



SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS!

WELCOME TO ASPULL
METHODIST CHURCH



Notices



Sunday 28th February 2021

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As the Church is currently closed, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Services & Daily Devotionals will be recorded and available to view on the Church website. The website can be accessed via the following link:

<https://aspullmethodistchurch.co.uk/>

Goose Green Methodist Church holds live, weekly services via Zoom, at 10:20am every Sunday. If anyone would like to join in a live Zoom service, you would be very welcome. Zoom link/details below:

Join Zoom Meeting – click on the image



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Meeting ID: 971 5381 6303

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Please be assured that, whilst the Church building is closed, the Leadership Team, Church Council & Stewards continue to meet regularly to discuss plans to re-open for services.

Everyone wants to return to normal Church life, however, the safety of our Church Community is the primary concern. The building will re-open as soon as it is safe to do so.

Len Pereira will be running a 6 week course via zoom, on 6 consecutive Tuesdays from 7.30pm, starting 2nd March. It is entitled the "Natural Evangelism" Course which has been produced by J John, a well known UK evangelist. The Course aims to help us gain confidence in everyday situations where we have opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to take part (and can access zoom) please do the following 2 things:

1. Let Len know by email len.pereira@methodist.org.uk
2. Order the book called "The Natural Evangelism Course" (NOT the Personal book) for £5 from www.canonijohn.com

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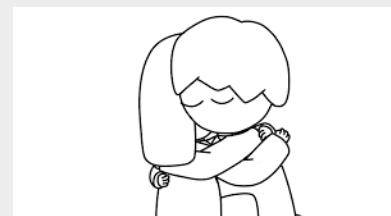
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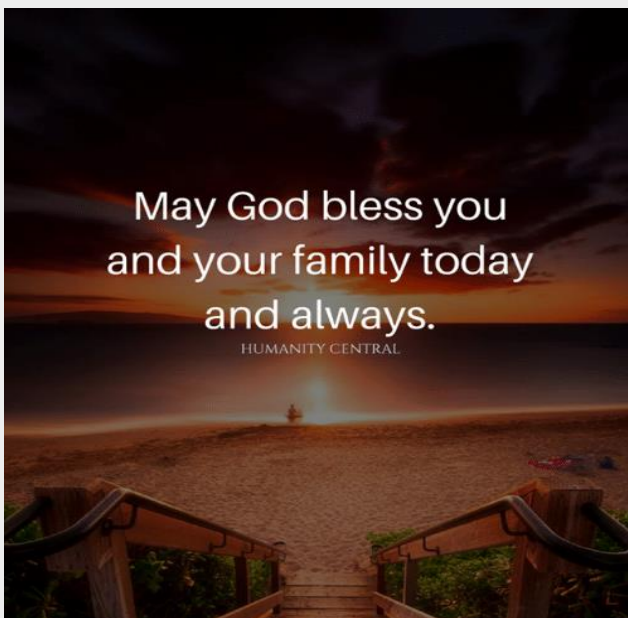


If you, or someone you know is facing loneliness, depression, anxiety or any other Mental Health issue, the NHS has a helpline that you can access. For details, click on the picture below



May God bless you
and your family today
and always.

HUMANITY CENTRAL



A Prayerful Reflection

Take time to sit quietly and ask Jesus to be present with you in a new way this week. As we prepare to pray, let's remember to praise God for all his love and goodness as the hymn reminds us.

CMP 1008 *The LORD'S my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green,
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

A WORD FROM SCRIPTURE - 'Faith – Count on God' – (Romans 4:13-25)

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. ¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

In our text Paul continues to focus on the faith of Abraham. God made promises to Abraham and his descendants,...promises that Abraham believed. The promises cannot be received by keeping the law, but only by faith. God promised Abraham a son with Sarah, and Abraham continued to believe that promise would be kept even though it became less and less likely in human terms, but he counted on God. We too, can be counted as righteous by faith, because of Jesus' death for our sins and God's resurrection of Him for our justification. **Verses 19-21** remind us of some characteristics of Abraham's faith.

- His faith was not weak, even against the natural circumstances of old age, fathering a child at 100 years old.
- He didn't waver at the promise, a promise which seemed utterly ridiculous, he did not allow his faith to waver, he counted on God to do all that he promised.
- He was strengthened in his faith, giving glory to God,... praising God is also a way to strengthen our faith.

Life is filled with 'Faith' opportunities, the big question though is what we do with them. Do we let them slip by, saying,... "Maybe next time",... or "there is always another day". Or do we have faith and seize them?. As **Psalm 90:12** reminds us,... "Teach us to COUNT our days that we may gain a wise heart",... it's a prayer to God to guide his people in faithful living. Don't just Count the days, seize the day,...seize the moment,...seize the opportunities,...to speak of the 'Good News' of Jesus, but,...'COUNT on God',.... that we may be faithful witnesses, for His kingdom and for His glory.

Prayer of Intercession

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you are a very present help in all our troubles, we put our trust and hope in you. Teach us your ways, O LORD, and show us your paths.

We pray for all those who are persecuted for their faith. Guide your church, that it may lead others to behold your goodness and love.

LORD - we put our faith in You.

We pray for those who are working on the Vaccine rollout, scientists, government leaders, economists, and medical aid associations. We pray for Third world countries that they too will be given much needed vaccines for their people.

LORD - we put our faith in You.

We pray for those who wait for medical results, for those who are ill in hospital or at home. For those who have lost their jobs and those who await news about benefits.

LORD - we put our faith in You.

We pray for our healthcare workers, nurses and doctors, essential service workers, teachers and emergency services, shopkeepers and who serve in these difficult times.

LORD - we put our faith in You.

We pray for all those who teach at this time of lockdown, especially our children whose education has been so badly affected, and parents who are juggling time constraints.

LORD - we put our faith in You.

Psalm 130:5-7 (NLT) 'I am counting on the LORD, yes, I am counting on Him. I have put my hope in His word. I long for the LORD more than sentries long for dawn, yes, more than sentries long for dawn. O Israel, hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is unfailing love. His redemption overflows'.

Pray the LORD'S Prayer

Peace

May the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

A prayer of blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN