

9th April 2021

Hello and welcome to Jubilee Church.

This Sunday we begin a new preaching series where we will be looking at the book of **James**. Martin Luther was not very approving of James and referred to it as 'the straw epistle'. The reason for this was because he felt it undermined the message of grace. Having read James a few times now, I think I might dare to disagree with him. If anything, I think James actually reinforces and explains grace in a really helpful way, but more of that as we go through the series.

The series itself is entitled '**When the Going Gets Tough**'. Given all that we have been going through as a church over the last 12 months I am slightly concerned that this title is a bit too close to the bone. However, the word of God is there to help us in every season and circumstance.

Speaking of being close to the bone the writer to the Hebrews writes about God's word:

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4v12)

We do need to be aware that the word of God is not there primarily to educate and inform. It is there to bring about profound change in who we are and what we do. My hope is that as we study the book of James, profound changes will take place in my life, your life and the life of the church as a whole.

Dave Webb-Peploe
Lead Elder



BAGS OF FOOD

We are very grateful for a further grant from [Surrey County Council](#) which enabled us to arrange Food Boxes from Morrisons to be delivered to a large number of families during the school holidays. It's been a joy to bless so many and not to have so much work to do ourselves for a few weeks.



Meanwhile, the team at Jubilee have still been busy with the regular deliveries to households with specific dietary requirements such as lactose or gluten intolerances.

We currently need:

- Long life semi skimmed milk
- Long life soya/almond milk
- Jelly
- Laundry liquid
- Cat food
- Dog food

We have a good supply of strong carrier bags, baked beans, soup and pasta. Thank you.

The Jubilee Centre remains open **(Monday to Thursday, 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.

Jesus Died For Them - Poem

by: Dave Hopwood

*Judas betrayed Jesus,
Peter denied Jesus,
Thomas doubted Jesus:
Jesus died for them.*

*Pilate rejected Jesus,
Herod taunted Jesus,
Caiaphas framed Jesus:
Jesus died for them.*

*The soldiers crucified Jesus,
the disciples deserted Jesus,
the people laughed at Jesus:
Jesus died for them.*

*Mary wept for Jesus,
the women anointed Jesus,
Joseph buried Jesus:
Jesus rose for them.*

*We have doubted Jesus,
we have denied Jesus,
we rejected Jesus:
but Jesus died for us.*

This is the poem Ben included in his Good Friday message.

JOHN COWLES

This week we remember John Cowles

- A faithful Husband to his wife Diana
- A faithful Father to his children: Rachel and Tim who are both following strongly in the faith
- A faithful Servant of the poor and needy through his work through Debtscape financial advice service
- A faithful Administrator as he chaired the board of Trustees
- A faithful Treasurer as he stewarded the church's resources



In diligence of service to the kingdom of God, he was second to none. We would do well to follow his example.

John's funeral will take place on Wednesday 21st April at 12noon. A service of Celebration for John's life follow on Saturday 24th April at the Jubilee Centre. Due to current restrictions numbers are strictly limited for both services however we will be livestreaming the Celebration service on Saturday 24th April so that everyone can watch the service. More details next week.

We continue to pray for Diana, Rachel and Tim as they come to terms with their loss.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6v24-26)

SUNDAY SERVICES UPDATE

Last Sunday we welcomed our new team of Stewards to the Jubilee Centre for our service. Thank you to this team who will help ensure our services run safely for those attending in the coming weeks.

We are excited to begin inviting people back into the Jubilee Centre for our Sunday services. In this first step we are inviting those who live alone to join us as we recognise that the last year has been particularly isolating for you.

Booking will be required and all covid restrictions will be in place. Bookings will be open from 5pm Monday until 9pm Thursday. The booking link will be sent out on Monday as well as details about how to book if you're unable to book online.

Sunday 11th April

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

Preacher: Dave Webb-Peploe

Theme: When the Going Gets Tough: Coping with Trials

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 12 April

8.00pm Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

Thursday 15 April

Home Groups

Tuesday 13 April

8.00pm Focus Bible Study
Home Groups

Friday 16 April

10.30am Bublees Baby Group

Wednesday 14 April

7.00pm Oak Tree Cafe
Home Groups

Saturday 17 April

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 18th April

10.30am: Morning Worship (on YouTube)

Preacher: Mike Gilson

Theme: When the Going Gets Tough: Coping with Temptation

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

WORKING DAYS: Jenny Wilsher: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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