



*In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.*



*Isaiah chapter 12 verse 4*

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

10:30am      Worship Service followed by Fellowship Lunch  
Eagles and Owls will be meeting today

**Live at the hall.** For those at the hall, there will be opportunity for and 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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## Please remember our diary in your daily prayers

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

7:30pm Leadership Trustees' meeting

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

9:00am KILTS for helpers  
10:00am KILTS parents/carers  
12:30pm David at Baptist Ministers' meeting  
7:30pm Church Members' Meeting at the Community Hall

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

7:30pm Homegroup meeting at Haytor Drive  
7:30pm Homegroup meeting at Primrose Drive

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

10:30am Craft and Chatter hosted by Tricia

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

9:30am Messy Church

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

10:30am Communion Worship Service

### *From the minister...*

This Sunday we mark the end of Rose's time with us as minister-in-training. We take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Rose for the way she has given of herself to us and served the Lord among us. We have been richly blessed!

Rose joined us to gain experience in her calling to be a Baptist minister and to help us develop our community outreach. At a time when any community initiatives have been difficult to run and as the cost of living crisis has hit us, Rose has managed to put KCBC firmly in the wider community's work to bring help to those in need. We are now part of a number of working groups and forums and are recognised as a contributing partner in community work. CAP, school's work and Linking Lives have been expressions of that.

Rose has also helped in the formation of our daytime home group, Snowdrop to the point where they are self-sufficient now. And then there is all that unrecorded pastoral work where a number of you have benefitted from Rose's time, friendship and care. Then we have all benefitted from Rose's Sunday ministry, where she has led us in new and creative ways, and unpacked God's Word to us. What a refreshing change from the usual bloke!

Rose has become so much part of the fellowship that she leaves a hole now she is leaving. That is for us to work with, and to seek to continue the ministries she has begun. Our immediate task is to bless Rose as she moves on, to pray for the Lord to provide for her and the family and to lead them all into the next phase of their journey with Jesus. The Lord be with you, Rose!

*David*

## Notes for your diary



- Next **Summer Sunshine Fellowships** Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> Please see Sue F for more information
- Next **Friday Outing** 21<sup>st</sup> July 10:30am at Forde Parke
- **Rose's Ordination and Induction** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2pm at Barton Baptist Church

## YOUR NEWSLETTER – Summer Special

I am currently putting the "Summer Special" Newsletter together it will cover the 16<sup>th</sup> July until the 10<sup>th</sup> September. If you have an event or restart dates or anything that you would like included could you please forward it to me by close of play on the 12<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks Sarah

## Do you enjoy your after-church coffee?

If so, would you consider helping out in the kitchen? We have been very low on numbers since Covid, which means that each of us has to serve every 3 to 4 weeks. Four more people on the Rota could reduce this to 5 to 6 weeks. It is a very easy way to serve the Church, get the opportunity to chat to everyone, and it would ease the pressure on the rest of us. If you're afraid of the kitchen - don't panic! Full training will be given! If you can help, please speak to Helen, who will be delighted to welcome you to the team. Thanks Helen xxx



## 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.



We are delighted to report our truck arrived safely in Ukraine and things are already being distributed. Having sent four trucks in four months we now need to work hard for the next one. We cannot thank our volunteers enough for their hard work sorting through all the wonderful and generous donations of aid. It is a huge challenge if we are to fill another truck this summer.

Nick and Sarah are continuing to go to the warehouse on the first Wednesday of each month so if you would like any more information or have anything to donate, please talk to Nick or Sarah

*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**

# Ukraine Summer 2023



The war in Ukraine has been going on for more than a year now and the effect has been felt throughout the world but especially in poorer countries and obviously in Ukraine where missiles continue to rain down and the war continues.

We all have heard about the millions who fled Ukraine to seek refuge in other countries and this is heart-breaking. Many may well never return to their country, their homes, their family and friends but prefer to start a new life in the wealthier and more stable West.



This is home, mainly destroyed, but home

Whilst millions are safe there are several million internally displaced refugees in Ukraine, many trying to survive in previously occupied regions. Living in villages that have largely been destroyed, in houses that are basically ruins, is an impossible challenge.

Before the invasion of Ukraine life was very difficult in rural areas where they survived by living on all they grew and the animals they kept. When the Russian troops invaded not only did they destroy houses, public buildings, schools, hospitals etc. but also stole food, looted anything of value including fridges, freezers, televisions, everything. What they didn't steal they destroyed. Their animals were taken or just killed.



Families and the elderly living in unimaginable conditions

Inevitably, when the Ukrainian army fought to liberate these regions further damage to buildings was unavoidable. Families now have the seemingly impossible challenge to live in what remains of their community. Many of the fields where once they grew their crops are now peppered with antipersonnel mines making cultivation either impossible or at best, extremely dangerous.



