



Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.



Psalms 119 verse 105

Sunday 22nd November

10:30 am Communion Worship service
11:45am Eagles meet on Zoom - Look out for the link being sent round.

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.

Here are the options:

1. Join us on Zoom, details below. **Meeting ID: 816 7951 5569 Password: 956671**
2. Watch the recording later in the week, available later from our website via the 'online service' green button.

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

Nat Bond 01626 366668 email: natfromfife@gmail.com

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.



Pastor: David Goddard

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Website: <http://kbcchurch.org.uk/>

Facebook group: KCBC at home

KCBC Whatsapp Group OYOT if you would like to join please let Mark know.



Please remember our diary in your daily prayer

We are unable to meet to worship until we have the all clear but here is the virtual diary for this week. There may be things added so keep an eye on your e-mail, and the KCBC at home Facebook group.

Monday 23rd November

8:00pm Church @ Prayer. Join together for prayer for 30 minutes on Zoom – details below...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81908913974?pwd=RXJ4UXp5d0RmK1IKT0VxREJQa1o4UT09>

Meeting ID: 819 0891 3974

Passcode: 585801

Wednesday 25th November

7:00pm Baptist Union Prayers online

7:30pm Musungwa homegroup meeting via Zoom

7:45pm Long Barton homegroup meeting via Zoom to study Exodus

8:00pm Rundle Road homegroup meeting via Zoom

Sunday 29th November

10:30 am Worship service – First Sunday in Advent

From David...

Last Sunday I told the story of Henry Gerecke, the ‘minister to monsters’, the padre who, in 1945, was given the job of being chaplain to 21 high ranking Nazis during their trial, and for some their execution, at the Nuremburg trials.

I first heard the story when I was a student in Exeter. David Pawson, a prominent Baptist minister and Bible teacher, was the guest speaker at a church there. The story has stayed with me ever since. And I have fact checked it as well just in case it was embellished and have found it to be unnervingly well attested. I have often wondered about the saving work of Christ in those circumstances. Would God really forgive such people?

The power of stories is that they allow us to think, to make choices for ourselves without being told what conclusions we should draw. When Henry Gerecke published his account in 1950, he neither declared those Nazis as beyond redemption, nor as forgiven. He left that with the Lord but told the story. Whether salvation extends to such is for us to think on. Them forgiven? Really? Try telling that to the few surviving victims and families of victims.

The parables of Jesus have that same power to prompt us to think and help us make choices without telling us exactly what to think. And so when we see someone pushed around at work, we are questioned by the Good Samaritan parable, or when we hear

Christians griping in church, up pops the Prodigal Sons parable and asks if they (or we) need to see ourselves as the older brother.

At Christmas, as Easter, a greater narrative is told and asks us to consider how extravagant is the goodness of God. How is it changing how you live?



Advent calendars for the Food Bank

Thank you to all those who have donated Advent Calendars and other items for the Food Bank at THAT. They will be delivered on Monday 23rd November, so if you still want to give, you have until Sunday 22nd to get them to 30 Slanns Meadow. THAT Foodbank is asking for donations of Advent Calendars and/or Selection Boxes.

INVEST Online Open Evening (Tues 24/11, 7.45-8.30pm)

INVEST is a year-long opportunity to explore mission in creative and innovative ways based within a missional context in the South West of England. It is for anyone who is a follower of Jesus who wants to spend a year growing deeper in their faith while serving the mission of God in some incredible settings in this stunning part of the world. This webinar with Carl Smethurst (SWBA) and Paul Friend (SWYM) will explain more about INVEST and is also an opportunity for church leaders & pioneers from the SWBA family who might be interested in hosting a placement to find out more too.

Book your free place here

- <https://bookwhen.com/swbaptists/e/ev-st5b-20201124194500>

24th November | 7.45-8.30pm

INVEST

ONLINE OPEN EVENING

Find out more about exploring missional ministry in a Baptist setting with support and training from SWYM.

