

21st February 2021

Hello and welcome to Jubilee Church.

I've just spent the last couple of hours trawling the internet for a really good quote on **grace**. There were a number of worthy contenders but then this quality one from Christian author Jerry Bridges popped up:

*"Our worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's **grace**. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's **grace**."*

Why is it so good, I hear you ask? (in my head - lockdown fever I guess). Firstly, it reminds me that I need God's grace every single day of my life. Grace is not a one-off fix that takes place when I'm saved and then after that it's back to good old-fashioned virtue. No, like a patient on life support, I am dependent on grace for every second of my life. I think a lot of Christians forget that.

Secondly, it reminds me that on my worst days when I really mess up and say inconsiderate things to my family/others or simply have a dreadful day all round, God is lovingly and wonderfully there to cover the bases.

But equally, when I have a good day and feel that I've been really doing 'the business' for God, I am reminded that he still needs to cover things either from the mess ups that I failed to notice or the general arrogance that infects me at such times.

To sum up, whether I'm up or down (a lot of that recently), I desperately need to be a massive partaker in, and recipient of, God's grace.



This Sunday, Stephen Morris reminds us of the extent of God's grace as it was applied to Paul's life in the book of Acts as well as some of Paul's reflections on the subject.

In the meantime, try to take some time out to deliberately reflect on and breathe in the grace of God as made available to us through Jesus Christ. It will do you the world of good, and who knows through you it might do the world some good as well.

Dave Webb-Peploe **Lead Elder**

BAGS OF FOOD

We continue to get terrific support from our local community. **BP** has yet again donated on-date items such as eggs, minced beef, fruit juice, ready meals and vegetables as well as some great treats including jars of Percy Pig sweets and lovely bouquets of flowers. Thank you to Mike, Nicola, Jo and Matt who have done the fetching and deliveries this week.



Residents of the Towpath and Pharaohs Island arranged a Valentines Day (socially distanced) community relay run/walk with friends and families. “**Feel the Love**” saw 57 people collectively running and walking 325km along the Towpath and raised £320 for Bags of Food. **Thanks very much to all involved.**



Photos courtesy of Stefan Lange Photography

We continue to need:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shower gel
- Laundry liquid
- Toilet rolls
- Long life milk

We are also in need of strong and sturdy carrier bags

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.

THANK YOU STEPHEN MORRIS

As many will know, **Stephen Morris** has a number of important responsibilities within Jubilee Church. These include looking after Crowning Years, writing the home group study questions, regularly preaching as well as a whole load of pastoral care responsibilities. Given these significant commitments, Stephen has made the wise choice of stepping back from his role as Trustee and Secretary to the Trustees.



To mark Stephen's many faithful years of service to the church in these roles (*editor's note: over 30 years as either a Trustee or Secretary to the Trustees or recently both!*) I (Dave) tasked myself with buying him a present that befitted his contribution. Flushed with the success of buying a telescope, a carriage clock and (sort of) a greenhouse previously I prided myself with a certain minor ability in this area. However, buying for Stephen has proved slightly more tricky (think again before you buy him a Christmas present). After some delicate negotiation we have finally arrived at a present that I have concluded is decidedly underwhelming but which he has judged to be just right. Decide for yourself as we make the presentation on Sunday, which neatly (and Covid responsibly) ties in with him preaching.

Returning to a more serious note, **on behalf of the Elders and Trustees I would like to thank Stephen for the huge amount of time, effort and work that he has put into supporting this church over many years. His dedication and commitment has, and continues, to be an example to us all.**

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY ELIZABETH

Although we can't meet in person to celebrate we wanted to wish Elizabeth a very **Happy 90th Birthday!** Hope you have a lovely day and best wishes from everyone at Jubilee.



Sunday 21st February

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

Preacher: Stephen Morris

Theme: Limitless Living - Limitless Grace (part 2)

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 22 February

8.00pm Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

Thursday 25 February

FAITH - Youth Home Group
Home Groups

Tuesday 23 February

8.00pm Focus Bible Study
Home Groups

Friday 26 February

10.30am Bubbles Baby Group

Wednesday 24 February

7.00pm Oak Tree Cafe
Home Groups

Saturday 27 February

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 28th February

10.30am: Morning Worship with Communion (on YouTube)

Preacher: Carnie Uzo

Theme: Limitless Living - Limitless Love

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

WORKING DAYS: Jenny Wilsher: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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