking God Together

Sunday 19 May: Pentecost Sunday—Come Holy Spirit

6.30pm Seeking God Together

Sunday 26 May: Wisdom listens to the past (1 Corinthians 10:1-22)

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=ZEFJbWI4dEJ0T1J6Zk1GU0hIWjg5UT09

