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Being Church while the Corona Virus emergency is on.

Remember the clocks go forward this week



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Evangelical Church



Prayer through the week.

Lords Day Luke 4v40

Pray for those who are sick for whatever reason. Pray that at this time the Lord would bring us closer to Himself.

Monday 1John 4v18

'Worry and fear are not of Your heart.' 1 John 4 reminds us that perfect love casts out all fear, and we pray God's perfect love upon the hearts of all those who are burdened with fear of this virus.

Tuesday Luke 6v38

We come to pray for those who are caring for the sick. It takes a kind and selfless heart to care for those who are sick, and so Father we pray for them. That You would be their source of rest, their source of replenishment when weary, and their source of hope in such overwhelming times.

Wednesday John 14v27

The threats of this world are real, but we do not stand alone against such threats. Our Heavenly Father stands with us, and in Him, we can find all we need to face such times.

Thursday 2 Chronicles 7v14

The Lord offers to us a spirit of peace in place of fear and a spirit of hope in a place of worry. Scripture reminds us to humble ourselves before Him and to seek Him for healing upon our land.

Friday Matthew 28v20

This earth is His creation for His people, and we know that He Who created the world intends to sustain it. Draw upon His strength each day for the worry that day holds, and rest securely that He is indeed faithful to be with us, even to the end of the age.

Saturday Isaiah 38:16-17,

"LORD, by such things people live; and my spirit finds life in them too. You restored me to health and let me live. Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In Your love, You kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind Your back."

Meditate on these words and all it's promises

Notices

From the Co-Team

A wider view

Understandably, each day the Coronavirus seems to be the total focus of the media and people generally.

As believers we ought not to fall into the same trap. Only last month horrific swarms of locusts devastated the harvests of many African countries, making the plight of people who were already living at subsistence level even worse. Please remember in your prayers this and other tragic situations in our world that have been overshadowed by this virus.

And don't forget – there is a deadlier virus than Covid 19 that has stalked our planet since the Fall: sin. Continue to pray that human beings in our country and around the globe might be delivered from the deadly effects of this virus as they hear the good news of the infallible remedy – the Lord Jesus Christ and his death on Calvary for our salvation.

The Co-Team want to express their very warm appreciation of all the time and effort David Page is putting in to enable the church to have effective contact with each other.

During this unusual time we want to ensure that we support our church members and congregation as much as possible. We are, therefore, make sure that everyone receives a weekly printed leaflet containing any news of the Fellowship, prayer items, and a Bible reading with a short meditation. We would encourage you to read the Bible passage and comment and dig into it at our usual Sunday morning service time so that we might realize this is something we are doing together, while apart!

We also want to encourage our people to phone one another during the week; not only will it give the opportunity to talk but it will help those who may feel particularly lonely and cut off. If there are any urgent pastoral needs please do not hesitate to contact one of us and we will do what we can to help.

We will, of course, reopen as soon as possible but in the meantime we must continue to rest in the Lord and His gracious and sovereign will.

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For Prayer At the time of printing:

Alan Weller was rushed back into Worthing Hospital.

Also remember Christine, who has been working extra shifts,

Celia Hanks is awaiting further tests for her heart.

Eustace Applegate is undergoing hospital tests.

We know that not all of us have computers and we are doing all we can to keep in touch by phone and the Chronicle. But for those who have a computer with a camera (Normally fixed on the laptop) and a facebook account we have started a West Worthing Evangelical Group on 'Messenger'. This is for Prayer and Fellowship and not a worship service but we might try to develop this in time. This will be not be open to the general public and only seen by those we agree to let join. Do not worry your privacy will be respected.

Contact me at 01903786339 if you need help with this. Please let me know if you have more ideas how we can keep in touch.

Sunday

10-30 Short Service on Facebook

www.westworthingevangelical.co.uk press the latest news on facebook and webcast button

11-00 Prayer and Fellowship on Messenger

6-30 Prayer and Fellowship on Messenger

Tuesday 7-30 Prayer and Fellowship on Messenger

SHORT SERVICE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

If you can get on our website

www.westworthingevangelical.co.uk

Press the latest news on the facebook button on top of the page. This will lead you to the facebook page where you will see the broadcast.

There will be a short service at 10-30 on Sunday with prayer a bible reading and short talk. Unlike messenger this will be open to the public so anyone can watch it.

Hopefully we shall have some visitors watching.

WORD PAIRS These words have got squashed together into one word - can you work out what they should be? - The first one is done for you:--

1. SEHEESARS SEES HEARS

2. LOFOVERGISVES _____

3. CHAERELSPS _____

4. PROKETEEPCTSS _____

5. UNKNDEROSTWASNDS _____

Read Exodus 16

At evening the quails came up and the people caught with ease as many as they needed.

The manna came down in dew. They called it Manna,(Manhu) , which means, 'to What is this?'

"It is a portion; it is that which our God has allotted us, and we will take it, and be thankful."

It was pleasant food; it was wholesome food. The manna was rained from heaven; it appeared, when the dew was gone, it was small and round, as small as the hoar frost, like coriander seed, in colour like pearls.

The manna fell only six days in the week and in double quantity on the sixth day; it bred worms and became offensive if kept more than one day, excepting on the Sabbath.

The people had never seen it before. It could be ground in a mill, or beaten in a mortar, and was then made into cakes and baked.

It continued the forty years the Israelites were in the wilderness, wherever they went, and ceased when they arrived in Canaan

Lessons we can learn from this today:-

1. To be prudent: To be diligent in providing food for ourselves and our households; To the Hebrews the whole setup were in households living in tents in the Wilderness. God's bounty leaves room for man's duty .The widow and the orphan were cared for in the household and were not left out. The church is the 'household of faith' so we extend those into our household.

2. To be content with enough for our daily need: We have seen in recent days the result of selfishness and the effect it has in our supermarkets with empty shelves. The Hebrews gathered in what they needed, they had their fill and there was none left over. All were satisfied.

3. To depend upon Providence: At night they had no bread or meat, yet they were able to sleep, trusting that God, the following day, would bring them in their daily bread. It was surer and safer in God's storehouse than their own, and would come thence sweeter and fresher. The manna laid up by some, who thought themselves wiser, and better managers, than their neighbours, and who would provide lest it should fail next day, bred worms, and became good for nothing. I wonder how much food grabbed by the greedy in their haste and panic goes by its sell by date and rots away? Such riches are corrupted, Jas 5:2, 3.

² Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you. The same wisdom, power, and goodness that brought food daily from above for the Israelites in the wilderness, brings food yearly out of the earth in the constant course of nature, and gives us all things richly to enjoy.

4. Jesus is the living bread. Jesus miraculously fed thousands of people in the wilderness, re-enacting when God provided manna from heaven for His people in the desert. The day after Jesus first fed the people, many returned, hoping for more food.

Instead of performing another sign, Jesus claimed that He Himself was the Bread – the Manna that had come down from heaven. He had come from heaven into the wilderness of the world, amidst a spiritually-wandering people. Jesus then went further than simply associating Himself with bread; He said that whoever would come to Him would never hunger again.

"I am the Bread of Life" is another way of saying: "Without My death, you cannot live." Just as bread is the essential element in the human diet, Jesus says that He Himself is the giver of spiritual life. Without His death, no one else can live. Those who come to Him will never again be 'hungry'. Through His death, we live.