The angelic look of children conceals horrors they have witnessed

Despite all the dangers ordinary life must go on and "normal problems" dealt with. As adults this is a very worrying and seemingly impossible ask but what about the children? How will they cope? Schools are now open provided they have an air-raid shelter or cellar where the children can take refuge in the event of attack. Life goes on but is far from normal.

Children in school are told about the war, after all it cannot be ignored. The children will frequently have a father or brother fighting or maybe injured or killed, the war cannot be ignored.

In the event of a soldier being killed in action the village and children from the school line the streets; holding flowers, many kneeling, some in prayer, as the coffin passes. The soldier's graves are marked with a Ukrainian flag and it is upsetting to see how many flags there are, even in the smallest villages; evidence of the human cost of those defending their freedom, protecting their families.

It is almost impossible to find a family that has not been affected by death, be that of a family member or neighbour. Living with the constant and real threat of missiles, drones etc. is obviously worrying but it is also exhausting being constantly on high alert and many cannot see how they can continue - they do not have the money or the will to leave.



Whilst many are killed others are injured, frequently by the anti-personnel mines that are scattered over the fields. Anti-personnel mines are designed to injure, not to kill, the idea being it will take at least two to carry an injured soldier, thus taking three away from the fighting, and possibly making them an easy target.

There are many who have serious lower limb injuries, amputations etc.. Worryingly in the battlefields there is little in the way of pain killers; frequently ibuprofen or paracetamol being the only relief offered.

We are pleased to have been able to send much needed medical supplies on our aid lorries. We will continue to gather medical aid to be sent with all the other humanitarian aid.



Away from the battlefield life is becoming increasingly difficult. – As mentioned, in the areas previously occupied surviving amongst landmines and undischarged ammunition can prohibit their normal way of life and is very worrying for those families with young children, but even away from all of this life is very difficult.



Many of the mines have been marked with sticks, but not all. The markers vary from a piece of material or plastic tied to a stick or even an empty beer-can stuck on the top. The warnings vary but the message is the same.

Constantly living under such conditions is emotionally exhausting. Just surviving such conditions where fields cannot be used to grow the food they need makes it impossible to survive without help.



Whilst serving army personnel receive a salary, if they are missing, this stops. The horrifying fact is all too frequently little is left of those who are killed. If a soldier is missing, not only does it leave the family worrying their loved one is dead, but without the evidence of a body to bury and mourn, the salary stops, resulting in the family having no income for food etc.. This is the case for Margareta and Svetlana pictured right.

The girls' father is missing in the war, they assume dead. With no income mum tried to find work but the only opportunity was in Kiev, about 420 km away. The girls live alone now and Margareta, who is just 15 takes care of her little sister Sveta who is 9. They are obviously very worried about their dad, but also concerned for mum who is in Kiev where the attacks have increased. Being separated from their mum is heartbreaking.



Thanks to the generous support we have received, we have been able to provide equipment for new Soup Kitchens, cookers, fridges, freezers etc.. – Providing the kitchen equipment is only ONE part, we will need to make certain they have the food to cook.

The recent destruction of the Kakhovka dam has caused untold misery and suffering. Thousands of families have lost everything, not only their home but everything, all their possessions, photos etc., as well as their community. In the lower reaches of the Dnipro River, tens of thousands are now homeless.

The situation is desperate. We have sent additional lorries filled to the roof and also additional money. After the breach on the dam and resultant flooding fresh water was the biggest need.

We have been looking into ways to help in a more efficient way rather than continuing to take bottled water. Portable water purifiers that have the ability to remove viruses, bacteria and parasites and make the water safe to drink would be a more efficient way to help.



In most areas the flood waters have now receded leaving a trail of destruction behind. The deluge being so intense many buildings were washed completely away whilst others severely damaged.



Many of the houses that managed to escape destruction are filled with filthy water leaving thick mud everywhere. Clearing this mess with shovels is a challenge, especially if the water supply is not working.

The clearing up is a hard job, the stinking mud has to be cleared, pumps are needed to clear the water.

The only choice is hard work, and lots of it. Many of the houses are unoccupiable and temporary accommodation in these areas is scarce. They have a very difficult challenge ahead and need all the help and support we can provide.

With the massive increase in refugees in Ukraine we must increase our effort and support. We propose to support our partners by providing the funds to fit community kitchens and provide fresh food for the needy and displaced.

If successful, not only will food be given to children, the elderly and families in need, but also other humanitarian aid. These centres will give us the opportunity to identify other needs, physical or emotional, which we may be able to help with.

The elderly are having a particularly difficult time at the moment and must not be forgotten; we must not forget anyone young or old.

The suffering and need in Ukraine is huge and we cannot help everyone but we can and will help as many as possible, (maybe more!!).

