

24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**H**ello and welcome to Jubilee Church.

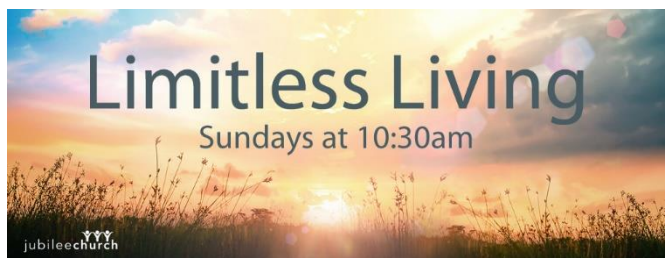
This morning as we continue our **Limitless Living** series, we move on to the subject of **faith**. Faith can be applied to all sorts of situations. There's saving faith, when we believe and trust that Jesus died for us on the cross. There's also faith for specific problems, such as provision for need or healing of sickness. But the faith that I want us to look at this morning is the faith that enables us to partner with God in carrying out his purposes for planet earth. (Not a small subject area at all!)

The biblical passage that I want to draw on for this vocational or purposeful type of faith is the classic account of David versus Goliath in **1 Samuel 17**. It's a classic boy's own story that we may remember fondly from our Sunday school days. Big versus small. Evil versus good. God overcoming against all the odds. But there are some interesting elements to the story that we can easily overlook. As we consider these, they provide a more 3-dimensional outlook to the whole question of faith which really emphasises a partnership model as opposed what might best be described as a bystander model (where we simply stand by and watch God do all the work).



Intrigued? I hope so. But I leave you with that memorable verse in the Old Testament book of Esther: *'who knows whether you (and I) were born for a time such as this?'* Who knows indeed?

**Dave Webb-Peploe**  
Lead Elder



## BAGS OF FOOD

We continue to respond to new families needing help from their schools and are pleased that we are well supplied with stocks of key items at the moment. Members of the community on furlough are seeking to volunteer with us.



Bags of Food has received funding from **Surrey County Council** to help families this month. Food boxes have been delivered directly to homes. In the case of the household shown here, fresh eggs from **BP** in Shepperton High Street were added by a volunteer on foot delivering these 'on date' items as part of their daily exercise.



**Please pray for provisions, the health of the team and relationships with those in the community both giving and receiving donations.**

### We continue to need:

- Washing up liquid
- Toilet rolls
- Jelly
- Rice pudding

We have plenty of soup, baked beans and pasta at the moment. Thank you.

The Jubilee Centre remains open **(9.00am-4.00pm)** but in the event that no one is there we have a box in the porch where donations can be placed.

## GIVING

One of the ways we worship the Lord at Jubilee Church is through our regular giving. There are a variety of ways you can give while we're not meeting together, to find out more please [visit our website](#).



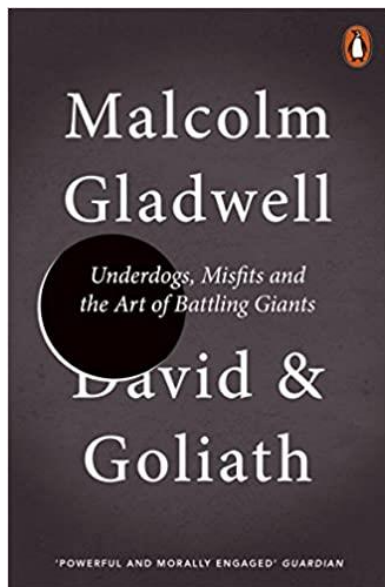
Thank you to everyone who continues to give via BACS or Standing Order, and those who send in donations via the office.

**Gift Aid** is a significant source of income for us. If you are a UK tax payer and haven't previously completed a gift aid declaration for us, do drop us an email.

Please email [finance@jubileechurchshepperton.org](mailto:finance@jubileechurchshepperton.org) if you have any questions about giving to Jubilee Church.

## BOOK REVIEW: DAVID & GOLIATH

As I was preparing for this Sunday's sermon, one book that I have particularly enjoyed reading is: **David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants** by **Malcolm Gladwell**. Drawing on this classic Old Testament encounter as his prime example, Gladwell goes on to talk about how in a range of different settings the underdog has ended up winning. Other examples he uses include junior basketball, academic success and the Vietnam War. It's a great analysis about what seems to be a disadvantage on first viewing can actually be an advantage and vice versa. Published by Penguin, it's more a book on popular psychology than Christianity. But the fascinating backdrop is that Gladwell was raised a Christian (attending Above Bar Church in Southampton with his parents) before letting his faith lapse in his young adult life. However, in the writing of David and Goliath, he returned to his Christian faith as a result of his research into the main story. The spiritual lesson that I took away from reading the book (not specifically stated by him) is that the UK church may appear to be down and out in its battle against secularism and all the other isms of modern society but is it really? Well worth a read on a grey January lockdown sort of a day. Passes the time, informs and helps lift one's spirit.



## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Our Sunday services are broadcast on our **YouTube channel** (click on the YouTube logo to find us) where you'll also find all the previous services and worship we've produced since March, as well as the Jubilee Kids Shows. If you haven't already done so, do subscribe to the channel and you'll get a reminder when we go live, we also get access to more features when we hit 100 subscribers. To make it even easier to find the service we include a link directly to this Sunday's video in the service details below. If you have any problems finding us do get in touch so we can help. Previous sermons are also available on our **website** as both videos and audio.



## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January

**10.30am:** Morning Worship with Communion ([on YouTube click here to watch](#))

**Preacher:** Dave Webb-Peploe

**Theme:** Limitless Living - Limitless Faith (part 1)

Previous Sunday messages and worship can be found on our [YouTube channel](#) if you'd like to catch up or watch again.

### This week's diary

Most groups are currently meeting online, although some are meeting in person in line with current guidance. Contact us if you'd like to join any of our groups.

#### Monday 25 January

8.00pm Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

#### Thursday 28 January

FAITH - Youth Home Group  
Home Groups

#### Tuesday 26 January

8.00pm Focus Bible Study  
Home Groups

#### Friday 29 January

10.30am Bubbles Baby Group

#### Wednesday 27 January

7.00pm Oak Tree Cafe  
Home Groups

#### Saturday 30 January

7.00pm Addiction Recovery  
Group

Apologies if any groups have been missed off this week's diary, do get in touch if you'd like to be included in future.

## Next week: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**10.30am:** Morning Worship (on YouTube)

**Preacher:** Tim Cowles

**Theme:** Limitless Living - Limitless Faith (part 2)

**STAFF DAYS OFF:** Dave Webb-Peploe: Wednesday, Jo Jones: Friday

**WORKING DAYS:** Jenny Wilsher: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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