

“Would you like another coffee?”



One of the things we have missed over the last 15 months has been the **Aroma** coffee morning. With so many of us now vaccinated against COVID-19 and the brightening picture in our hospitals we have been thinking about reviving these monthly occasions, which had been held on the fourth Saturday of each month since April 2008. Because of social distancing we cannot see a way to start this up again, even in May when the restaurants are due to reopen. The earliest date would be 26th June but we plan a special event just before that, so we are asking if folk would be interested if we could restart in July. Let us know what you think!

### True or false? Bible quiz

1. There are many ways to God. True/False. (John 14:6.)
2. Creation took six days. T/F. (Genesis 2:1; Exodus 20:11 and 31:17.)
3. Jesus changed water into wine in minutes. T/F. (John 2:7-10.)
4. Jesus taught us to pray to Mary. T/F. (Luke 11:2.)
5. Christ is the Head of the Church. T/F. (Ephesians 5:23.)
6. We become children of God by faith, not baptism. T/F. (John 1:12.)
7. Only bad people need to be born again. T/F. (John 3:1, 3:3, 3:7.)
8. When we are saved it doesn't matter how we live. T/F. (Romans 6:2.)
9. Moses wrote the Ten Commandments himself. T/F. (Exodus 31:18.)
10. God will wipe away His people's tears. T/F. (Revelation 21:4.)
11. Jesus will come back for His followers. T/F. (John 14:3; Acts 1:11.)
12. It's OK to change the Bible. T/F. (Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18-19.)

### Verse for the month

**Look to Me, and be saved**

**Isaiah 45 verse 22**



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## Another lockdown Easter

At the beginning of April we were able to hold services on Good Friday and Easter Day itself in the Chapel. Despite the restrictions it was a considerable improvement on last year when churches were closed by the Government. Then we could only share the message of God's love at Calvary and the glorious Resurrection online; this year we had in-person worship and transmitted services live to others unable to be there. We had to wait a few more days till 12th April to be able to meet people outside in their gardens or public places. This has made it possible for some visitation work to resume and we look forward to the planned further relaxation on 17th May and even more to 21st June, when God willing, we should be able to regain use of all the seating as all legal restrictions are due to end. We are thankful to God for the improved situation.

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# They Zoomed in to join us!

When the first lockdown began in March 2020 we took our Tuesday night Prayer and Bible Study meeting online using the application which is now so well-known but few of us had heard about before. While churches are allowed to be open now, the closer group nature of some meetings does not work so well with social distancing, so we have continued to use Zoom. It will never really replace face-to-face fellowship but it has allowed us to include others on these occasions without the need for travelling in person. On the 20th April **David Cogman** and his wife **Jacky**, the Secretaries of the Spanish Gospel Mission, joined us (in a virtual way). Our Church has had a long association with their organisation but many who are newer to our fellowship are not so well acquainted with its work. They shared a brief history with us, and having been in Spain themselves until quite recently, were able to give us all an interesting update. All without them needing to leave their home! We can see the potential of using this technology again, perhaps with a missionary from the Far East or South America next time?



## ***Prayer requests***

Pray for those countries where the **virus** is still raging.  
Give thanks for the **better news** here.  
Continue to remember those who are **missing loved ones**.  
Ask God to help those who **preach** His word to do so faithfully.  
Pray for those helping **vulnerable** people.  
Remember those who are lonely.

# Top Tweet

**Langford Evangelical Church** @Langford\_Chapel Apr 12

After the resurrection #Christ appeared to Peter then to the 12 apostles. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers then to James - the half brother of Jesus and an unbeliever - then to all the apostles. Lastly he appeared also to Paul.

What more "proof" do you need?

## From the Pastor's study

We are all thankful that the amazing rollout of the vaccine has changed the outlook and it was encouraging to read the other day that it has been so successful in controlling the pandemic in the U.K. The Bible sometimes uses disease as a picture of sin but unlike Coronavirus there's no jab to protect us from that. Yet it reminded me of an event in Numbers 21 where the Israelites were being bitten by snakes and dying. God told Moses to make a bronze snake and lift it up on a pole. If the people looked to it they would live. Everyone who did survived. Now I reckon that some readers might be thinking that's crazy! How could it work and anyway it is probably just a story and didn't really happen. We don't have the option of saying that though because Jesus Himself said it was true (John 3:14-16) and He also was going to be lifted up so that whoever believed in Him would not perish but have eternal life. Those people in Numbers 21 were told there was only one way to be saved from the snake poison and they had to believe it would work. If you believe the medical advice you will get the vaccine. If you believe the gospel, you will look to Jesus and be saved.

## For your diary

This month we are expecting more visiting preachers than usual while our Pastor is on leave. These include **James Martin** from Bristol on his first visit on the **16th**, and **Andrew Jones** from Trowbridge, also coming for the first time on the **23rd**. We are also looking forward to another visit from **Mark Hope**, who began to help us last year, on the **30th**.