

# 1st December 2019

Morning worship

ello and welcome to Jubilee Church.

We (a very broad generalisation here) often love to see ourselves as 'judge, jury and executioner' all rolled into one. When it comes to celebrities, politicians and football managers alike I can often find myself making the most appalling judgements based on unbelievably scant information.

And as we make sweeping judgements about those on the telly or in the public eye, this bad habit can then dangerously translate itself into judging one another on the ground and in the church.

In his excellent chapter, succinctly entitled, 'step away from the gavel', Simon Holley talks about how judging others can be a very real block to allowing Holy Spirit to work in and through us.

Matt McLaren takes up the baton of gavel rejection this morning (nothing



wrong with a good mixed metaphor) and offers further biblical guidance on this plus issues of pride and self-reliance, using the example of King Saul in the Old Testament as his case study. As we listen, learn and ponder there are potential major gains for the church, one another and ultimately ourselves as well, all wonderfully rolled into one.

If you're visiting today we hope you have a good time with us, and if you'd like to know anything, please feel free to ask someone. We'd love you to stay and have a chat over tea or coffee at the end of the service; it's a very important part of who we are. May God bless you as you meet with us today.

## Dave Webb-Peploe, Lead Elder

Jubilee Church is the working name of Shepperton Community Church (Registered charity number 1023505). We are part of Commission, and a member of the Evangelical Alliance.



Commission is an international family of churches united by a shared passion for Jesus and his mission, and a clear vision to see 'thousands of lives transformed through hundreds of churches in tens of nations'. Commission is led by Guy Miller with teams of leaders and is enthusiastically part of the wider Newfrontiers family of churches.



### Sunday 1st December

**9.15am:** Prayer meeting **10.30am:** Morning worship

Preacher: Matt McLaren Theme: Holy Spirit: Person, Presence, Power -

Holy Spirit Blocks part 2 - pride, self-reliance & judging others

Serving: Furniture, Welcoming/Stewarding, Tea/Coffee: Red team 1

Jubilee Tots: Red Team Jubilee Kids: Red team

Senior steward: Paul Elliott First aider: Paul / Lorraine Elliott Audio/visual: Caroline Tucker Duty trustee: Paul Elliott

#### This week's diary jubileechurchshepperton.org/churchcalendar **Monday 2 December Thursday 5 December** 9.30am Jublees toddler group 7.30pm FAITH - youth home group 7.00pm Gaming club Home groups 7.00pm Men's discipleship group 8.00pm Prayer meeting at Rita Beaumont's Friday 6 December **Tuesday 3 December** 7.00am Men's prayer breakfast 10.30am Bublees baby group 10.30am Ladies meeting 7.00pm Themba Theatre's 8.00pm Focus Bible study Cinderella at Chertsev Hall Home groups 8.00pm Indoor 5-a-side football **Wednesday 4 December** Saturday 7 December 7.00pm Oak Tree Café 11.00am Themba Theatre's Home groups Cinderella at Chertsev Hall 7.00pm Addiction recovery group

### Next week: Sunday 8th December

9.15am: Prayer meeting

10.30am: Morning worship, with Communion

**Preacher:** Desmond Egharevba

Theme: Holy Spirit: Person, Presence, Power

Serving: Furniture, Welcoming/Stewarding, Tea/Coffee: Yellow team 2

Jubilee Tots: Yellow Team Jubilee Kids: Yellow team Senior steward: Sylvia Lunn First aider: Nicola Gilson Audio/visual: Hannah Jones Duty trustee: Mark Stevens

If you're not available to carry out your duty for any reason please bless your team leader by arranging a swap

STAFF DAYS OFF: Dave Webb-Peploe: Wednesday
Jo Jones: Friday John Cowles: Friday

### **COME AND PRAY - Tomorrow, 8pm**

Monday evening, 8-9pm at Rita Beaumont's home. An hour of concentrated praying for our church (people, gateways, vision), our neighbourhood and beyond. The next meetings are Mondays 9 & 16 December at December at Mike & Nicola's. Please ask if you need addresses.

#### THEMBA THEATRE'S CINDERELLA - This Friday evening & Saturday morning

Themba Theatre are proud to present their Christmas pantomime 'Cinderella.' It's a brand new panto, written by our own Natalie Wells, as she takes the well-known story of Cinderella and adds her own unique twists. The panto promises fun, laughter, song and dance - the perfect start to the festive season!