To book, please email:
carl@swbaptists.org.uk

swba south west baptist association SWYM

One prayer meeting across the whole of the South West Baptist Association family at the start of advent

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

swba south west baptist association

Advent UNITED Prayer (Sun 29/11, 7.30pm-8.30pm)

Christmas will be different this year in many ways but will, no doubt, still be a busy (maybe even chaotic) season for many of us! Please join us this Advent Sunday for a special Advent UNITED Prayer event as we seek to still our hearts and centre ourselves on Jesus as we pray with and for each other and for those in our communities.

Book your free place here -

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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 and stay connected.

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

Sarah

Thanks to Sue Furniss for the following:

Something really sweet happened today.

I'll explain it.

For a while, I have been praying and searching for direction in my faith, an affirmation if you like. I know this may sound crazy to some of you, but I have real questions, all the time!

I think that it is in and with our church that we ought to be able to speak about such things, but we don't seem to. Without going too deep, I listened to an eloquent atheist and found that some of his questions were mine also. I watched an American preacher being interviewed. He was justifying his enormous wealth and flamboyant lifestyle while simultaneously showing disdain for his fellow humans. I asked God, how can this be?

I am praying and studying John's letters (1-4). I am reading a book about someone who had a near-death experience and says she understands Heaven. I am ploughing through another (recommended book) 'How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth'. Some days I am firm in my faith in Jesus and other days I feel guilty. I hate this guilty feeling because I don't really understand it and I don't want it.

Today, the weather is awful, and I needed to listen to some human voices for company, so I listened to a podcast about Religion (in our politics, in our churches and in our society). The focus was on the UK. I listened to a woman speak about her experience of being a Christian and how sometimes it all slips out of focus. A bit like at the Opticians when they test your eyes with different lenses, you get that temporary blur before everything slides back into focus again.

What heartened me most is that she went on to say that when she feels that way (doubtful) she gives thanks to God that she feels it among people who collectively look grief, death, disappointment, and defeat in the face, and on an intentional regular basis, together. Who talk about their weaknesses, together. Who look forward to hope, but hope that still bears scars, that is not triumphalist, narrow, or shallow. That, she said, is a wonderful place to be. I agree, because fellowship is important and faith isn't a feeling, it is truth. When we accept Jesus, we choose to walk in the truth.

So, what was sweet was to further understand that our Christian life is a journey of discovery. We discover ourselves and we discover others, but above all, we discover Almighty God and the ways in which he speaks to us so that we might learn, when our trust is weakened, to be faithful unto the end.

Thanks for reading, Sue Furness

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7



Videos and photos of you...

To keep us connected, how about putting together a short video (no more than 3 minutes) on what you have been doing over lockdown. You could show us something that you have grown or built, somewhere you have gone or someone you met up with. Or a pet. Or your latest car if you have changed it. I suppose it could just be a photo but a short video maybe done on your phone would be fun. The idea is to give us a window into our life at a time when we are blocked off.

Think what you can do and then send it over to me or the Tech Team and I will slot it in our time together on Sundays.

'How to join the Sunday Service'.

The screenshot shows the homepage of Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church. At the top left is the church logo. A navigation menu includes 'Groups & Activities', 'Children & Youth', 'Future Events', 'Recent Events', 'In Our Community', and 'About Us'. A search bar is in the top right. A green button labeled 'Online service' with a play icon is highlighted by a red arrow. A pink callout box with the text 'Click The Green Button' points to this button. Below the navigation, a welcome message is followed by a COVID-19 statement: 'In light of the Coronavirus containment measures... to suspend all activities at KCBC until we get the all-clear for groups to meet again ... in particular'. A list of bullet points states: 'No Sunday service at the Community Hall', 'No KILTS', and 'Messy church cancelled for March, April and May. June to be decided on.' Further down, there is a prayer statement and contact information for the church, including email and phone numbers for the administrator and pastor. A sidebar on the right contains links for 'This week's newsletter', 'Our Year of Thankfulness', 'Recent Sermons Sermon Archive', 'How to find us', and 'Useful links'.

1. Go onto the internet and type kcbchurch.org.uk
2. On the Home Page (the first page with the Coronavirus statement) 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