

The Corona Chronicle

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Being Church while the Corona Virus emergency is on

Psalm 127 verse 1

We have reached an important milestone at Rugby road. With all its limitations, we are gathering. This is a new start for us all as nothing will be the same.

After times of plagues and epidemics there were radical changes. Both secular and spiritual.

The secular world - in the medieval times saw the loss of serfdom. At the beginning of the twentieth century World War One and Spanish flu saw changes in society.

The Spiritual World – when people were faced with death in medieval times they turned to the Roman Church but the Priests could not bring satisfaction. Their superstitious cures, often linked with Paganism, were unable to satisfy the peoples need. The doctrine of purgatory gave no assurance in death. But even in these dark times God raised up a godly Archbishop, Thomas Bradwardine, who brought in a rediscovery of Paul and Augustine's doctrine of grace. He influenced John Wycliffe the morning star of the Reformation. Time and again as you look at Church history large epidemics can sometimes bring a spiritual revival to our nation.

Psalm 127 is called a Psalm of assents a hymnbook used by the pilgrims as they went to temple. After much travelling they would see the beautiful temple that had been built.

The original temple was built by Solomon using many builders, stone masons, and architects. We read in 1Chronicles 28v11-21 that David had been inspired by the Holy Spirit to build the temple that God had designed and the builders had merely fulfilled that mandate.

They had to be precise because the ordinances in the temple had to be exact. These were shadows and types of the saving work of Christ and the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit that brings holiness into our lives.

When Jesus cleansed the temple the first time in John 2 the Jews asked by what authority he was doing these things. The temple was not being used in the way God intended it to be.

Jesus reply was 'Destroy the temple and I will build it up in three days' v19.

The Jews replied that it took 46 years to build this temple. They were thinking of the work of the builders, but Jesus was thinking of His body. In about three years He would die a terrible death on the cross but three days later would rise from the dead.

As Jesus was dying on the cross what appeared to the world the very moment of weakness when the religious leaders and Roman soldiers were mocking Him and it seemed that His ministry would be destroyed and He like other messiahs at the time would be lost into obscurity. Yet this was God's design not the devil's design. Christ was victorious, Christ is Risen.

We can apply this to ourselves and all the Lords people today.

John 15 speaks about the need to abide or remain in Christ and only by being in Union with Christ can we bear fruit in terms of spiritual progress in ourselves and seeing new believers added to the Church.

Solomon's temple is no more - Jesus is the fulfilment of that temple. Jesus, the Son of God, is seated at the right hand of the Father interceding for us. Because God has quickened us and we respond to God's work, by faith in Christ trusting in Christ's saving work on the cross, we are the body of Christ. What a privilege. God wants to express His life through the true people of God.

Things have been different during the lockdown and will continue to be. God is shaking up His church. Without God our feverish activity is wasted. So let God build the Church to His specification.

FIRST SERVICE SINCE LOCKDOWN

Although we had two Sundays with a few invited people. August 16th was the first service at which people were able to come with the proviso that face coverings were worn and social distancing was the practise. This is something we will get used to! The weather was a little cooler than the last week. Jim Winter was our preacher giving an encouraging message. Many of us met each other outside, social distancing, before going into the service which lasted about 50 minutes. The pianist played the hymns and we had to remind ourselves to say the words not to sing which was difficult. Afterwards a few of us sat in the car park, with social distancing, for a chat and fellowship. It was good to see friends. With many restrictions, which are difficult for us, never the less opening up can be achieved. The service was livestreamed on our facebook page and it could be watched after the service both on Facebook, You Tube and our website.

The future is in God's hands. Until there is a vaccine things will probable continue like this maybe the government unlocking more of the restrictions. But it has been shown that it will work. Meanwhile the Corona Chronicle will continue to be published and the live streams and recorded stream will continue.

We welcome visitors to our services but so that we can accommodate safely it would be helpful if you can contact us by Email at wwech@rocketmail.com This applies to visitors not regular members of the congregation.

For all who come to our services please remember

- * That face coverings will have to be worn at all times when on the premises and that people should bring their own.
- * That two metres social distancing and HMG hygiene guidance must be adhered to strictly.
- * That contact details will be required from visitors to assist Track and Trace if required. These details will be destroyed after the mandatory three weeks from the last visit.



June 17, 1903

F. G. Lewin

A 'CALCULATING BOY!'

Tommy (in audible whisper). 'Mummy, they've added it up right for the first time!'

Unless the Lord builds the house

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MATH CODE

Complete the math equations and use the answers to complete the quote from Samuel.

A 10 <u>+33</u>	B 16 <u>-2</u>	C 11 <u>-11</u>	D 6 <u>+9</u>	E 4 <u>+8</u>	F 90 <u>-10</u>	G 12 <u>-5</u>	H 45 <u>+5</u>	I 36 <u>+2</u>
J 75 <u>-72</u>	K 16 <u>-8</u>	L 14 <u>+2</u>	M 49 <u>+5</u>	N 20 <u>-10</u>	O 69 <u>-21</u>	P 52 <u>+32</u>	Q 76 <u>+21</u>	R 54 <u>-23</u>
	S 84 <u>-12</u>	T 41 <u>+16</u>	U 61 <u>+14</u>	V 95 <u>-71</u>	W 15 <u>+15</u>	X 8 <u>-2</u>	Y 30 <u>+6</u>	

"...if ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and..."



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(1 SAMUEL 7: 3)

Hymns, Prayers and Bible Readings.

EXHORTING TO WORSHIP

From Hebrews 12

Come to worship the Lord - to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, to the city of the living God, to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven; to God, the judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant. Do not refuse him who speaks. Come to worship the Lord! **Amen.**

God our Father,
We thank You with all our heart
And sing to You our songs and hymns;
We bow before You in worship, and praise You,
Because You have loved us and shown Yourself faithful;
With all our heart:
Lord God, we thank You.

Your word is mighty like Your name,
And when we call to You, You answer our prayer
And give us the strength we need;
With all our heart:
Lord God, we thank You.

Though You are very high,
You care for the lowly,
And the proud cannot hide from You;
When we are surrounded by troubles
You keep us safe;
With all our heart:
Lord God, we thank You.

Father, Your love is eternal:
Complete in us the work You have begun;
Through Jesus our Redeemer.
Amen.

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Bible Reading Psalm 127

Unless the Lord builds the house,
They labour in vain who build it;
Unless the Lord guards the city,
The watchman stays awake in vain.
2 It is vain for you to rise up early,
To sit up late,
To eat the bread of sorrows;
For so He gives His beloved sleep.
3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
The fruit of the womb is a reward.
4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one's youth.
5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;
They shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

PRAYING FOR OURSELVES

From Isaiah 35

Lord God,
Lead us in the way of holiness,
Cleanse us for our journey,
And teach us to be wise;
Guard Your redeemed,
Crown Your ransomed ones
With everlasting joy;
Let sorrow and sighing flee away
And gladness overtake us;
In Jesus Christ our saviour. Amen.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S BLESSING UPON US

From Psalm 33

O Lord,
We wait for You in faith -
You are our help and our shield,
In You our hearts rejoice
For we trust Your holy name:
Lord, let Your unfailing love rest upon us,
For we put our hope in You. Amen.