BULLETIN

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Forest Fold Baptist Church London Road Crowborough TN6 1TD www.forestfold.org.uk

5 JULY 2020

Online Worship Times

Sunday 11.15am & 6.30pm and Thursday 7.30pm

Worship services can be accessed from our website

<u>https://forestfold.org.uk</u> by live video streaming. Use the "Listen Live" button. Video recordings are now available on the "Video" tab and sound recordings on the "Sermon Download" button or from the Forest Fold App. For friends **without internet access** services can now be heard through the telephone. To join our live streamed services dial 01892 335466.

Forthcoming Sermons

Sun 5 July 11.15 am - John Cowley "How's your hearing" Luke 8 v4-21 Sun 5 July 6.30pm - John Cowley "Work" Col 3 & Eph 6

Thurs 9 July 7.30 pm - John Cowley Evening Service with Zoom Prayer groups afterwards

Sun 12 July 11.15 am - John Cowley (only attend if you have agreed it with Malcolm)

Sun 12 July 6.30 pm - Johan De Jong preaching (Live stream only)

News and Updates

Weds 8 July 8.00pm - Daylight Prayer Meeting via Zoom ID 828-7664-5355 enquiries to steven@daylightcpt.org Sat 11 July - No Family Beach Day

Tues 14 July No QCM - an email will go to members with the main points instead

Thurs 16 July 7.30 pm - rescheduled Zoom Home Groups

Bulletin by email if you would like to have a copy sent to you please contact Jean Hare at jeanhare7@hotmail.com. Your name and email address will be kept secure, not shared with anyone and only used for the purpose of sending you the Bulletin.

If you have questions about God you can send them via our FF website and we will be pleased to help.

Meeting for Worship

A "return to FF letter and guidelines" has been emailed out and is on the website. Please do read them carefully. Next Sunday morning there will be one service at 11.15 am for those who have informed Malcolm Cassam that they intend to come. This will give us the opportunity to test out our new procedures before continuing with two morning meetings and an evening meeting from Sun 19 July onwards.

Prayer

- Mark and others organising some alternative YP Holiday activities and talks
- A sense of unity as some begin to meet together for worship whilst others join through the live streaming
- ◊ The Lord's help with the practical arrangements and keeping us safe as meetings resume
- O The Lord's help to be given to John, Johan and others as they prepare and preach to us, and for us to take to heart the messages we hear
- Wisdom to be given to our Prime Minister and Government as they continually strive to lead the country through these difficult times
- ♦ The softening of hearts and response to the Gospel through out our land

Praise

- Si Main & Beth Sugden as they plan for a small (family only) wedding ceremony at FF on Sat 18 July
- For the Lord's blessing on the many gospel messages that have been available through Church service broadcasts
- The gradual opportunities to meet and mix with others as the spread of the virus has been reducing

"GOSPEL THOUGHTS"

1 Peter 2 v 22-23a

²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten

Injustice is upsetting isn't it? Being accused of something we are not guilty of often makes us react strongly. Maybe you can remember times as a child when you were treated unfairly. Memories like that often stay in our minds for a long time.

But when Jesus was accused, he gave Pilate no answer and refused to defend himself during Herod's interrogation. He could have escaped death, and if he wanted to he could have fought for justice with the backing of more than 12 legions of angels sent from his father (*Matthew 26 v 53*).

And yet, he keeps silent, like a lamb led to the slaughter. And he does it out of love for us and out of obedience to his father. He was 'obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross' (*Philippians 2 v 8*). Jesus' silent, peaceful, suffering enables us to know the joy and wonder of being brought to God (*1 Peter 3 v 18*).

Take a moment to thank Jesus that he chose not to defend himself. And think about all that that means for us.

Silent as He stood accused Beaten mocked and scorned Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross My salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out Hallelujah Praise and honour unto Thee

Mission Message from James Swanson

Very thankful for being back in the church building and worshipping together Also very thankful that Veysel, Nuray, Aliya and Birol have all found work in the last two weeks. Please continue to pray for the Lord's blessing on His work here in N.Cyprus.

Finance

Charity of the Month - Daylight Christian Prison Trust June Collections - Help Fund £271.25

If you normally use the collection boxes to donate to the various funds and would like to continue whilst the building is closed please email or phone Roger: rog.d@talktalk.net (01892) 652028

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