All proceeds go to raise money for the work of Compassion UK - another good reason to get your friends together and come along for some pre-Christmas family fun! 7pm Friday 6 December / 11am Saturday 7 December at Chertsey Hall, Heriot Road, Chertsey, KT16 9DR. Tickets: £10 Adults / £8 Concessions, book now at: <a href="mailto:jubileechurchshepperton.org/cinderella">jubileechurchshepperton.org/cinderella</a>

#### JUBILEE INDOOR FOOTBALL - Fridays, 8pm

A group of Jubilee guys are getting together to play indoor 5-aside football for one hour every Friday at 8pm. It's at Spelthorne Leisure Centre (Knowle Green, Staines, TW18 1AJ) and costs £3 or £4 depending on the numbers. There's a great mix of people and it's always good fun! Please speak to Ben Shanmugam (or contact him on 07976 801495) if you're interested in coming along.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2019 - For needy people in Shepperton and beyond

These are the items we'd like you to bring in this week please:

If you prefer to give financially, a cash donation can be given to Diana, or put in the offering in an envelope marked 'Hampers' (please add your name and 'Gift Aid' if you would like us to be able to claim Gift Aid on your donation).

- Breakfast cereals
- Long-life milk



### **CHAIRS, TEA AND A SMILEY WELCOME**

We are blessed as a church to have a faithful team of people who serve us each week by ensuring we have chairs to sit on, a cup of tea and a nice smiley welcome when we come through the door. But we really could do with more people to help them. As we approach a new year, if you're not already helping out in the church, please could you consider whether you could join one of our teams and help to share the load? We particularly need people to help with setting up the furniture (and putting it away again at the end of the service) and helping make and serve tea and coffee. You'd be on a rota to serve once a month (plus a second week in one month to cater for months with five Sundays). If you're new to the church it's a great way to get to know people and to feel that you're playing your part in helping the church to function. And if you see yourself as a leader in the future, then serving is the place to start! If you think you can help, or want to know more, please speak to Stephen Morris who will be sorting out new rotas to start in January.

#### **CHRISTMAS 2019**

We're really looking forward to celebrating the good news at Christmas! We're also keen to reach out to our local community with the good news of Christmas: as well as our Hampers project, Themba show, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve services, we're planning two Christmas services for Sunday 15 December.

We're praying for lots of guests to join us over these events and for a number of people to come along to our Alpha course in the New Year find out more about Christianity.

#### CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE - Sunday 15 December, 10.30am

A morning for families to have fun together as we tell the story of the shepherds as they hurry to see the new born baby Jesus.

"Children: Feel free to come dressed up as your favourite nativity character, and we'll play silly games, sing carols, hear the shepherds' story, get creative with craft, and eat yummy snacks!

Adults: Sometimes it seems like the children have all the fun, so why not get in on the action? We hope this can be a special time for you to spend together as a family and would love you to get involved too (including dressing up, if you wish!)

Picnic: If you'd like to stay a little longer, we'll also be providing a festive indoor picnic lunch. If you have any allergies please do let us know by emailing us." <a href="mailto:jubileechurchshepperton.org/bethlehem">jubileechurchshepperton.org/bethlehem</a>

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 15 December, 7.00pm

Our evening carol service will be adult focused - carols, readings and reflections followed by refreshments. We'll be considering what is so special about the Christmas story and what it means for us today, with an overarching gospel message - from creation to the fulfilment of God's promise to send a messiah. <a href="mailto:jubileechurchshepperton.org/carols">jubileechurchshepperton.org/carols</a>



Tim Cowles is heading up the 15 December services; as you can see, the plans are ambitious and we'll need 'all hands on deck' - please be ready to step up and help! There are plenty of invites available for both services to help you invite your friends, family, colleagues, contacts etc. Please take as many as you can use.

### WATCHNIGHT SERVICE - 31 December, 9.30pm till late

We warmly invite you to join us this New Year's Eve in a relaxed and informal setting as we gather together to pray, share testimonies, spend time in praise and worship, and share God's word. Come and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit as we express our joy and gratitude for the good news of Jesus Christ! 'This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.' Psalm 118:24 jubileechurchshepperton.org/watchnight

#### **JUBILEE CHURCH DIARY DATES 2019**

12 December: Hampers packing evening

15 December: Christmas family service, 10.30am

15 December: Christmas carol Service, 7pm

25 December: Christmas Day service, 10am

31 December: Watchnight service, 9,30pm