For over thirty years we have faced seemingly unachievable challenges but thanks to all our fantastic supporters and volunteers we have achieved the seemingly impossible.

Our Humanitarian Aid lorries are always eagerly awaited and distribution normally starts the moment the truck has been unloaded. It is impressive to see the amount we can get onto our lorry.

Distributing aid is so difficult, so many are in need. Generally speaking, doing this is safe however there are occasions when it may not be.

When a group were trying to help refugees in the previously occupied regions around Beryslav, Kherson they were spotted by a Russian drone and attacked.



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have been able to provide equipment for new Soup Kitchens, cookers, fridges etc. so we can arrange to make certain they have something good to eat each day.

Providing the kitchen equipment is only part, we will need to make certain they have the food to cook.



This van hardly looks like a fighting vehicle however despite the red crosses the Russian military felt it was worth attacking.

Ivan was badly injured but amazingly he survived, however he had to have his arm amputated as the doctors could not save it.



Just look at the van, it is incredible he survived, albeit he has to live with life changing injuries as well as the memories, the horror of that day, when all he was trying to do is help refugees.

People try to put the war to one side as life in Ukraine must go on as best it can. People must still try to earn a living, shops and cafés are open, children should go to school and non-war related problems continue. This “normal life” is easier away from the conflict zones, Ukraine is such a huge country many areas are considered safe from missile attacks. This is obviously reassuring but does not get rid of all the other problems associated with the war.

For obvious reasons the greatest government effort is going into the war effort but this is at the cost of many other things. The hospitals have had to cancel many procedures and gaining access to specialists can be more difficult now, especially for those with little money.

Life has changed so much for everyone in Ukraine. Many medical procedures and investigations have been suspended, millions have fled, work is difficult to obtain, prices have shot up and everyone lives with the constant threat of attack.



People are used to the war now and realise the price of freedom is high.

Just thinking of those in the trenches, living and dying in the mud, fighting for freedom. Many die and many are injured defending the future of their families. Seeing friends and colleagues lying dead in the mud is soul destroying.

When a soldier is injured and in hospital they will frequently receive pictures painted by children in school and a note just to say “Thank You” for fighting for their future. Children are very sensitive and most will have family or know someone fighting, and an upsetting number will know someone killed.

Ukraine has recently taken over from Moldova and is now the poorest country in Europe, not a title they will welcome. Ukraine was doing so well and progressing, especially in the cities. Before the war many of the villages were poor, a familiar sight in Eastern Europe, but now towns and cities are also effected.

The war has reversed the progress, the new wealth annulled, infrastructure destroyed and towns, cities and villages obliterated. New building is at a standstill. In the cities many dilapidated flats that were due for renovations have been left in a dreadful state but still house families.

In summary, many in Ukraine are willing and determined to defend their country however some of the younger men are in constant fear of being sent to the battle front. There is little time to train as a soldier. This is worrying for them, their mothers, wives and indeed the children.

This war has been headline news for over a year now and many people here are tiring of this “old news”. When the war first started, we were inundated with wonderful support but much of this has dwindled now, especially financial help.

A separate report will be distributed covering our ongoing work in Moldova. Life in Moldova is very hard and as we have said before, we cannot abandon them and must maintain our support and projects. Moldova may not be the poorest country in Europe but life is harder there now than before, and is largely a country who has lost all hope; very sad.

Since our work started in 1990, we have achieved a huge amount and helped thousands of families. This has only been possible through the fantastic support we have had. Our team of volunteers at our store in Exmouth are nothing short of miracle workers, spending many hours sorting through all the generous donations of medical supplies, food, clothing, bedding and so much more that has been kindly given. The donations of aid and financial gifts has been incredible; **“Thank You”**

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As the flyer for Christian Dance Fellowship of Britain Devon & Cornwall Region's workshop 'Our God Reigns' appeared in the newsletter for a few weeks, I thought you may be interested to know how it went.

The hall at The Avenue Church proved to be an ideal space. It was especially pleasing to be able to welcome two people who had not been to a CDFB event before, one of whom had never heard of dancing for God or dance in any kind of Christian context until I invited her to come along. I'm glad to say that she 'loved every minute'.

Four different leaders enabled us to pray and worship through liturgical dance, harmonics, dancing with flags and billows and Jewish dance followed by two presentation dances. It was a brilliant day and a great opportunity to get to know other dancers in our region as we worshipped and learned together and we went home with dances and movements we could use on our own at home, or perhaps share with our churches.

The general consensus was that we should definitely do it again and in the meantime I am considering the possibility of trying an introductory workshop for local dancers or would-be dancers to explore the idea of dance in prayer, praise and worship.

Janet

PS I attach a photo but I think people were a bit camera-shy and tried to hide behind the flags!



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

1. Go onto the internet and type 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.

