



*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.*



*Matthew chapter 5 verses 43, 44*

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

10:30am      Worship Service followed by Fellowship Lunch  
Eagles and Owls will not meet today as it is half term

**Live at the hall.** For those at the hall, there will be opportunity for and (socially distanced) socialising. Refreshments served at the end of service.

**Live on Zoom** will be open from 10:00 a.m. Afterwards we will, as last week, have the option of joining others in chat rooms of about 4-5.

If you know of anyone outside of KCBC who joins us, please let them know about the recording or alternatively invite them by passing on the Zoom details. If you need help, please contact one of the tech team, who will be delighted to assist you - David B, Darren, Jack, Phil, Nick, Richard

#### **Prayer chain**

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If you are not on the chain at the moment, would like to put things on the prayer chain or would like to be involved please talk to Nat.



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**Facebook group:** KCBC at home



## Please remember our diary in your daily prayers

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

12:30pm David joins the local Baptist ministers for an afternoon of training in *I am Because You Are: Baptists exploring equality and diversity*

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am Communion Worship Service  
Eagles and Owls will not meet as it is half term

## *From the minister*

The scenes showing the damage from the earthquake in Turkey are truly shocking. It is a very recent thing in human history that allows instant live coverage of such disasters and it does confront us regularly with the reality of suffering around our world. Such events are called natural disasters now, not 'acts of God', but what do you make of it?

You may be one of many who is thinking through where God is in this. If you are not, plenty are, so worth a pause and reflection. Suffering, whether from natural or human cause, is built into our experience and we may prefer not to think about it. But, despite the popular myth that our faith is an escape from a world of suffering, it is quite the opposite. The Bible is full of stories and wisdom about suffering. Prophets lament, Psalmists agonise and complain, questions are raised.

Central to our faith is suffering. Where is God in this? Jesus as fully divine in nature, also fully took on our humanity which meant He experience suffering, ultimately on the cross. Think of that – God, in Jesus, fully embracing suffering. Suffering at the heart of a Biblical faith.

In Turkey – we know the Lord has not abandoned the people. Somehow the fate of those who died and the future of those who grieve is in His hands. And He is not far away from our suffering. So as it says in Hebrews 2:13, "I will put my trust in him."

*David*



## Notes for your diary

- Next **KILTS** 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Next **Friday Outing** 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Next **Messy Church** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February
- **Eagles and Owls** restarts 26<sup>th</sup> February
- **Keswick in Devon** Five days of Bible teaching, fellowship and worship in Sidmouth from 6-10<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Further details are available from leaflets which are on the table
- Next **Craft and Chatter** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10:30am location to be agreed
- Next **Fellowship Lunch** 12<sup>th</sup> March



## ***Prayer for Ukraine***



Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.



**Thank you** to all those who have continued to donate items.

The warehouse is open the first Wednesday of each month and we hope to go up with a load each month. Our main collection day will be the last Sunday in the month but we are happy to receive items at any time.

Here is a link to a list of items that would be gratefully accepted,

<https://www.kcbchurch.org.uk/cms/files/How-to-help.pdf>

If you would like any more information or have anything to donate please talk to me (Sarah) or Nick

## Treasurer's update

At our AGM last week we reviewed the finances of the church. Looking back to 2022 we saw that over the year our expenditure was just 2% over budget, but was still about £3300 higher than our income. We have set the 2023 budget at £76,450 to cover the normal day-to-day running costs of the church including a further 6 months of funding for Rose our Minister-in-Training. The budget will also cover our outward facing work including KILTS and Messy Church. However, we know our costs for 2023 will be significantly higher than 2022 and with inflation running at over 10%, it is going to be a challenging year financially.

I know everyone is under pressure financially, but please could you prayerfully consider your giving, whether it be by monthly standing order or weekly offering? To reach our budget will cost us about £90 per person per month or £23 per person per week. If you have any queries about these figures, your giving or related matters I am only too happy to help.

On a personal note, I will be standing down as treasurer by July this year after a term of 9 years. Thank you for your co-operation, help and support during this time, which I trust you will also extend to the new occupant of the role.

Even in these financially difficult times we continue to thank God for his provision and for enabling and resourcing us to reach out to the community around us with the good news of Jesus Christ

David Butler, Church Treasurer

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*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" 1 Thess. 5:11*



We need to encourage each other. Do you have a Bible verse, poem, passage or song or any of the following? Something you are thankful for. Something that has made you laugh. If you have found something online that would be a good resource for us, please share. If you don't feel comfortable sharing in "person" this may be the way for you to encourage others.

**Sarah**

### How to join the Sunday Service via Zoom!

1. Go onto the internet and type [kcbchurch.org.uk](http://kcbchurch.org.uk)
2. On the Home Page in the top right-hand corner is a green bar and on it is written "online service" with an arrow.
3. Click on the green bar/arrow and you'll go straight to the video.
4. Either press play or it will automatically start playing

