

Home Groups

Groups meet at No 27 on Sunday evening @ 6.30pm, on Tuesday afternoon @ 1.30pm (during school term time) & also on Wednesday afternoon @ 1.30pm (studies continue in The Gospel According to John on Tues/Wed and in 1 Samuel on Sunday). For more details on our Home Groups speak to Andy Wood.

Prayer

We meet to pray on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm:
1st Nov, Christian Institute Meeting, Mirfield, 7.30pm.
8th Nov, 'Suffering Church' (at Pauline's, Geoff to lead).
15th Nov, 'World Mission' (at Diane & Becky's, Steve to lead).
22nd Nov, 'Personal Witness' (at Sue & Kebede's, Andrew to lead).
Week commencing 26th Nov, Prayer Triplets, 'Christmas arrangements, events & visiting'.

Leaders

The elders meet to pray every Wednesday morning at 8am & for business on Tuesday 14th Nov at 9.30 am (at No 27).
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Dates for the diary

Lydgate Assembly, 'Saint Andrew', Monday, November 27th, 2.30pm (Andrew to lead).
Carol Concert, Sunday 17th December 10.45am, Batley Town Hall.
Keswick 2018, 20th-22nd April (provisional).

November 2017

Jesus is greater than.....

November 5th, 10.30 am,

Lewis Allen will be preaching on Matthew 11:7-15(....John the Baptist).

November 12th, 10.30 am. Remembrance Sunday.

Andy Wood will be preaching on Matthew 12:42 & 1 Kings 10:1-13 (....Solomon).
The service includes communion.

November 19th, 10.30 am,

Sun Park will be preaching on Matthew 12:38-41 (....Abraham).

November 26th, 10.30 am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on Hebrews 4:14-5:10 (....Aaron).

Communion & Notices - Geoff Wildsmith.
Co-ordinator - Andy Wood.
Requests for intercessory prayer to be given to Andy Wood.

SOME PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR Christians (Phil. 4:4-9):

(1) Always rejoice in the Lord (Phil. 4:4). This command is so important that Paul repeats it. Our responsibility to obey it is independent of circumstances, for regardless of how utterly miserable our situation is, the Christian always has the most profound reasons for rejoicing in Christ Jesus: sins forgiven and the prospect of resurrection life in the new heaven and the new earth--not to mention the consolation of the Spirit even now, and much more. Practically speaking, Paul well knows that the believer who is truly rejoicing in the Lord cannot possibly be a back-biter, a cheat, a whiner, a thief, or lazy, bitter, and filled with hate.

(2) Be known for gentleness (Phil. 4:5). So much in our culture wants us to be known for aggressiveness, or for some intrinsic strength or superiority. The gentle person does not usually think in terms of being known. But Paul wants us so to focus on gentleness that eventually we become known for gentleness. The ground Paul offers is that the Lord is "near." In this context, probably Paul does not mean that the Lord's coming is near, but that the Lord himself is never far from his people: he is near, and is watching us, as he watches over us, all the time. That becomes our motivation for acting as he wishes us to act.

(3) Stop worrying (Phil. 4:6-7). Paul is not advocating irresponsible escapism, still less a Pollyanna-like optimism. Moreover, strictly speaking he is not telling us to *stop* worrying and nothing more, but rather he tells us *how* to stop worrying--by replacing this constant fretting with something else: "in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving [there's the praise theme again], present your requests to God" (Phil. 4:6). Paul does not deny the agony and sorrow of many human experiences. How could he? His letters show that he suffered his share of the worst. But he knows the solution. Either worrying drives out prayer, or prayer drives out worrying. Moreover, Paul insists, this disciplined, thankful, intercessory prayer brings with it "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding" (Phil. 4:7).

(4) Think holy thoughts (Phil. 4:8-9). Garbage in, garbage out. We are renewed by the transforming of our minds (Rom. 12:1-2). So watch what you feed your mind; watch what you think; determine to drive your mind into good and healthy channels, not those characterized by bitterness, resentments, lust, hate, or jealousy. Reflect on all the kinds of things Paul includes in his diverse list of verse 8. Moreover, here too Paul serves as an important example (Phil. 4:9): he is not telling us to do anything he does not practice himself.

Don Carson, <https://blogs.thegospelcoalition.org/loveofgod/>

‘I hear the Saviour say’ (Our new [old!] hymn for November).
The following story, concerning this hymn, is told by Sankey:

On New Year's night, 1886, some missionaries were holding open-air services in order to attract passers-by to a near-by mission, where meetings were to be held later. "All to Christ I owe" was sung, and after a gentleman had given a short address he hastened away to the mission. He soon heard footsteps close behind him and a young woman caught up with him and said: "I heard you addressing the open-air meeting just now; do you think, sir, that Jesus could save a sinner like me?"

The gentleman replied that there was no doubt about that, if she was anxious to be saved. She told him that she was a servant girl, and had left her place that morning after a disagreement with her mistress. As she had been wandering about the streets in the dark, wondering where she was to spend the night, the sweet melodies of this hymn had attracted her, and she drew near and listened attentively. As the different verses were being sung, she felt that the words surely had something to do with her. Through the whole service she seemed to hear what met her oppressed soul's need at that moment. God's Spirit had showed her what a poor, sinful and wretched creature she was, and had led her to ask what she must do. On hearing her experience, the gentleman took her back to the mission and left her with the ladies in charge. The young, wayward woman was brought to Christ that night. A situation was secured for her in a minister's family. There she became ill and had to be taken to a hospital. She rapidly failed and it became evident that she would not be long on earth. One day the gentleman whom she had met on New Year's night was visiting her in the ward. After quoting a few suitable verses of Scripture, he repeated her favourite hymn, "All to Christ I owe"...and she seemed overwhelmed with the thought of coming to glory...Two hours afterward she passed away.

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/j/p/jpaidall.htm>

Church Rota

November	Children's talk	Creche helper	Sunday School helper	Refreshments	Intercessory prayer
5th	Jimmy	Michelle	Kebede	Beth	Sue Ayano
12th		Becky	David	Sue Ayano	Sun
19th	TBA	Elke	Jimmy	David/Jimmy	Geoff